New King James Version

Genesis

1 1 In the beginning God created the
heavens and the earth.
2 The earth was without form, and void;
and darkness was on the face of the
deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering
over the face of the waters.
3 Then God said, "Let there be light";
and there was light.
4 And God saw the light, that it was
good; and God divided the light from the
darkness.
5 God called the light Day, and the
darkness He called Night. So the evening
and the morning were the first day.
6 Then God said, "Let there be a
firmament in the midst of the waters,
and let it divide the waters from the
waters."

7 Thus God made the firmament, and
divided the waters which were under the
firmament from the waters which were
above the firmament; and it was so.
8 And God called the firmament
Heaven. So the evening and the morning
were the second day.
9 Then God said, "Let the waters under
the heavens be gathered together into
one place, and let the dry land appear";
and it was so.
10 And God called the dry land Earth,
and the gathering together of the waters
He called Seas. And God saw that it was
good.
11 Then God said, "Let the earth bring
forth grass, the herb that yields seed,
and the fruit tree that yields fruit
according to its kind, whose seed is in
itself, on the earth"; and it was so.
12 And the earth brought forth grass,
the herb that yields seed according to

its kind, and the tree that yields fruit,
whose seed is in itself according to its
kind. And God saw that it was good.
13 So the evening and the morning were
the third day.
14 Then God said, "Let there be lights in
the firmament of the heavens to divide
the day from the night; and let them be
for signs and seasons, and for days and
years;
15 "and let them be for lights in the
firmament of the heavens to give light
on the earth"; and it was so.
16 Then God made two great lights: the
greater light to rule the day, and the
lesser light to rule the night. He made
the stars also.
17 God set them in the firmament of the
heavens to give light on the earth,
18 and to rule over the day and over the
night, and to divide the light from the
darkness. And God saw that it was good.

19 So the evening and the morning were
the fourth day.
20 Then God said, "Let the waters
abound with an abundance of living
creatures, and let birds fly above the
earth across the face of the firmament
of the heavens."
21 So God created great sea creatures
and every living thing that moves, with
which the waters abounded, according
to their kind, and every winged bird
according to its kind. And God saw that
it was good.
22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be
fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters
in the seas, and let birds multiply on the
earth."
23 So the evening and the morning were
the fifth day.
24 Then God said, "Let the earth bring
forth the living creature according to its
kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast

of the earth, each according to its kind";
and it was so.
25 And God made the beast of the earth
according to its kind, cattle according to
its kind, and everything that creeps on
the earth according to its kind. And God
saw that it was good.
26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in
Our image, according to Our likeness; let
them have dominion over the fish of the
sea, over the birds of the air, and over
the cattle, over all the earth and over
every creeping thing that creeps on the
earth."
27 So God created man in His own
image; in the image of God He created
him; male and female He created them.
28 Then God blessed them, and God
said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill
the earth and subdue it; have dominion
over the fish of the sea, over the birds of

the air, and over every living thing that
moves on the earth."
29 And God said, "See, I have given you
every herb that yields seed which is on
the face of all the earth, and every tree
whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be
for food.
30 "Also, to every beast of the earth, to
every bird of the air, and to everything
that creeps on the earth, in which there
is life, I have given every green herb for
food"; and it was so.
31 Then God saw everything that He
had made, and indeed it was very good.
So the evening and the morning were
the sixth day.

2 1 Thus the heavens and the earth,
and all the host of them, were
finished.
2 And on the seventh day God ended
His work which He had done, and He

rested on the seventh day from all His
work which He had done.
3 Then God blessed the seventh day
and sanctified it, because in it He rested
from all His work which God had created
and made.
4 This is the history of the heavens and
the earth when they were created, in
the day that the LORD God made the
earth and the heavens,
5 before any plant of the field was in the
earth and before any herb of the field
had grown. For the LORD God had not
caused it to rain on the earth, and there
was no man to till the ground;
6 but a mist went up from the earth and
watered the whole face of the ground.
7 And the LORD God formed man of the
dust of the ground, and breathed into
his nostrils the breath of life; and man
became a living being.

8 The LORD God planted a garden
eastward in Eden, and there He put the
man whom He had formed.
9 And out of the ground the LORD God
made every tree grow that is pleasant to
the sight and good for food. The tree of
life was also in the midst of the garden,
and the tree of the knowledge of good
and evil.
10 Now a river went out of Eden to
water the garden, and from there it
parted and became four riverheads.
11 The name of the first is Pishon; it is
the one which skirts the whole land of
Havilah, where there is gold.
12 And the gold of that land is good.
Bdellium and the onyx stone are there.
13 The name of the second river is
Gihon; it is the one which goes around
the whole land of Cush.
14 The name of the third river is
Hiddekel; it is the one which goes toward

the east of Assyria. The fourth river is
the Euphrates.
15 Then the LORD God took the man
and put him in the garden of Eden to
tend and keep it.
16 And the LORD God commanded the
man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden
you may freely eat;
17 "but of the tree of the knowledge of
good and evil you shall not eat, for in the
day that you eat of it you shall surely
die."
18 And the LORD God said, "It is not
good that man should be alone; I will
make him a helper comparable to him."
19 Out of the ground the LORD God
formed every beast of the field and
every bird of the air, and brought them
to Adam to see what he would call them.
And whatever Adam called each living
creature, that was its name.

[20] So Adam gave names to all cattle, to
the birds of the air, and to every beast
of the field. But for Adam there was not
found a helper comparable to him.
[21] And the LORD God caused a deep
sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and
He took one of his ribs, and closed up
the flesh in its place.
[22] Then the rib which the LORD God had
taken from man He made into a woman,
and He brought her to the man.
[23] And Adam said: "This is now bone
of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She
shall be called Woman, Because she was
taken out of Man."
[24] Therefore a man shall leave his father
and mother and be joined to his wife,
and they shall become one flesh.
[25] And they were both naked, the man
and his wife, and were not ashamed.

3 [1] Now the serpent was more cunning
than any beast of the field which the

LORD God had made. And he said to the
woman, "Has God indeed said, ‘You shall
not eat of every tree of the garden’ ?"
2 And the woman said to the serpent,
"We may eat the fruit of the trees of the
garden;
3 "but of the fruit of the tree which is in
the midst of the garden, God has said,
‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch
it, lest you die.’"
4 Then the serpent said to the woman,
"You will not surely die.
5 "For God knows that in the day you
eat of it your eyes will be opened, and
you will be like God, knowing good and
evil."
6 So when the woman saw that the tree
was good for food, that it was pleasant
to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make
one wise, she took of its fruit and ate.
She also gave to her husband with her,
and he ate.

7 Then the eyes of both of them
were opened, and they knew that
they were naked; and they sewed fig
leaves together and made themselves
coverings.
8 And they heard the sound of the
LORD God walking in the garden in the
cool of the day, and Adam and his wife
hid themselves from the presence of
the LORD God among the trees of the
garden.
9 Then the LORD God called to Adam
and said to him, "Where are you?"
10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the
garden, and I was afraid because I was
naked; and I hid myself."
11 And He said, "Who told you that you
were naked? Have you eaten from the
tree of which I commanded you that you
should not eat?"

12 Then the man said, "The woman
whom You gave to be with me, she gave
me of the tree, and I ate."
13 And the LORD God said to the
woman, "What is this you have done?"
The woman said, "The serpent deceived
me, and I ate."
14 So the LORD God said to the serpent:
"Because you have done this, You are
cursed more than all cattle, And more
than every beast of the field; On your
belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust
All the days of your life.
15 And I will put enmity Between you
and the woman, And between your seed
and her Seed; He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel."
16 To the woman He said: "I will
greatly multiply your sorrow and your
conception; In pain you shall bring forth
children; Your desire shall be for your
husband, And he shall rule over you."

17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you
have heeded the voice of your wife,
and have eaten from the tree of which I
commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not
eat of it’: "Cursed is the ground for your
sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days
of your life.
18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring
forth for you, And you shall eat the herb
of the field.
19 In the sweat of your face you shall
eat bread Till you return to the ground,
For out of it you were taken; For dust
you are, And to dust you shall return."
20 And Adam called his wife’s name Eve,
because she was the mother of all living.
21 Also for Adam and his wife the LORD
God made tunics of skin, and clothed
them.
22 Then the LORD God said, "Behold,
the man has become like one of Us, to
know good and evil. And now, lest he put

out his hand and take also of the tree of
life, and eat, and live forever" —
23 therefore the LORD God sent him out
of the garden of Eden to till the ground
from which he was taken.
24 So He drove out the man; and He
placed cherubim at the east of the
garden of Eden, and a flaming sword
which turned every way, to guard the
way to the tree of life.
4 1 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and
she conceived and bore Cain, and
said, "I have acquired a man from the
LORD."
2 Then she bore again, this time his
brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper
of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the
ground.
3 And in the process of time it came to
pass that Cain brought an offering of the
fruit of the ground to the LORD.

4 Abel also brought of the firstborn of
his flock and of their fat. And the LORD
respected Abel and his offering,
5 but He did not respect Cain and his
offering. And Cain was very angry, and
his countenance fell.
6 So the LORD said to Cain, "Why
are you angry? And why has your
countenance fallen?
7 "If you do well, will you not be
accepted? And if you do not do well, sin
lies at the door. And its desire is for you,
but you should rule over it."
8 Now Cain talked with Abel his brother;
and it came to pass, when they were in
the field, that Cain rose up against Abel
his brother and killed him.
9 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is
Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not
know. Am I my brother's keeper?"

10 And He said, "What have you done?
The voice of your brother’s blood cries
out to Me from the ground.
11 "So now you are cursed from the
earth, which has opened its mouth to
receive your brother’s blood from your
hand.
12 "When you till the ground, it shall
no longer yield its strength to you. A
fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on
the earth."
13 And Cain said to the LORD, "My
punishment is greater than I can bear!
14 "Surely You have driven me out this
day from the face of the ground; I shall
be hidden from Your face; I shall be a
fugitive and a vagabond on the earth,
and it will happen that anyone who finds
me will kill me."
15 And the LORD said to him, "Therefore,
whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be
taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD

set a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding
him should kill him.
16 Then Cain went out from the
presence of the LORD and dwelt in the
land of Nod on the east of Eden.
17 And Cain knew his wife, and she
conceived and bore Enoch. And he built
a city, and called the name of the city
after the name of his son—Enoch.
18 To Enoch was born Irad; and Irad
begot Mehujael, and Mehujael begot
Methushael, and Methushael begot
Lamech.
19 Then Lamech took for himself two
wives: the name of one was Adah, and
the name of the second was Zillah.
20 And Adah bore Jabal. He was the
father of those who dwell in tents and
have livestock.
21 His brother's name was Jubal. He was
the father of all those who play the harp
and flute.

22 And as for Zillah, she also bore
Tubal–Cain, an instructor of every
craftsman in bronze and iron. And the
sister of Tubal–Cain was Naamah.
23 Then Lamech said to his wives: "Adah
and Zillah, hear my voice; Wives of
Lamech, listen to my speech! For I have
killed a man for wounding me, Even a
young man for hurting me.
24 If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold,
Then Lamech seventy–sevenfold."
25 And Adam knew his wife again, and
she bore a son and named him Seth,
"For God has appointed another seed for
me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed."
26 And as for Seth, to him also a son was
born; and he named him Enosh. Then
men began to call on the name of the
LORD.

5 1 This is the book of the genealogy of
Adam. In the day that God created

man, He made him in the likeness of
God.
2 He created them male and female,
and blessed them and called them
Mankind in the day they were created.
3 And Adam lived one hundred and
thirty years, and begot a son in his own
likeness, after his image, and named him
Seth.
4 After he begot Seth, the days of Adam
were eight hundred years; and he had
sons and daughters.
5 So all the days that Adam lived were
nine hundred and thirty years; and he
died.
6 Seth lived one hundred and five years,
and begot Enosh.
7 After he begot Enosh, Seth lived eight
hundred and seven years, and had sons
and daughters.
8 So all the days of Seth were nine
hundred and twelve years; and he died.

9 Enosh lived ninety years, and begot
Cainan.
10 After he begot Cainan, Enosh lived
eight hundred and fifteen years, and had
sons and daughters.
11 So all the days of Enosh were nine
hundred and five years; and he died.
12 Cainan lived seventy years, and begot
Mahalalel.
13 After he begot Mahalalel, Cainan
lived eight hundred and forty years, and
had sons and daughters.
14 So all the days of Cainan were nine
hundred and ten years; and he died.
15 Mahalalel lived sixty–five years, and
begot Jared.
16 After he begot Jared, Mahalalel lived
eight hundred and thirty years, and had
sons and daughters.
17 So all the days of Mahalalel were
eight hundred and ninety–five years;
and he died.

18 Jared lived one hundred and
sixty–two years, and begot Enoch.
19 After he begot Enoch, Jared lived
eight hundred years, and had sons and
daughters.
20 So all the days of Jared were nine
hundred and sixty–two years; and he
died.
21 Enoch lived sixty–five years, and
begot Methuselah.
22 After he begot Methuselah, Enoch
walked with God three hundred years,
and had sons and daughters.
23 So all the days of Enoch were three
hundred and sixty–five years.
24 And Enoch walked with God; and he
was not, for God took him.
25 Methuselah lived one hundred and
eighty–seven years, and begot Lamech.
26 After he begot Lamech, Methuselah
lived seven hundred and eighty–two
years, and had sons and daughters.

27 So all the days of Methuselah were
nine hundred and sixty–nine years; and
he died.
28 Lamech lived one hundred and
eighty–two years, and had a son.
29 And he called his name Noah, saying,
"This one will comfort us concerning
our work and the toil of our hands,
because of the ground which the LORD
has cursed."
30 After he begot Noah, Lamech lived
five hundred and ninety–five years, and
had sons and daughters.
31 So all the days of Lamech were seven
hundred and seventy–seven years; and
he died.
32 And Noah was five hundred years
old, and Noah begot Shem, Ham, and
Japheth.

6 1 Now it came to pass, when men
began to multiply on the face of the
earth, and daughters were born to them,

2 that the sons of God saw the
daughters of men, that they were
beautiful; and they took wives for
themselves of all whom they chose.
3 And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall
not strive with man forever, for he is
indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one
hundred and twenty years."
4 There were giants on the earth in
those days, and also afterward, when
the sons of God came in to the daughters
of men and they bore children to them.
Those were the mighty men who were
of old, men of renown.
5 Then the LORD saw that the
wickedness of man was great in the
earth, and that every intent of the
thoughts of his heart was only evil
continually.
6 And the LORD was sorry that He had
made man on the earth, and He was
grieved in His heart.

7 So the LORD said, "I will destroy man
whom I have created from the face of
the earth, both man and beast, creeping
thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry
that I have made them."
8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of
the LORD.
9 This is the genealogy of Noah.
Noah was a just man, perfect in his
generations. Noah walked with God.
10 And Noah begot three sons: Shem,
Ham, and Japheth.
11 The earth also was corrupt before
God, and the earth was filled with
violence.
12 So God looked upon the earth, and
indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had
corrupted their way on the earth.
13 And God said to Noah, "The end of all
flesh has come before Me, for the earth
is filled with violence through them;

and behold, I will destroy them with the
earth.
14 "Make yourself an ark of
gopherwood; make rooms in the
ark, and cover it inside and outside with
pitch.
15 "And this is how you shall make it:
The length of the ark shall be three
hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and
its height thirty cubits.
16 "You shall make a window for the
ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from
above; and set the door of the ark in
its side. You shall make it with lower,
second, and third decks.
17 "And behold, I Myself am bringing
floodwaters on the earth, to destroy
from under heaven all flesh in which is
the breath of life; everything that is on
the earth shall die.
18 "But I will establish My covenant with
you; and you shall go into the ark—you,

your sons, your wife, and your sons'
wives with you.
19 "And of every living thing of all flesh
you shall bring two of every sort into the
ark, to keep them alive with you; they
shall be male and female.
20 "Of the birds after their kind, of
animals after their kind, and of every
creeping thing of the earth after its kind,
two of every kind will come to you to
keep them alive.
21 "And you shall take for yourself of all
food that is eaten, and you shall gather
it to yourself; and it shall be food for you
and for them."
22 Thus Noah did; according to all that
God commanded him, so he did.

7 1 Then the LORD said to Noah,
"Come into the ark, you and all your
household, because I have seen that
you are righteous before Me in this
generation.

2 "You shall take with you seven each
of every clean animal, a male and his
female; two each of animals that are
unclean, a male and his female;
3 "also seven each of birds of the air,
male and female, to keep the species
alive on the face of all the earth.
4 "For after seven more days I will cause
it to rain on the earth forty days and
forty nights, and I will destroy from the
face of the earth all living things that I
have made."
5 And Noah did according to all that the
LORD commanded him.
6 Noah was six hundred years old when
the floodwaters were on the earth.
7 So Noah, with his sons, his wife,
and his sons’ wives, went into the ark
because of the waters of the flood.
8 Of clean animals, of animals that are
unclean, of birds, and of everything that
creeps on the earth,

9 two by two they went into the ark
to Noah, male and female, as God had
commanded Noah.
10 And it came to pass after seven days
that the waters of the flood were on the
earth.
11 In the six hundredth year of
Noah's life, in the second month, the
seventeenth day of the month, on that
day all the fountains of the great deep
were broken up, and the windows of
heaven were opened.
12 And the rain was on the earth forty
days and forty nights.
13 On the very same day Noah and
Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth,
and Noah's wife and the three wives of
his sons with them, entered the ark—
14 they and every beast after its kind,
all cattle after their kind, every creeping
thing that creeps on the earth after its

kind, and every bird after its kind, every
bird of every sort.
15 And they went into the ark to Noah,
two by two, of all flesh in which is the
breath of life.
16 So those that entered, male and
female of all flesh, went in as God had
commanded him; and the LORD shut
him in.
17 Now the flood was on the earth forty
days. The waters increased and lifted up
the ark, and it rose high above the earth.
18 The waters prevailed and greatly
increased on the earth, and the ark
moved about on the surface of the
waters.
19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly
on the earth, and all the high hills under
the whole heaven were covered.
20 The waters prevailed fifteen cubits
upward, and the mountains were
covered.

21 And all flesh died that moved on the
earth: birds and cattle and beasts and
every creeping thing that creeps on the
earth, and every man.
22 All in whose nostrils was the breath
of the spirit of life, all that was on the
dry land, died.
23 So He destroyed all living things
which were on the face of the ground:
both man and cattle, creeping thing and
bird of the air. They were destroyed from
the earth. Only Noah and those who
were with him in the ark remained alive.
24 And the waters prevailed on the
earth one hundred and fifty days.

8 1 Then God remembered Noah, and
every living thing, and all the animals
that were with him in the ark. And God
made a wind to pass over the earth, and
the waters subsided.

2 The fountains of the deep and the
windows of heaven were also stopped,
and the rain from heaven was restrained.
3 And the waters receded continually
from the earth. At the end of the
hundred and fifty days the waters
decreased.
4 Then the ark rested in the seventh
month, the seventeenth day of the
month, on the mountains of Ararat.
5 And the waters decreased continually
until the tenth month. In the tenth
month, on the first day of the month,
the tops of the mountains were seen.
6 So it came to pass, at the end of forty
days, that Noah opened the window of
the ark which he had made.
7 Then he sent out a raven, which kept
going to and fro until the waters had
dried up from the earth.

8 He also sent out from himself a dove,
to see if the waters had receded from
the face of the ground.
9 But the dove found no resting place
for the sole of her foot, and she returned
into the ark to him, for the waters were
on the face of the whole earth. So he put
out his hand and took her, and drew her
into the ark to himself.
10 And he waited yet another seven
days, and again he sent the dove out
from the ark.
11 Then the dove came to him in the
evening, and behold, a freshly plucked
olive leaf was in her mouth; and Noah
knew that the waters had receded from
the earth.
12 So he waited yet another seven days
and sent out the dove, which did not
return again to him anymore.
13 And it came to pass in the six hundred
and first year, in the first month, the

first day of the month, that the waters
were dried up from the earth; and Noah
removed the covering of the ark and
looked, and indeed the surface of the
ground was dry.
14 And in the second month, on the
twenty–seventh day of the month, the
earth was dried.
15 Then God spoke to Noah, saying,
16 "Go out of the ark, you and your wife,
and your sons and your sons’ wives with
you.
17 "Bring out with you every living thing
of all flesh that is with you: birds and
cattle and every creeping thing that
creeps on the earth, so that they may
abound on the earth, and be fruitful and
multiply on the earth."
18 So Noah went out, and his sons and
his wife and his sons’ wives with him.
19 Every animal, every creeping thing,
every bird, and whatever creeps on the

earth, according to their families, went
out of the ark.
20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD,
and took of every clean animal and
of every clean bird, and offered burnt
offerings on the altar.
21 And the LORD smelled a soothing
aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart,
"I will never again curse the ground for
man's sake, although the imagination of
man's heart is evil from his youth; nor
will I again destroy every living thing as I
have done.
22 "While the earth remains, Seedtime
and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and
summer, And day and night Shall not
cease."

9 1 So God blessed Noah and his sons,
and said to them: "Be fruitful and
multiply, and fill the earth.
2 "And the fear of you and the dread of
you shall be on every beast of the earth,

on every bird of the air, on all that move
on the earth, and on all the fish of the
sea. They are given into your hand.
3 "Every moving thing that lives shall be
food for you. I have given you all things,
even as the green herbs.
4 "But you shall not eat flesh with its
life, that is, its blood.
5 "Surely for your lifeblood I will
demand a reckoning; from the hand of
every beast I will require it, and from the
hand of man. From the hand of every
man's brother I will require the life of
man.
6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man
his blood shall be shed; For in the image
of God He made man.
7 And as for you, be fruitful and
multiply; Bring forth abundantly in the
earth And multiply in it."
8 Then God spoke to Noah and to his
sons with him, saying:

9 "And as for Me, behold, I establish
My covenant with you and with your
descendants after you,
10 "and with every living creature that is
with you: the birds, the cattle, and every
beast of the earth with you, of all that go
out of the ark, every beast of the earth.
11 "Thus I establish My covenant with
you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off
by the waters of the flood; never again
shall there be a flood to destroy the
earth."
12 And God said: "This is the sign of the
covenant which I make between Me and
you, and every living creature that is
with you, for perpetual generations:
13 "I set My rainbow in the cloud, and
it shall be for the sign of the covenant
between Me and the earth.
14 "It shall be, when I bring a cloud over
the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen
in the cloud;

15 "and I will remember My covenant
which is between Me and you and every
living creature of all flesh; the waters
shall never again become a flood to
destroy all flesh.
16 "The rainbow shall be in the cloud,
and I will look on it to remember the
everlasting covenant between God and
every living creature of all flesh that is
on the earth."
17 And God said to Noah, "This is
the sign of the covenant which I have
established between Me and all flesh
that is on the earth."
18 Now the sons of Noah who went
out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and
Japheth. And Ham was the father of
Canaan.
19 These three were the sons of Noah,
and from these the whole earth was
populated.

20 And Noah began to be a farmer, and
he planted a vineyard.
21 Then he drank of the wine and was
drunk, and became uncovered in his
tent.
22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw
the nakedness of his father, and told his
two brothers outside.
23 But Shem and Japheth took a
garment, laid it on both their shoulders,
and went backward and covered the
nakedness of their father. Their faces
were turned away, and they did not see
their father’s nakedness.
24 So Noah awoke from his wine, and
knew what his younger son had done to
him.
25 Then he said: "Cursed be Canaan;
A servant of servants He shall be to his
brethren."

26 And he said: "Blessed be the LORD,
The God of Shem, And may Canaan be
his servant.
27 May God enlarge Japheth, And may
he dwell in the tents of Shem; And may
Canaan be his servant."
28 And Noah lived after the flood three
hundred and fifty years.
29 So all the days of Noah were nine
hundred and fifty years; and he died.

10 1 Now this is the genealogy of the
sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and
Japheth. And sons were born to them
after the flood.
2 The sons of Japheth were Gomer,
Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech,
and Tiras.
3 The sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz,
Riphath, and Togarmah.
4 The sons of Javan were Elishah,
Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.

5 From these the coastland peoples
of the Gentiles were separated into
their lands, everyone according to his
language, according to their families,
into their nations.
6 The sons of Ham were Cush, Mizraim,
Put, and Canaan.
7 The sons of Cush were Seba, Havilah,
Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabtechah; and
the sons of Raamah were Sheba and
Dedan.
8 Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a
mighty one on the earth.
9 He was a mighty hunter before the
LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod
the mighty hunter before the LORD."
10 And the beginning of his kingdom
was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in
the land of Shinar.
11 From that land he went to Assyria
and built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah,

12 and Resen between Nineveh and
Calah (that is the principal city).
13 Mizraim begot Ludim, Anamim,
Lehabim, Naphtuhim,
14 Pathrusim, and Casluhim (from
whom came the Philistines and
Caphtorim).
15 Canaan begot Sidon his firstborn, and
Heth;
16 the Jebusite, the Amorite, and the
Girgashite;
17 the Hivite, the Arkite, and the Sinite;
18 the Arvadite, the Zemarite, and the
Hamathite. Afterward the families of the
Canaanites were dispersed.
19 And the border of the Canaanites
was from Sidon as you go toward Gerar,
as far as Gaza; then as you go toward
Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim,
as far as Lasha.
20 These were the sons of Ham,
according to their families, according

to their languages, in their lands and in
their nations.
21 And children were born also to Shem,
the father of all the children of Eber, the
brother of Japheth the elder.
22 The sons of Shem were Elam, Asshur,
Arphaxad, Lud, and Aram.
23 The sons of Aram were Uz, Hul,
Gether, and Mash.
24 Arphaxad begot Salah, and Salah
begot Eber.
25 To Eber were born two sons: the
name of one was Peleg, for in his days
the earth was divided; and his brother's
name was Joktan.
26 Joktan begot Almodad, Sheleph,
Hazarmaveth, Jerah,
27 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,
28 Obal, Abimael, Sheba,
29 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these
were the sons of Joktan.

30 And their dwelling place was from
Mesha as you go toward Sephar, the
mountain of the east.
31 These were the sons of Shem,
according to their families, according to
their languages, in their lands, according
to their nations.
32 These were the families of the sons
of Noah, according to their generations,
in their nations; and from these the
nations were divided on the earth after
the flood.

11 1 Now the whole earth had one
language and one speech.
2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed
from the east, that they found a plain in
the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there.
3 Then they said to one another, "Come,
let us make bricks and bake them
thoroughly." They had brick for stone,
and they had asphalt for mortar.

4 And they said, "Come, let us build
ourselves a city, and a tower whose top
is in the heavens; let us make a name for
ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad
over the face of the whole earth."
5 But the LORD came down to see the
city and the tower which the sons of
men had built.
6 And the LORD said, "Indeed the
people are one and they all have one
language, and this is what they begin to
do; now nothing that they propose to do
will be withheld from them.
7 "Come, let Us go down and there
confuse their language, that they may
not understand one another's speech."
8 So the LORD scattered them abroad
from there over the face of all the earth,
and they ceased building the city.
9 Therefore its name is called Babel,
because there the LORD confused the
language of all the earth; and from there

the LORD scattered them abroad over
the face of all the earth.
10 This is the genealogy of Shem: Shem
was one hundred years old, and begot
Arphaxad two years after the flood.
11 After he begot Arphaxad, Shem lived
five hundred years, and begot sons and
daughters.
12 Arphaxad lived thirty–five years, and
begot Salah.
13 After he begot Salah, Arphaxad lived
four hundred and three years, and begot
sons and daughters.
14 Salah lived thirty years, and begot
Eber.
15 After he begot Eber, Salah lived four
hundred and three years, and begot sons
and daughters.
16 Eber lived thirty–four years, and
begot Peleg.

[17] After he begot Peleg, Eber lived four
hundred and thirty years, and begot
sons and daughters.
[18] Peleg lived thirty years, and begot
Reu.
[19] After he begot Reu, Peleg lived two
hundred and nine years, and begot sons
and daughters.
[20] Reu lived thirty–two years, and begot
Serug.
[21] After he begot Serug, Reu lived two
hundred and seven years, and begot
sons and daughters.
[22] Serug lived thirty years, and begot
Nahor.
[23] After he begot Nahor, Serug lived
two hundred years, and begot sons and
daughters.
[24] Nahor lived twenty–nine years, and
begot Terah.

25 After he begot Terah, Nahor lived one
hundred and nineteen years, and begot
sons and daughters.
26 Now Terah lived seventy years, and
begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran.
27 This is the genealogy of Terah: Terah
begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran
begot Lot.
28 And Haran died before his father
Terah in his native land, in Ur of the
Chaldeans.
29 Then Abram and Nahor took wives:
the name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and
the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the
daughter of Haran the father of Milcah
and the father of Iscah.
30 But Sarai was barren; she had no
child.
31 And Terah took his son Abram and his
grandson Lot, the son of Haran, and his
daughter–in–law Sarai, his son Abram's
wife, and they went out with them from

Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of
Canaan; and they came to Haran and
dwelt there.
32 So the days of Terah were two
hundred and five years, and Terah died
in Haran.
12 1 Now the LORD had said to
Abram: "Get out of your country,
From your family And from your father’s
house, To a land that I will show you.
2 I will make you a great nation; I will
bless you And make your name great;
And you shall be a blessing.
3 I will bless those who bless you, And
I will curse him who curses you; And in
you all the families of the earth shall be
blessed."
4 So Abram departed as the LORD had
spoken to him, and Lot went with him.
And Abram was seventy–five years old
when he departed from Haran.

5 Then Abram took Sarai his wife and
Lot his brother's son, and all their
possessions that they had gathered, and
the people whom they had acquired in
Haran, and they departed to go to the
land of Canaan. So they came to the land
of Canaan.
6 Abram passed through the land to the
place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth
tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites were
then in the land.
7 Then the LORD appeared to Abram
and said, "To your descendants I will give
this land." And there he built an altar to
the LORD, who had appeared to him.
8 And he moved from there to the
mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched
his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai
on the east; there he built an altar to
the LORD and called on the name of the
LORD.

9 So Abram journeyed, going on still
toward the South.
10 Now there was a famine in the land,
and Abram went down to Egypt to dwell
there, for the famine was severe in the
land.
11 And it came to pass, when he was
close to entering Egypt, that he said to
Sarai his wife, "Indeed I know that you
are a woman of beautiful countenance.
12 "Therefore it will happen, when the
Egyptians see you, that they will say,
‘This is his wife’; and they will kill me,
but they will let you live.
13 "Please say you are my sister, that it
may be well with me for your sake, and
that I may live because of you."
14 So it was, when Abram came into
Egypt, that the Egyptians saw the
woman, that she was very beautiful.
15 The princes of Pharaoh also saw
her and commended her to Pharaoh.

And the woman was taken to Pharaoh's
house.
16 He treated Abram well for her sake.
He had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male
and female servants, female donkeys,
and camels.
17 But the LORD plagued Pharaoh and
his house with great plagues because of
Sarai, Abram's wife.
18 And Pharaoh called Abram and said,
"What is this you have done to me? Why
did you not tell me that she was your
wife?
19 "Why did you say, 'She is my sister'?
I might have taken her as my wife. Now
therefore, here is your wife; take her and
go your way."
20 So Pharaoh commanded his men
concerning him; and they sent him away,
with his wife and all that he had.

13

[1] Then Abram went up from
Egypt, he and his wife and all that
he had, and Lot with him, to the South.
[2] Abram was very rich in livestock, in
silver, and in gold.
[3] And he went on his journey from the
South as far as Bethel, to the place where
his tent had been at the beginning,
between Bethel and Ai,
[4] to the place of the altar which he had
made there at first. And there Abram
called on the name of the LORD.
[5] Lot also, who went with Abram, had
flocks and herds and tents.
[6] Now the land was not able to support
them, that they might dwell together,
for their possessions were so great that
they could not dwell together.
[7] And there was strife between the
herdsmen of Abram's livestock and
the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. The

Canaanites and the Perizzites then dwelt
in the land.
8 So Abram said to Lot, "Please let
there be no strife between you and me,
and between my herdsmen and your
herdsmen; for we are brethren.
9 "Is not the whole land before you?
Please separate from me. If you take the
left, then I will go to the right; or, if you
go to the right, then I will go to the left."
10 And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the
plain of Jordan, that it was well watered
everywhere (before the LORD destroyed
Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden
of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you
go toward Zoar.
11 Then Lot chose for himself all the
plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east.
And they separated from each other.
12 Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan,
and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain

and pitched his tent even as far as
Sodom.
13 But the men of Sodom were
exceedingly wicked and sinful against
the LORD.
14 And the LORD said to Abram, after
Lot had separated from him: "Lift your
eyes now and look from the place
where you are—northward, southward,
eastward, and westward;
15 "for all the land which you see I give
to you and your descendants forever.
16 "And I will make your descendants as
the dust of the earth; so that if a man
could number the dust of the earth,
then your descendants also could be
numbered.
17 "Arise, walk in the land through its
length and its width, for I give it to you."
18 Then Abram moved his tent, and
went and dwelt by the terebinth trees of

Mamre, which are in Hebren, and built
an altar there to the LORD.

14

1 And it came to pass in the days
of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch
king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of
Elam, and Tidal king of nations,
2 that they made war with Bera king
of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah,
Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king
of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is,
Zoar).
3 All these joined together in the Valley
of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea).
4 Twelve years they served
Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth
year they rebelled.
5 In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer
and the kings that were with him came
and attacked the Rephaim in Ashteroth
Karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in
Shaveh Kiriathaim,

6 and the Horites in their mountain of
Seir, as far as El Paran, which is by the
wilderness.
7 Then they turned back and came to En
Mishpat (that is, Kadesh), and attacked
all the country of the Amalekites, and
also the Amorites who dwelt in Hazezon
Tamar.
8 And the king of Sodom, the king of
Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king
of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is,
Zoar) went out and joined together in
battle in the Valley of Siddim
9 against Chedorlaomer king of Elam,
Tidal king of nations, Amraphel king of
Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar—four
kings against five.
10 Now the Valley of Siddim was full of
asphalt pits; and the kings of Sodom and
Gomorrah fled; some fell there, and the
remainder fled to the mountains.

11 Then they took all the goods of
Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their
provisions, and went their way.
12 They also took Lot, Abram's brother's
son who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods,
and departed.
13 Then one who had escaped came
and told Abram the Hebrew, for he
dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre
the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and
brother of Aner; and they were allies
with Abram.
14 Now when Abram heard that his
brother was taken captive, he armed
his three hundred and eighteen trained
servants who were born in his own
house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.
15 He divided his forces against them by
night, and he and his servants attacked
them and pursued them as far as Hobah,
which is north of Damascus.

16 So he brought back all the goods, and
also brought back his brother Lot and
his goods, as well as the women and the
people.
17 And the king of Sodom went out to
meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is,
the King's Valley), after his return from
the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the
kings who were with him.
18 Then Melchizedek king of Salem
brought out bread and wine; he was the
priest of God Most High.
19 And he blessed him and said:
"Blessed be Abram of God Most High,
Possessor of heaven and earth;
20 And blessed be God Most High, Who
has delivered your enemies into your
hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.
21 Now the king of Sodom said to
Abram, "Give me the persons, and take
the goods for yourself."

22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom,
"I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth,
23 "that I will take nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich' —
24 "except only what the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me: Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion."

15 1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."
2 But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

3 Then Abram said, "Look, You have
given me no offspring; indeed one born
in my house is my heir!"
4 And behold, the word of the LORD
came to him, saying, "This one shall not
be your heir, but one who will come
from your own body shall be your heir."
5 Then He brought him outside and
said, "Look now toward heaven, and
count the stars if you are able to number
them." And He said to him, "So shall
your descendants be."
6 And he believed in the LORD, and He
accounted it to him for righteousness.
7 Then He said to him, "I am the
LORD, who brought you out of Ur of
the Chaldeans, to give you this land to
inherit it."
8 And he said, "Lord GOD, how shall I
know that I will inherit it?"
9 So He said to him, "Bring Me a
three–year–old heifer, a three–year–old

female goat, a three–year–old ram, a
turtledove, and a young pigeon."
10 Then he brought all these to Him and
cut them in two, down the middle, and
placed each piece opposite the other;
but he did not cut the birds in two.
11 And when the vultures came down
on the carcasses, Abram drove them
away.
12 Now when the sun was going down, a
deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold,
horror and great darkness fell upon him.
13 Then He said to Abram: "Know
certainly that your descendants will be
strangers in a land that is not theirs,
and will serve them, and they will afflict
them four hundred years.
14 "And also the nation whom they
serve I will judge; afterward they shall
come out with great possessions.

15 "Now as for you, you shall go to your
fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a
good old age.
16 "But in the fourth generation they
shall return here, for the iniquity of the
Amorites is not yet complete."
17 And it came to pass, when the sun
went down and it was dark, that behold,
there appeared a smoking oven and
a burning torch that passed between
those pieces.
18 On the same day the LORD made a
covenant with Abram, saying: "To your
descendants I have given this land, from
the river of Egypt to the great river, the
River Euphrates—
19 "the Kenites, the Kenezzites, the
Kadmonites,
20 "the Hittites, the Perizzites, the
Rephaim,
21 "the Amorites, the Canaanites, the
Girgashites, and the Jebusites."

16

1 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had
borne him no children. And she
had an Egyptian maidservant whose
name was Hagar.
2 So Sarai said to Abram, "See now, the
LORD has restrained me from bearing
children. Please, go in to my maid;
perhaps I shall obtain children by her."
And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai.
3 Then Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar
her maid, the Egyptian, and gave her to
her husband Abram to be his wife, after
Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of
Canaan.
4 So he went in to Hagar, and she
conceived. And when she saw that she
had conceived, her mistress became
despised in her eyes.
5 Then Sarai said to Abram, "My wrong
be upon you! I gave my maid into your
embrace; and when she saw that she
had conceived, I became despised in her

eyes. The LORD judge between you and
me."
6 So Abram said to Sarai, "Indeed your
maid is in your hand; do to her as you
please." And when Sarai dealt harshly
with her, she fled from her presence.
7 Now the Angel of the LORD found her
by a spring of water in the wilderness,
by the spring on the way to Shur.
8 And He said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid,
where have you come from, and where
are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing
from the presence of my mistress Sarai."
9 The Angel of the LORD said to her,
"Return to your mistress, and submit
yourself under her hand."
10 Then the Angel of the LORD said to
her, "I will multiply your descendants
exceedingly, so that they shall not be
counted for multitude."
11 And the Angel of the LORD said to
her: "Behold, you are with child, And you

shall bear a son. You shall call his name
Ishmael, Because the LORD has heard
your affliction.
12 He shall be a wild man; His hand shall
be against every man, And every man's
hand against him. And he shall dwell in
the presence of all his brethren."
13 Then she called the name of the
LORD who spoke to her, You–Are–the–
God–Who–Sees; for she said, "Have I
also here seen Him who sees me?"
14 Therefore the well was called Beer
Lahai Roi; observe, it is between Kadesh
and Bered.
15 So Hagar bore Abram a son; and
Abram named his son, whom Hagar
bore, Ishmael.
16 Abram was eighty–six years old when
Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

17 1 When Abram was ninety–nine
years old, the LORD appeared to

Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty
God; walk before Me and be blameless.
2 "And I will make My covenant
between Me and you, and will multiply
you exceedingly."
3 Then Abram fell on his face, and God
talked with him, saying:
4 "As for Me, behold, My covenant is
with you, and you shall be a father of
many nations.
5 "No longer shall your name be called
Abram, but your name shall be Abraham;
for I have made you a father of many
nations.
6 "I will make you exceedingly fruitful;
and I will make nations of you, and kings
shall come from you.
7 "And I will establish My covenant
between Me and you and your
descendants after you in their
generations, for an everlasting covenant,

to be God to you and your descendants
after you.
8 "Also I give to you and your
descendants after you the land in which
you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan,
as an everlasting possession; and I will
be their God."
9 And God said to Abraham: "As for you,
you shall keep My covenant, you and
your descendants after you throughout
their generations.
10 "This is My covenant which you shall
keep, between Me and you and your
descendants after you: Every male child
among you shall be circumcised;
11 "and you shall be circumcised in the
flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a
sign of the covenant between Me and
you.
12 "He who is eight days old among you
shall be circumcised, every male child in
your generations, he who is born in your

house or bought with money from any
foreigner who is not your descendant.
13 "He who is born in your house and he
who is bought with your money must be
circumcised, and My covenant shall be
in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.
14 "And the uncircumcised male child,
who is not circumcised in the flesh of
his foreskin, that person shall be cut
off from his people; he has broken My
covenant."
15 Then God said to Abraham, "As for
Sarai your wife, you shall not call her
name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.
16 "And I will bless her and also give you
a son by her; then I will bless her, and
she shall be a mother of nations; kings
of peoples shall be from her."
17 Then Abraham fell on his face and
laughed, and said in his heart, "Shall
a child be born to a man who is one

hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who
is ninety years old, bear a child?"
18 And Abraham said to God, "Oh, that
Ishmael might live before You!"
19 Then God said: "No, Sarah your wife
shall bear you a son, and you shall call his
name Isaac; I will establish My covenant
with him for an everlasting covenant,
and with his descendants after him.
20 "And as for Ishmael, I have heard
you. Behold, I have blessed him, and
will make him fruitful, and will multiply
him exceedingly. He shall beget twelve
princes, and I will make him a great
nation.
21 "But My covenant I will establish with
Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at
this set time next year."
22 Then He finished talking with him,
and God went up from Abraham.
23 So Abraham took Ishmael his son,
all who were born in his house and all

who were bought with his money, every
male among the men of Abraham's
house, and circumcised the flesh of their
foreskins that very same day, as God had
said to him.
24 Abraham was ninety–nine years old
when he was circumcised in the flesh of
his foreskin.
25 And Ishmael his son was thirteen
years old when he was circumcised in
the flesh of his foreskin.
26 That very same day Abraham was
circumcised, and his son Ishmael;
27 and all the men of his house, born in
the house or bought with money from a
foreigner, were circumcised with him.

18 1 Then the LORD appeared to him
by the terebinth trees of Mamre,
as he was sitting in the tent door in the
heat of the day.
2 So he lifted his eyes and looked, and
behold, three men were standing by

him; and when he saw them, he ran
from the tent door to meet them, and
bowed himself to the ground,
3 and said, "My Lord, if I have now
found favor in Your sight, do not pass on
by Your servant.
4 "Please let a little water be brought,
and wash your feet, and rest yourselves
under the tree.
5 "And I will bring a morsel of bread,
that you may refresh your hearts. After
that you may pass by, inasmuch as you
have come to your servant." They said,
"Do as you have said."
6 So Abraham hurried into the tent to
Sarah and said, "Quickly, make ready
three measures of fine meal; knead it
and make cakes."
7 And Abraham ran to the herd, took a
tender and good calf, gave it to a young
man, and he hastened to prepare it.

8 So he took butter and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree as they ate.

9 Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" So he said, "Here, in the tent."

10 And He said, "I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son." (Sarah was listening in the tent door which was behind him.)

11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; and Sarah had passed the age of childbearing.

12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?"

13 And the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, ‘Shall I surely bear a child, since I am old?’

14 "Is anything too hard for the LORD?
At the appointed time I will return to
you, according to the time of life, and
Sarah shall have a son."
15 But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not
laugh," for she was afraid. And He said,
"No, but you did laugh!"
16 Then the men rose from there and
looked toward Sodom, and Abraham
went with them to send them on the
way.
17 And the LORD said, "Shall I hide from
Abraham what I am doing,
18 "since Abraham shall surely become
a great and mighty nation, and all the
nations of the earth shall be blessed in
him?
19 "For I have known him, in order that
he may command his children and his
household after him, that they keep the
way of the LORD, to do righteousness

and justice, that the LORD may bring to
Abraham what He has spoken to him."
20 And the LORD said, "Because the
outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is
great, and because their sin is very grave,
21 "I will go down now and see whether
they have done altogether according to
the outcry against it that has come to
Me; and if not, I will know."
22 Then the men turned away from
there and went toward Sodom, but
Abraham still stood before the LORD.
23 And Abraham came near and said,
"Would You also destroy the righteous
with the wicked?
24 "Suppose there were fifty righteous
within the city; would You also destroy
the place and not spare it for the fifty
righteous that were in it?
25 "Far be it from You to do such a thing
as this, to slay the righteous with the
wicked, so that the righteous should be

as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall
not the Judge of all the earth do right?"
26 So the LORD said, "If I find in Sodom
fifty righteous within the city, then I will
spare all the place for their sakes."
27 Then Abraham answered and said,
"Indeed now, I who am but dust and
ashes have taken it upon myself to speak
to the Lord:
28 "Suppose there were five less than
the fifty righteous; would You destroy all
of the city for lack of five?" So He said, "If
I find there forty–five, I will not destroy
it."
29 And he spoke to Him yet again and
said, "Suppose there should be forty
found there?" So He said, "I will not do it
for the sake of forty."
30 Then he said, "Let not the Lord be
angry, and I will speak: Suppose thirty
should be found there?" So He said, "I
will not do it if I find thirty there."

31 And he said, "Indeed now, I have
taken it upon myself to speak to the
Lord: Suppose twenty should be found
there?" So He said, "I will not destroy it
for the sake of twenty."
32 Then he said, "Let not the Lord be
angry, and I will speak but once more:
Suppose ten should be found there?"
And He said, "I will not destroy it for the
sake of ten."
33 So the LORD went His way as soon as
He had finished speaking with Abraham;
and Abraham returned to his place.

19 1 Now the two angels came to
Sodom in the evening, and Lot
was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When
Lot saw them, he rose to meet them,
and he bowed himself with his face
toward the ground.
2 And he said, "Here now, my lords,
please turn in to your servant's house
and spend the night, and wash your feet;

then you may rise early and go on your
way." And they said, "No, but we will
spend the night in the open square."
3 But he insisted strongly; so they
turned in to him and entered his house.
Then he made them a feast, and baked
unleavened bread, and they ate.
4 Now before they lay down, the men
of the city, the men of Sodom, both old
and young, all the people from every
quarter, surrounded the house.
5 And they called to Lot and said to him,
"Where are the men who came to you
tonight? Bring them out to us that we
may know them carnally."
6 So Lot went out to them through the
doorway, shut the door behind him,
7 and said, "Please, my brethren, do not
do so wickedly!
8 "See now, I have two daughters who
have not known a man; please, let me
bring them out to you, and you may do

to them as you wish; only do nothing
to these men, since this is the reason
they have come under the shadow of my
roof."
9 And they said, "Stand back!" Then
they said, "This one came in to stay here,
and he keeps acting as a judge; now
we will deal worse with you than with
them." So they pressed hard against the
man Lot, and came near to break down
the door.
10 But the men reached out their hands
and pulled Lot into the house with them,
and shut the door.
11 And they struck the men who were
at the doorway of the house with
blindness, both small and great, so that
they became weary trying to find the
door.
12 Then the men said to Lot, "Have you
anyone else here? Son–in–law, your
sons, your daughters, and whomever

you have in the city—take them out of
this place!
13 "For we will destroy this place,
because the outcry against them has
grown great before the face of the LORD,
and the LORD has sent us to destroy it."
14 So Lot went out and spoke to his
sons–in–law, who had married his
daughters, and said, "Get up, get out of
this place; for the LORD will destroy this
city!" But to his sons–in–law he seemed
to be joking.
15 When the morning dawned, the
angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, "Arise,
take your wife and your two daughters
who are here, lest you be consumed in
the punishment of the city."
16 And while he lingered, the men took
hold of his hand, his wife's hand, and the
hands of his two daughters, the LORD
being merciful to him, and they brought
him out and set him outside the city.

17 So it came to pass, when they had
brought them outside, that he said,
"Escape for your life! Do not look behind
you nor stay anywhere in the plain.
Escape to the mountains, lest you be
destroyed."
18 Then Lot said to them, "Please, no,
my lords!
19 "Indeed now, your servant has
found favor in your sight, and you have
increased your mercy which you have
shown me by saving my life; but I cannot
escape to the mountains, lest some evil
overtake me and I die.
20 "See now, this city is near enough to
flee to, and it is a little one; please let me
escape there (is it not a little one?) and
my soul shall live."
21 And he said to him, "See, I have
favored you concerning this thing also,
in that I will not overthrow this city for
which you have spoken.

22 "Hurry, escape there. For I cannot
do anything until you arrive there."
Therefore the name of the city was
called Zoar.
23 The sun had risen upon the earth
when Lot entered Zoar.
24 Then the LORD rained brimstone and
fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the
LORD out of the heavens.
25 So He overthrew those cities, all the
plain, all the inhabitants of the cities,
and what grew on the ground.
26 But his wife looked back behind him,
and she became a pillar of salt.
27 And Abraham went early in the
morning to the place where he had
stood before the LORD.
28 Then he looked toward Sodom and
Gomorrah, and toward all the land of
the plain; and he saw, and behold, the
smoke of the land which went up like
the smoke of a furnace.

29 And it came to pass, when God
destroyed the cities of the plain, that
God remembered Abraham, and sent
Lot out of the midst of the overthrow,
when He overthrew the cities in which
Lot had dwelt.
30 Then Lot went up out of Zoar and
dwelt in the mountains, and his two
daughters were with him; for he was
afraid to dwell in Zoar. And he and his
two daughters dwelt in a cave.
31 Now the firstborn said to the
younger, "Our father is old, and there is
no man on the earth to come in to us as
is the custom of all the earth.
32 "Come, let us make our father drink
wine, and we will lie with him, that we
may preserve the lineage of our father."
33 So they made their father drink wine
that night. And the firstborn went in and
lay with her father, and he did not know
when she lay down or when she arose.

34 It happened on the next day that the
firstborn said to the younger, "Indeed
I lay with my father last night; let us
make him drink wine tonight also, and
you go in and lie with him, that we may
preserve the lineage of our father."
35 Then they made their father drink
wine that night also. And the younger
arose and lay with him, and he did not
know when she lay down or when she
arose.
36 Thus both the daughters of Lot were
with child by their father.
37 The firstborn bore a son and called
his name Moab; he is the father of the
Moabites to this day.
38 And the younger, she also bore a son
and called his name Ben–Ammi; he is
the father of the people of Ammon to
this day.

20 1 And Abraham journeyed from
there to the South, and dwelt

between Kadesh and Shur, and stayed in
Gerar.
2 Now Abraham said of Sarah his wife,
"She is my sister." And Abimelech king of
Gerar sent and took Sarah.
3 But God came to Abimelech in a
dream by night, and said to him, "Indeed
you are a dead man because of the
woman whom you have taken, for she is
a man’s wife."
4 But Abimelech had not come near
her; and he said, "Lord, will You slay a
righteous nation also?
5 "Did he not say to me, ‘She is my
sister’? And she, even she herself said,
‘He is my brother.’ In the integrity of my
heart and innocence of my hands I have
done this."
6 And God said to him in a dream, "Yes,
I know that you did this in the integrity
of your heart. For I also withheld you

from sinning against Me; therefore I did
not let you touch her.
7 "Now therefore, restore the man’s
wife; for he is a prophet, and he will
pray for you and you shall live. But if you
do not restore her, know that you shall
surely die, you and all who are yours."
8 So Abimelech rose early in the
morning, called all his servants, and told
all these things in their hearing; and the
men were very much afraid.
9 And Abimelech called Abraham and
said to him, "What have you done to us?
How have I offended you, that you have
brought on me and on my kingdom a
great sin? You have done deeds to me
that ought not to be done."
10 Then Abimelech said to Abraham,
"What did you have in view, that you
have done this thing?"
11 And Abraham said, "Because I
thought, surely the fear of God is not

in this place; and they will kill me on
account of my wife.
12 "But indeed she is truly my sister. She
is the daughter of my father, but not the
daughter of my mother; and she became
my wife.
13 "And it came to pass, when God
caused me to wander from my father’s
house, that I said to her, ‘This is your
kindness that you should do for me: in
every place, wherever we go, say of me,
"He is my brother."’"
14 Then Abimelech took sheep, oxen,
and male and female servants, and gave
them to Abraham; and he restored Sarah
his wife to him.
15 And Abimelech said, "See, my land is
before you; dwell where it pleases you."
16 Then to Sarah he said, "Behold, I have
given your brother a thousand pieces
of silver; indeed this vindicates you

before all who are with you and before
everybody." Thus she was rebuked.
17 So Abraham prayed to God; and
God healed Abimelech, his wife, and
his female servants. Then they bore
children;
18 for the LORD had closed up all the
wombs of the house of Abimelech
because of Sarah, Abraham’s wife.

21 1 And the LORD visited Sarah as
He had said, and the LORD did for
Sarah as He had spoken.
2 For Sarah conceived and bore
Abraham a son in his old age, at the set
time of which God had spoken to him.
3 And Abraham called the name of his
son who was born to him—whom Sarah
bore to him—Isaac.
4 Then Abraham circumcised his son
Isaac when he was eight days old, as God
had commanded him.

5 Now Abraham was one hundred years
old when his son Isaac was born to him.
6 And Sarah said, "God has made me
laugh, and all who hear will laugh with
me."
7 She also said, "Who would have said
to Abraham that Sarah would nurse
children? For I have borne him a son in
his old age."
8 So the child grew and was weaned.
And Abraham made a great feast on the
same day that Isaac was weaned.
9 And Sarah saw the son of Hagar
the Egyptian, whom she had borne to
Abraham, scoffing.
10 Therefore she said to Abraham, "Cast
out this bondwoman and her son; for
the son of this bondwoman shall not be
heir with my son, namely with Isaac."
11 And the matter was very displeasing
in Abraham's sight because of his son.

12 But God said to Abraham, "Do not let
it be displeasing in your sight because of
the lad or because of your bondwoman.
Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to
her voice; for in Isaac your seed shall be
called.
13 "Yet I will also make a nation of the
son of the bondwoman, because he is
your seed."
14 So Abraham rose early in the
morning, and took bread and a skin of
water; and putting it on her shoulder, he
gave it and the boy to Hagar, and sent her
away. Then she departed and wandered
in the Wilderness of Beersheba.
15 And the water in the skin was used
up, and she placed the boy under one of
the shrubs.
16 Then she went and sat down across
from him at a distance of about a
bowshot; for she said to herself, "Let me
not see the death of the boy." So she sat

opposite him, and lifted her voice and
wept.
17 And God heard the voice of the lad.
Then the angel of God called to Hagar
out of heaven, and said to her, "What
ails you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has
heard the voice of the lad where he is.
18 "Arise, lift up the lad and hold him
with your hand, for I will make him a
great nation."
19 Then God opened her eyes, and she
saw a well of water. And she went and
filled the skin with water, and gave the
lad a drink.
20 So God was with the lad; and he
grew and dwelt in the wilderness, and
became an archer.
21 He dwelt in the Wilderness of Paran;
and his mother took a wife for him from
the land of Egypt.
22 And it came to pass at that time that
Abimelech and Phichol, the commander

of his army, spoke to Abraham, saying,
"God is with you in all that you do.
23 "Now therefore, swear to me by God
that you will not deal falsely with me,
with my offspring, or with my posterity;
but that according to the kindness that I
have done to you, you will do to me and
to the land in which you have dwelt."
24 And Abraham said, "I will swear."
25 Then Abraham rebuked Abimelech
because of a well of water which
Abimelech's servants had seized.
26 And Abimelech said, "I do not know
who has done this thing; you did not tell
me, nor had I heard of it until today."
27 So Abraham took sheep and oxen
and gave them to Abimelech, and the
two of them made a covenant.
28 And Abraham set seven ewe lambs
of the flock by themselves.
29 Then Abimelech asked Abraham,
"What is the meaning of these seven

ewe lambs which you have set by
themselves?"
30 And he said, "You will take these
seven ewe lambs from my hand, that
they may be my witness that I have dug
this well."
31 Therefore he called that place
Beersheba, because the two of them
swore an oath there.
32 Thus they made a covenant at
Beersheba. So Abimelech rose with
Phichol, the commander of his army,
and they returned to the land of the
Philistines.
33 Then Abraham planted a tamarisk
tree in Beersheba, and there called on
the name of the LORD, the Everlasting
God.
34 And Abraham stayed in the land of
the Philistines many days.
22 1 Now it came to pass after these
things that God tested Abraham,

and said to him, "Abraham!" And he
said, "Here I am."
2 Then He said, "Take now your son,
your only son Isaac, whom you love, and
go to the land of Moriah, and offer him
there as a burnt offering on one of the
mountains of which I shall tell you."
3 So Abraham rose early in the morning
and saddled his donkey, and took two
of his young men with him, and Isaac
his son; and he split the wood for the
burnt offering, and arose and went to
the place of which God had told him.
4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted
his eyes and saw the place afar off.
5 And Abraham said to his young men,
"Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I
will go yonder and worship, and we will
come back to you."
6 So Abraham took the wood of the
burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his
son; and he took the fire in his hand,

and a knife, and the two of them went
together.
7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father
and said, "My father!" And he said,
"Here I am, my son." Then he said,
"Look, the fire and the wood, but where
is the lamb for a burnt offering?"
8 And Abraham said, "My son, God
will provide for Himself the lamb for a
burnt offering." So the two of them went
together.
9 Then they came to the place of which
God had told him. And Abraham built
an altar there and placed the wood in
order; and he bound Isaac his son and
laid him on the altar, upon the wood.
10 And Abraham stretched out his hand
and took the knife to slay his son.
11 But the Angel of the LORD called to
him from heaven and said, "Abraham,
Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am."

12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand
on the lad, or do anything to him; for
now I know that you fear God, since you
have not withheld your son, your only
son, from Me."
13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and
looked, and there behind him was a
ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So
Abraham went and took the ram, and
offered it up for a burnt offering instead
of his son.
14 And Abraham called the name of the
place, The–LORD–Will–Provide; as it is
said to this day, "In the Mount of The
LORD it shall be provided."
15 Then the Angel of the LORD called to
Abraham a second time out of heaven,
16 and said: "By Myself I have sworn,
says the LORD, because you have done
this thing, and have not withheld your
son, your only son —

17 "blessing I will bless you, and
multiplying I will multiply your
descendants as the stars of the heaven
and as the sand which is on the seashore;
and your descendants shall possess the
gate of their enemies.
18 "In your seed all the nations of the
earth shall be blessed, because you have
obeyed My voice."
19 So Abraham returned to his young
men, and they rose and went together
to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at
Beersheba.
20 Now it came to pass after these
things that it was told Abraham, saying,
"Indeed Milcah also has borne children
to your brother Nahor:
21 "Huz his firstborn, Buz his brother,
Kemuel the father of Aram,
22 "Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and
Bethuel."

23 And Bethuel begot Rebekah. These
eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham’s
brother.
24 His concubine, whose name was
Reumah, also bore Tebah, Gaham,
Thahash, and Maachah.

23 1 Sarah lived one hundred and
twenty–seven years; these were
the years of the life of Sarah.
2 So Sarah died in Kirjath Arba (that
is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan, and
Abraham came to mourn for Sarah and
to weep for her.
3 Then Abraham stood up from before
his dead, and spoke to the sons of Heth,
saying,
4 "I am a foreigner and a visitor among
you. Give me property for a burial place
among you, that I may bury my dead out
of my sight."
5 And the sons of Heth answered
Abraham, saying to him,

6 "Hear us, my lord: You are a mighty
prince among us; bury your dead in the
choicest of our burial places. None of us
will withhold from you his burial place,
that you may bury your dead."
7 Then Abraham stood up and bowed
himself to the people of the land, the
sons of Heth.
8 And he spoke with them, saying, "If
it is your wish that I bury my dead out
of my sight, hear me, and meet with
Ephron the son of Zohar for me,
9 "that he may give me the cave of
Machpelah which he has, which is at the
end of his field. Let him give it to me at
the full price, as property for a burial
place among you."
10 Now Ephron dwelt among the sons of
Heth; and Ephron the Hittite answered
Abraham in the presence of the sons of
Heth, all who entered at the gate of his
city, saying,

11 "No, my lord, hear me: I give you the
field and the cave that is in it; I give it to
you in the presence of the sons of my
people. I give it to you. Bury your dead!"
12 Then Abraham bowed himself down
before the people of the land;
13 and he spoke to Ephron in the
hearing of the people of the land, saying,
"If you will give it, please hear me. I will
give you money for the field; take it from
me and I will bury my dead there."
14 And Ephron answered Abraham,
saying to him,
15 "My lord, listen to me; the land is
worth four hundred shekels of silver.
What is that between you and me? So
bury your dead."
16 And Abraham listened to Ephron;
and Abraham weighed out the silver
for Ephron which he had named in
the hearing of the sons of Heth, four

hundred shekels of silver, currency of
the merchants.
17 So the field of Ephron which was in
Machpelah, which was before Mamre,
the field and the cave which was in it,
and all the trees that were in the field,
which were within all the surrounding
borders, were deeded
18 to Abraham as a possession in the
presence of the sons of Heth, before all
who went in at the gate of his city.
19 And after this, Abraham buried
Sarah his wife in the cave of the field
of Machpelah, before Mamre (that is,
Hebron) in the land of Canaan.
20 So the field and the cave that is in it
were deeded to Abraham by the sons of
Heth as property for a burial place.

24 1 Now Abraham was old, well
advanced in age; and the LORD
had blessed Abraham in all things.

2 So Abraham said to the oldest servant
of his house, who ruled over all that he
had, "Please, put your hand under my
thigh,
3 "and I will make you swear by the
LORD, the God of heaven and the God of
the earth, that you will not take a wife
for my son from the daughters of the
Canaanites, among whom I dwell;
4 "but you shall go to my country and
to my family, and take a wife for my son
Isaac."
5 And the servant said to him, "Perhaps
the woman will not be willing to follow
me to this land. Must I take your son
back to the land from which you came?"
6 But Abraham said to him, "Beware
that you do not take my son back there.
7 "The LORD God of heaven, who took
me from my father’s house and from
the land of my family, and who spoke to
me and swore to me, saying, ‘To your

descendants I give this land,' He will
send His angel before you, and you shall
take a wife for my son from there.
8 "And if the woman is not willing to
follow you, then you will be released
from this oath; only do not take my son
back there."
9 So the servant put his hand under the
thigh of Abraham his master, and swore
to him concerning this matter.
10 Then the servant took ten of his
master's camels and departed, for all his
master's goods were in his hand. And he
arose and went to Mesopotamia, to the
city of Nahor.
11 And he made his camels kneel down
outside the city by a well of water at
evening time, the time when women go
out to draw water.
12 Then he said, "O LORD God of my
master Abraham, please give me success

this day, and show kindness to my
master Abraham.
13 "Behold, here I stand by the well of
water, and the daughters of the men of
the city are coming out to draw water.
14 "Now let it be that the young woman
to whom I say, ‘Please let down your
pitcher that I may drink,’ and she says,
‘Drink, and I will also give your camels
a drink’ —let her be the one You have
appointed for Your servant Isaac. And
by this I will know that You have shown
kindness to my master."
15 And it happened, before he had
finished speaking, that behold, Rebekah,
who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah,
the wife of Nahor, Abraham’s brother,
came out with her pitcher on her
shoulder.
16 Now the young woman was very
beautiful to behold, a virgin; no man had

known her. And she went down to the
well, filled her pitcher, and came up.
17 And the servant ran to meet her and
said, "Please let me drink a little water
from your pitcher."
18 So she said, "Drink, my lord." Then
she quickly let her pitcher down to her
hand, and gave him a drink.
19 And when she had finished giving
him a drink, she said, "I will draw water
for your camels also, until they have
finished drinking."
20 Then she quickly emptied her pitcher
into the trough, ran back to the well to
draw water, and drew for all his camels.
21 And the man, wondering at her,
remained silent so as to know whether
the LORD had made his journey
prosperous or not.
22 So it was, when the camels had
finished drinking, that the man took
a golden nose ring weighing half a

shekel, and two bracelets for her wrists
weighing ten shekels of gold,
23 and said, "Whose daughter are you?
Tell me, please, is there room in your
father's house for us to lodge?"
24 So she said to him, "I am the daughter
of Bethuel, Milcah's son, whom she bore
to Nahor."
25 Moreover she said to him, "We have
both straw and feed enough, and room
to lodge."
26 Then the man bowed down his head
and worshiped the LORD.
27 And he said, "Blessed be the LORD
God of my master Abraham, who has
not forsaken His mercy and His truth
toward my master. As for me, being on
the way, the LORD led me to the house
of my master's brethren."
28 So the young woman ran and told
her mother's household these things.

29 Now Rebekah had a brother whose
name was Laban, and Laban ran out to
the man by the well.
30 So it came to pass, when he saw
the nose ring, and the bracelets on his
sister’s wrists, and when he heard the
words of his sister Rebekah, saying,
"Thus the man spoke to me," that he
went to the man. And there he stood by
the camels at the well.
31 And he said, "Come in, O blessed of
the LORD! Why do you stand outside?
For I have prepared the house, and a
place for the camels."
32 Then the man came to the house.
And he unloaded the camels, and
provided straw and feed for the camels,
and water to wash his feet and the feet
of the men who were with him.
33 Food was set before him to eat, but
he said, "I will not eat until I have told

about my errand." And he said, "Speak
on."
34 So he said, "I am Abraham’s servant.
35 "The LORD has blessed my master
greatly, and he has become great; and
He has given him flocks and herds, silver
and gold, male and female servants, and
camels and donkeys.
36 "And Sarah my master’s wife bore a
son to my master when she was old; and
to him he has given all that he has.
37 "Now my master made me swear,
saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for
my son from the daughters of the
Canaanites, in whose land I dwell;
38 ‘but you shall go to my father’s house
and to my family, and take a wife for my
son.’
39 "And I said to my master, ‘Perhaps
the woman will not follow me.’
40 "But he said to me, ‘The LORD, before
whom I walk, will send His angel with

you and prosper your way; and you shall
take a wife for my son from my family
and from my father’s house.
41 ‘You will be clear from this oath when
you arrive among my family; for if they
will not give her to you, then you will be
released from my oath.’
42 "And this day I came to the well
and said, ‘O LORD God of my master
Abraham, if You will now prosper the
way in which I go,
43 ‘behold, I stand by the well of water;
and it shall come to pass that when the
virgin comes out to draw water, and I
say to her, "Please give me a little water
from your pitcher to drink,"
44 ‘and she says to me, "Drink, and I
will draw for your camels also," —let
her be the woman whom the LORD has
appointed for my master’s son.’
45 "But before I had finished speaking
in my heart, there was Rebekah, coming

out with her pitcher on her shoulder;
and she went down to the well and drew
water. And I said to her, ‘Please let me
drink.’
46 "And she made haste and let her
pitcher down from her shoulder, and
said, ‘Drink, and I will give your camels a
drink also.’ So I drank, and she gave the
camels a drink also.
47 "Then I asked her, and said, ‘Whose
daughter are you?’ And she said, ‘The
daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom
Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the nose
ring on her nose and the bracelets on
her wrists.
48 "And I bowed my head and worshiped
the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of
my master Abraham, who had led me in
the way of truth to take the daughter of
my master’s brother for his son.
49 "Now if you will deal kindly and truly
with my master, tell me. And if not, tell

me, that I may turn to the right hand or
to the left."
50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered
and said, "The thing comes from the
LORD; we cannot speak to you either
bad or good.
51 "Here is Rebekah before you; take
her and go, and let her be your master's
son's wife, as the LORD has spoken."
52 And it came to pass, when Abraham's
servant heard their words, that he
worshiped the LORD, bowing himself to
the earth.
53 Then the servant brought out jewelry
of silver, jewelry of gold, and clothing,
and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave
precious things to her brother and to her
mother.
54 And he and the men who were with
him ate and drank and stayed all night.
Then they arose in the morning, and he
said, "Send me away to my master."

55 But her brother and her mother said,
"Let the young woman stay with us a few
days, at least ten; after that she may go."
56 And he said to them, "Do not hinder
me, since the LORD has prospered my
way; send me away so that I may go to
my master."
57 So they said, "We will call the young
woman and ask her personally."
58 Then they called Rebekah and said
to her, "Will you go with this man?" And
she said, "I will go."
59 So they sent away Rebekah their
sister and her nurse, and Abraham's
servant and his men.
60 And they blessed Rebekah and said
to her: "Our sister, may you become The
mother of thousands of ten thousands;
And may your descendants possess The
gates of those who hate them."
61 Then Rebekah and her maids arose,
and they rode on the camels and

followed the man. So the servant took
Rebekah and departed.
62 Now Isaac came from the way of
Beer Lahai Roi, for he dwelt in the South.
63 And Isaac went out to meditate in
the field in the evening; and he lifted his
eyes and looked, and there, the camels
were coming.
64 Then Rebekah lifted her eyes, and
when she saw Isaac she dismounted
from her camel;
65 for she had said to the servant, "Who
is this man walking in the field to meet
us?" The servant said, "It is my master."
So she took a veil and covered herself.
66 And the servant told Isaac all the
things that he had done.
67 Then Isaac brought her into his
mother Sarah's tent; and he took
Rebekah and she became his wife, and
he loved her. So Isaac was comforted
after his mother's death.

25

[1] Abraham again took a wife, and
her name was Keturah.
[2] And she bore him Zimran, Jokshan,
Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah.
[3] Jokshan begot Sheba and Dedan.
And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim,
Letushim, and Leummim.
[4] And the sons of Midian were Ephah,
Epher, Hanoch, Abidah, and Eldaah. All
these were the children of Keturah.
[5] And Abraham gave all that he had to
Isaac.
[6] But Abraham gave gifts to the sons
of the concubines which Abraham had;
and while he was still living he sent them
eastward, away from Isaac his son, to
the country of the east.
[7] This is the sum of the years of
Abraham's life which he lived: one
hundred and seventy–five years.
[8] Then Abraham breathed his last and
died in a good old age, an old man and

full of years, and was gathered to his
people.
9 And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried
him in the cave of Machpelah, which is
before Mamre, in the field of Ephron the
son of Zohar the Hittite,
10 the field which Abraham purchased
from the sons of Heth. There Abraham
was buried, and Sarah his wife.
11 And it came to pass, after the death
of Abraham, that God blessed his son
Isaac. And Isaac dwelt at Beer Lahai Roi.
12 Now this is the genealogy of Ishmael,
Abraham's son, whom Hagar the
Egyptian, Sarah's maidservant, bore to
Abraham.
13 And these were the names of
the sons of Ishmael, by their names,
according to their generations: The
firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth; then
Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,
14 Mishma, Dumah, Massa,

15 Hadar, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and
Kedemah.
16 These were the sons of Ishmael and
these were their names, by their towns
and their settlements, twelve princes
according to their nations.
17 These were the years of the life of
Ishmael: one hundred and thirty–seven
years; and he breathed his last and died,
and was gathered to his people.
18 (They dwelt from Havilah as far as
Shur, which is east of Egypt as you go
toward Assyria.) He died in the presence
of all his brethren.
19 This is the genealogy of Isaac,
Abraham's son. Abraham begot Isaac.
20 Isaac was forty years old when he
took Rebekah as wife, the daughter of
Bethuel the Syrian of Padan Aram, the
sister of Laban the Syrian.
21 Now Isaac pleaded with the LORD for
his wife, because she was barren; and

the LORD granted his plea, and Rebekah
his wife conceived.
22 But the children struggled together
within her; and she said, "If all is well,
why am I like this?" So she went to
inquire of the LORD.
23 And the LORD said to her: "Two
nations are in your womb, Two peoples
shall be separated from your body; One
people shall be stronger than the other,
And the older shall serve the younger."
24 So when her days were fulfilled for
her to give birth, indeed there were
twins in her womb.
25 And the first came out red. He was
like a hairy garment all over; so they
called his name Esau.
26 Afterward his brother came out, and
his hand took hold of Esau’s heel; so his
name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty
years old when she bore them.

27 So the boys grew. And Esau was a
skillful hunter, a man of the field; but
Jacob was a mild man, dwelling in tents.
28 And Isaac loved Esau because he ate
of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.
29 Now Jacob cooked a stew; and Esau
came in from the field, and he was
weary.
30 And Esau said to Jacob, "Please feed
me with that same red stew, for I am
weary." Therefore his name was called
Edom.
31 But Jacob said, "Sell me your
birthright as of this day."
32 And Esau said, "Look, I am about to
die; so what is this birthright to me?"
33 Then Jacob said, "Swear to me as of
this day." So he swore to him, and sold
his birthright to Jacob.
34 And Jacob gave Esau bread and stew
of lentils; then he ate and drank, arose,

and went his way. Thus Esau despised
his birthright.

26

[1] There was a famine in the land,
besides the first famine that was
in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went
to Abimelech king of the Philistines, in
Gerar.
[2] Then the LORD appeared to him and
said: "Do not go down to Egypt; live in
the land of which I shall tell you.
[3] "Dwell in this land, and I will be with
you and bless you; for to you and your
descendants I give all these lands, and I
will perform the oath which I swore to
Abraham your father.
[4] "And I will make your descendants
multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give
to your descendants all these lands; and
in your seed all the nations of the earth
shall be blessed;
[5] "because Abraham obeyed My
voice and kept My charge, My

commandments, My statutes, and My
laws."
6 So Isaac dwelt in Gerar.
7 And the men of the place asked about
his wife. And he said, "She is my sister";
for he was afraid to say, "She is my wife,"
because he thought, "lest the men of the
place kill me for Rebekah, because she is
beautiful to behold."
8 Now it came to pass, when he had
been there a long time, that Abimelech
king of the Philistines looked through a
window, and saw, and there was Isaac,
showing endearment to Rebekah his
wife.
9 Then Abimelech called Isaac and said,
"Quite obviously she is your wife; so how
could you say, 'She is my sister'?" And
Isaac said to him, "Because I said, 'Lest I
die on account of her.'"
10 And Abimelech said, "What is this
you have done to us? One of the people

might soon have lain with your wife, and
you would have brought guilt on us."
11 So Abimelech charged all his people,
saying, "He who touches this man or his
wife shall surely be put to death."
12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and
reaped in the same year a hundredfold;
and the LORD blessed him.
13 The man began to prosper, and
continued prospering until he became
very prosperous;
14 for he had possessions of flocks and
possessions of herds and a great number
of servants. So the Philistines envied
him.
15 Now the Philistines had stopped up
all the wells which his father's servants
had dug in the days of Abraham his
father, and they had filled them with
earth.

16 And Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go
away from us, for you are much mightier
than we."
17 Then Isaac departed from there and
pitched his tent in the Valley of Gerar,
and dwelt there.
18 And Isaac dug again the wells of
water which they had dug in the days of
Abraham his father, for the Philistines
had stopped them up after the death of
Abraham. He called them by the names
which his father had called them.
19 Also Isaac’s servants dug in the valley,
and found a well of running water there.
20 But the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled
with Isaac’s herdsmen, saying, "The
water is ours." So he called the name of
the well Esek, because they quarreled
with him.
21 Then they dug another well, and
they quarreled over that one also. So he
called its name Sitnah.

22 And he moved from there and dug
another well, and they did not quarrel
over it. So he called its name Rehoboth,
because he said, "For now the LORD
has made room for us, and we shall be
fruitful in the land."
23 Then he went up from there to
Beersheba.
24 And the LORD appeared to him
the same night and said, "I am the
God of your father Abraham; do not
fear, for I am with you. I will bless you
and multiply your descendants for My
servant Abraham’s sake."
25 So he built an altar there and called
on the name of the LORD, and he pitched
his tent there; and there Isaac’s servants
dug a well.
26 Then Abimelech came to him from
Gerar with Ahuzzath, one of his friends,
and Phichol the commander of his army.

27 And Isaac said to them, "Why have
you come to me, since you hate me and
have sent me away from you?"
28 But they said, "We have certainly
seen that the LORD is with you. So we
said, ‘Let there now be an oath between
us, between you and us; and let us make
a covenant with you,
29 ‘that you will do us no harm, since
we have not touched you, and since we
have done nothing to you but good and
have sent you away in peace. You are
now the blessed of the LORD.’"
30 So he made them a feast, and they
ate and drank.
31 Then they arose early in the morning
and swore an oath with one another;
and Isaac sent them away, and they
departed from him in peace.
32 It came to pass the same day that
Isaac’s servants came and told him about

the well which they had dug, and said to him, "We have found water."
33 So he called it Shebah. Therefore the name of the city is Beersheba to this day.
34 When Esau was forty years old, he took as wives Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite.
35 And they were a grief of mind to Isaac and Rebekah.

27 1 Now it came to pass, when Isaac was old and his eyes were so dim that he could not see, that he called Esau his older son and said to him, "My son." And he answered him, "Here I am."
2 Then he said, "Behold now, I am old. I do not know the day of my death.
3 "Now therefore, please take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me.

4 "And make me savory food, such as I
love, and bring it to me that I may eat,
that my soul may bless you before I die."
5 Now Rebekah was listening when
Isaac spoke to Esau his son. And Esau
went to the field to hunt game and to
bring it.
6 So Rebekah spoke to Jacob her son,
saying, "Indeed I heard your father speak
to Esau your brother, saying,
7 'Bring me game and make savory food
for me, that I may eat it and bless you
in the presence of the LORD before my
death.'
8 "Now therefore, my son, obey my
voice according to what I command you.
9 "Go now to the flock and bring me
from there two choice kids of the goats,
and I will make savory food from them
for your father, such as he loves.

10 "Then you shall take it to your father,
that he may eat it, and that he may bless
you before his death."
11 And Jacob said to Rebekah his
mother, "Look, Esau my brother is a
hairy man, and I am a smooth–skinned
man.
12 "Perhaps my father will feel me, and
I shall seem to be a deceiver to him; and
I shall bring a curse on myself and not a
blessing."
13 But his mother said to him, "Let your
curse be on me, my son; only obey my
voice, and go, get them for me."
14 And he went and got them and
brought them to his mother, and his
mother made savory food, such as his
father loved.
15 Then Rebekah took the choice
clothes of her elder son Esau, which
were with her in the house, and put
them on Jacob her younger son.

16 And she put the skins of the kids
of the goats on his hands and on the
smooth part of his neck.
17 Then she gave the savory food and
the bread, which she had prepared, into
the hand of her son Jacob.
18 So he went to his father and said,
"My father." And he said, "Here I am.
Who are you, my son?"
19 Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau
your firstborn; I have done just as you
told me; please arise, sit and eat of my
game, that your soul may bless me."
20 But Isaac said to his son, "How is it
that you have found it so quickly, my
son?" And he said, "Because the LORD
your God brought it to me."
21 Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Please
come near, that I may feel you, my son,
whether you are really my son Esau or
not."

22 So Jacob went near to Isaac his
father, and he felt him and said, "The
voice is Jacob’s voice, but the hands are
the hands of Esau."
23 And he did not recognize him,
because his hands were hairy like his
brother Esau’s hands; so he blessed him.
24 Then he said, "Are you really my son
Esau?" He said, "I am."
25 He said, "Bring it near to me, and I
will eat of my son’s game, so that my
soul may bless you." So he brought it
near to him, and he ate; and he brought
him wine, and he drank.
26 Then his father Isaac said to him,
"Come near now and kiss me, my son."
27 And he came near and kissed him;
and he smelled the smell of his clothing,
and blessed him and said: "Surely, the
smell of my son Is like the smell of a field
Which the LORD has blessed.

28 Therefore may God give you Of the
dew of heaven, Of the fatness of the
earth, And plenty of grain and wine.
29 Let peoples serve you, And nations
bow down to you. Be master over your
brethren, And let your mother's sons
bow down to you. Cursed be everyone
who curses you, And blessed be those
who bless you!"
30 Now it happened, as soon as Isaac
had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob
had scarcely gone out from the presence
of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother
came in from his hunting.
31 He also had made savory food, and
brought it to his father, and said to his
father, "Let my father arise and eat of
his son's game, that your soul may bless
me."
32 And his father Isaac said to him,
"Who are you?" So he said, "I am your
son, your firstborn, Esau."

33 Then Isaac trembled exceedingly,
and said, "Who? Where is the one who
hunted game and brought it to me? I
ate all of it before you came, and I have
blessed him—and indeed he shall be
blessed."
34 When Esau heard the words of his
father, he cried with an exceedingly great
and bitter cry, and said to his father,
"Bless me—me also, O my father!"
35 But he said, "Your brother came
with deceit and has taken away your
blessing."
36 And Esau said, "Is he not rightly
named Jacob? For he has supplanted
me these two times. He took away my
birthright, and now look, he has taken
away my blessing!" And he said, "Have
you not reserved a blessing for me?"
37 Then Isaac answered and said to
Esau, "Indeed I have made him your
master, and all his brethren I have given

to him as servants; with grain and wine I
have sustained him. What shall I do now
for you, my son?"
38 And Esau said to his father, "Have
you only one blessing, my father? Bless
me—me also, O my father!" And Esau
lifted up his voice and wept.
39 Then Isaac his father answered and
said to him: "Behold, your dwelling shall
be of the fatness of the earth, And of the
dew of heaven from above.
40 By your sword you shall live, And
you shall serve your brother; And it
shall come to pass, when you become
restless, That you shall break his yoke
from your neck."
41 So Esau hated Jacob because of the
blessing with which his father blessed
him, and Esau said in his heart, "The
days of mourning for my father are at
hand; then I will kill my brother Jacob."

42 And the words of Esau her older son
were told to Rebekah. So she sent and
called Jacob her younger son, and said to
him, "Surely your brother Esau comforts
himself concerning you by intending to
kill you.
43 "Now therefore, my son, obey my
voice: arise, flee to my brother Laban in
Haran.
44 "And stay with him a few days, until
your brother’s fury turns away,
45 "until your brother’s anger turns
away from you, and he forgets what you
have done to him; then I will send and
bring you from there. Why should I be
bereaved also of you both in one day?"
46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, "I
am weary of my life because of the
daughters of Heth; if Jacob takes a wife
of the daughters of Heth, like these who
are the daughters of the land, what good
will my life be to me?"

28 1 Then Isaac called Jacob and
blessed him, and charged him,
and said to him: "You shall not take a
wife from the daughters of Canaan.
2 "Arise, go to Padan Aram, to the
house of Bethuel your mother’s father;
and take yourself a wife from there of
the daughters of Laban your mother’s
brother.
3 "May God Almighty bless you, And
make you fruitful and multiply you, That
you may be an assembly of peoples;
4 And give you the blessing of Abraham,
To you and your descendants with you,
That you may inherit the land In which
you are a stranger, Which God gave to
Abraham."
5 So Isaac sent Jacob away, and he
went to Padan Aram, to Laban the son
of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of
Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau.

6 Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob
and sent him away to Padan Aram to
take himself a wife from there, and that
as he blessed him he gave him a charge,
saying, "You shall not take a wife from
the daughters of Canaan,"
7 and that Jacob had obeyed his father
and his mother and had gone to Padan
Aram.
8 Also Esau saw that the daughters of
Canaan did not please his father Isaac.
9 So Esau went to Ishmael and took
Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael,
Abraham’s son, the sister of Nebajoth,
to be his wife in addition to the wives he
had.
10 Now Jacob went out from Beersheba
and went toward Haran.
11 So he came to a certain place and
stayed there all night, because the sun
had set. And he took one of the stones

of that place and put it at his head, and
he lay down in that place to sleep.
12 Then he dreamed, and behold, a
ladder was set up on the earth, and
its top reached to heaven; and there
the angels of God were ascending and
descending on it.
13 And behold, the LORD stood above
it and said: "I am the LORD God of
Abraham your father and the God of
Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give
to you and your descendants.
14 "Also your descendants shall be as
the dust of the earth; you shall spread
abroad to the west and the east, to the
north and the south; and in you and in
your seed all the families of the earth
shall be blessed.
15 "Behold, I am with you and will keep
you wherever you go, and will bring you
back to this land; for I will not leave you

until I have done what I have spoken to
you."
16 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and
said, "Surely the LORD is in this place,
and I did not know it."
17 And he was afraid and said, "How
awesome is this place! This is none other
than the house of God, and this is the
gate of heaven!"
18 Then Jacob rose early in the morning,
and took the stone that he had put at his
head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil
on top of it.
19 And he called the name of that place
Bethel; but the name of that city had
been Luz previously.
20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If
God will be with me, and keep me in this
way that I am going, and give me bread
to eat and clothing to put on,

21 "so that I come back to my father's
house in peace, then the LORD shall be
my God.
22 "And this stone which I have set as
a pillar shall be God's house, and of all
that You give me I will surely give a tenth
to You."

29

1 So Jacob went on his journey
and came to the land of the
people of the East.
2 And he looked, and saw a well in
the field; and behold, there were three
flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that
well they watered the flocks. A large
stone was on the well's mouth.
3 Now all the flocks would be gathered
there; and they would roll the stone
from the well's mouth, water the sheep,
and put the stone back in its place on
the well's mouth.

4 And Jacob said to them, "My brethren,
where are you from?" And they said,
"We are from Haran."
5 Then he said to them, "Do you know
Laban the son of Nahor?" And they said,
"We know him."
6 So he said to them, "Is he well?"
And they said, "He is well. And look,
his daughter Rachel is coming with the
sheep."
7 Then he said, "Look, it is still high day;
it is not time for the cattle to be gathered
together. Water the sheep, and go and
feed them."
8 But they said, "We cannot until all the
flocks are gathered together, and they
have rolled the stone from the well's
mouth; then we water the sheep."
9 Now while he was still speaking with
them, Rachel came with her father's
sheep, for she was a shepherdess.

[10] And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.

[11] Then Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice and wept.

[12] And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's relative and that he was Rebekah's son. So she ran and told her father.

[13] Then it came to pass, when Laban heard the report about Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him and kissed him, and brought him to his house. So he told Laban all these things.

[14] And Laban said to him, "Surely you are my bone and my flesh." And he stayed with him for a month.

15 Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because
you are my relative, should you therefore
serve me for nothing? Tell me, what
should your wages be?"
16 Now Laban had two daughters: the
name of the elder was Leah, and the
name of the younger was Rachel.
17 Leah’s eyes were delicate, but Rachel
was beautiful of form and appearance.
18 Now Jacob loved Rachel; so he said,
"I will serve you seven years for Rachel
your younger daughter."
19 And Laban said, "It is better that I
give her to you than that I should give
her to another man. Stay with me."
20 So Jacob served seven years for
Rachel, and they seemed only a few days
to him because of the love he had for
her.
21 Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me
my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I
may go in to her."

22 And Laban gathered together all the
men of the place and made a feast.
23 Now it came to pass in the evening,
that he took Leah his daughter and
brought her to Jacob; and he went in to
her.
24 And Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his
daughter Leah as a maid.
25 So it came to pass in the morning,
that behold, it was Leah. And he said to
Laban, "What is this you have done to
me? Was it not for Rachel that I served
you? Why then have you deceived me?"
26 And Laban said, "It must not be done
so in our country, to give the younger
before the firstborn.
27 "Fulfill her week, and we will give you
this one also for the service which you
will serve with me still another seven
years."

28 Then Jacob did so and fulfilled her
week. So he gave him his daughter
Rachel as wife also.
29 And Laban gave his maid Bilhah to his
daughter Rachel as a maid.
30 Then Jacob also went in to Rachel,
and he also loved Rachel more than
Leah. And he served with Laban still
another seven years.
31 When the LORD saw that Leah was
unloved, He opened her womb; but
Rachel was barren.
32 So Leah conceived and bore a son,
and she called his name Reuben; for she
said, "The LORD has surely looked on my
affliction. Now therefore, my husband
will love me."
33 Then she conceived again and bore
a son, and said, "Because the LORD
has heard that I am unloved, He has
therefore given me this son also." And
she called his name Simeon.

34 She conceived again and bore a son,
and said, "Now this time my husband
will become attached to me, because I
have borne him three sons." Therefore
his name was called Levi.
35 And she conceived again and bore
a son, and said, "Now I will praise the
LORD." Therefore she called his name
Judah. Then she stopped bearing.

30 1 Now when Rachel saw that she
bore Jacob no children, Rachel
envied her sister, and said to Jacob,
"Give me children, or else I die!"
2 And Jacob's anger was aroused against
Rachel, and he said, "Am I in the place
of God, who has withheld from you the
fruit of the womb?"
3 So she said, "Here is my maid Bilhah;
go in to her, and she will bear a child on
my knees, that I also may have children
by her."

4 Then she gave him Bilhah her maid as
wife, and Jacob went in to her.
5 And Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob
a son.
6 Then Rachel said, "God has judged my
case; and He has also heard my voice
and given me a son." Therefore she
called his name Dan.
7 And Rachel’s maid Bilhah conceived
again and bore Jacob a second son.
8 Then Rachel said, "With great
wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister,
and indeed I have prevailed." So she
called his name Naphtali.
9 When Leah saw that she had stopped
bearing, she took Zilpah her maid and
gave her to Jacob as wife.
10 And Leah’s maid Zilpah bore Jacob a
son.
11 Then Leah said, "A troop comes!" So
she called his name Gad.

12 And Leah’s maid Zilpah bore Jacob a
second son.
13 Then Leah said, "I am happy, for the
daughters will call me blessed." So she
called his name Asher.
14 Now Reuben went in the days of
wheat harvest and found mandrakes
in the field, and brought them to his
mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah,
"Please give me some of your son’s
mandrakes."
15 But she said to her, "Is it a small
matter that you have taken away my
husband? Would you take away my
son’s mandrakes also?" And Rachel said,
"Therefore he will lie with you tonight
for your son’s mandrakes."
16 When Jacob came out of the field in
the evening, Leah went out to meet him
and said, "You must come in to me, for
I have surely hired you with my son’s

mandrakes." And he lay with her that
night.
17 And God listened to Leah, and she
conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son.
18 Leah said, "God has given me my
wages, because I have given my maid
to my husband." So she called his name
Issachar.
19 Then Leah conceived again and bore
Jacob a sixth son.
20 And Leah said, "God has endowed
me with a good endowment; now my
husband will dwell with me, because I
have borne him six sons." So she called
his name Zebulun.
21 Afterward she bore a daughter, and
called her name Dinah.
22 Then God remembered Rachel, and
God listened to her and opened her
womb.

[23] And she conceived and bore a son,
and said, "God has taken away my
reproach."
[24] So she called his name Joseph, and
said, "The LORD shall add to me another
son."
[25] And it came to pass, when Rachel
had borne Joseph, that Jacob said to
Laban, "Send me away, that I may go to
my own place and to my country.
[26] "Give me my wives and my children
for whom I have served you, and let me
go; for you know my service which I have
done for you."
[27] And Laban said to him, "Please stay,
if I have found favor in your eyes, for
I have learned by experience that the
LORD has blessed me for your sake."
[28] Then he said, "Name me your wages,
and I will give it."

29 So Jacob said to him, "You know how
I have served you and how your livestock
has been with me.
30 "For what you had before I came was
little, and it has increased to a great
amount; the LORD has blessed you since
my coming. And now, when shall I also
provide for my own house?"
31 So he said, "What shall I give you?"
And Jacob said, "You shall not give me
anything. If you will do this thing for me,
I will again feed and keep your flocks:
32 "Let me pass through all your flock
today, removing from there all the
speckled and spotted sheep, and all the
brown ones among the lambs, and the
spotted and speckled among the goats;
and these shall be my wages.
33 "So my righteousness will answer for
me in time to come, when the subject of
my wages comes before you: every one
that is not speckled and spotted among

the goats, and brown among the lambs,
will be considered stolen, if it is with
me."
34 And Laban said, "Oh, that it were
according to your word!"
35 So he removed that day the male
goats that were speckled and spotted, all
the female goats that were speckled and
spotted, every one that had some white
in it, and all the brown ones among the
lambs, and gave them into the hand of
his sons.
36 Then he put three days’ journey
between himself and Jacob, and Jacob
fed the rest of Laban’s flocks.
37 Now Jacob took for himself rods of
green poplar and of the almond and
chestnut trees, peeled white strips in
them, and exposed the white which was
in the rods.
38 And the rods which he had peeled,
he set before the flocks in the gutters, in

the watering troughs where the flocks
came to drink, so that they should
conceive when they came to drink.
39 So the flocks conceived before
the rods, and the flocks brought forth
streaked, speckled, and spotted.
40 Then Jacob separated the lambs,
and made the flocks face toward the
streaked and all the brown in the flock
of Laban; but he put his own flocks by
themselves and did not put them with
Laban's flock.
41 And it came to pass, whenever the
stronger livestock conceived, that Jacob
placed the rods before the eyes of the
livestock in the gutters, that they might
conceive among the rods.
42 But when the flocks were feeble, he
did not put them in; so the feebler were
Laban's and the stronger Jacob's.
43 Thus the man became exceedingly
prosperous, and had large flocks, female

and male servants, and camels and
donkeys.

31

1 Now Jacob heard the words of
Laban's sons, saying, "Jacob has
taken away all that was our father's,
and from what was our father's he has
acquired all this wealth."
2 And Jacob saw the countenance of
Laban, and indeed it was not favorable
toward him as before.
3 Then the LORD said to Jacob, "Return
to the land of your fathers and to your
family, and I will be with you."
4 So Jacob sent and called Rachel and
Leah to the field, to his flock,
5 and said to them, "I see your father's
countenance, that it is not favorable
toward me as before; but the God of my
father has been with me.
6 "And you know that with all my might
I have served your father.

7 "Yet your father has deceived me and
changed my wages ten times, but God
did not allow him to hurt me.
8 "If he said thus: 'The speckled shall
be your wages,' then all the flocks bore
speckled. And if he said thus: 'The
streaked shall be your wages,' then all
the flocks bore streaked.
9 "So God has taken away the livestock
of your father and given them to me.
10 "And it happened, at the time when
the flocks conceived, that I lifted my eyes
and saw in a dream, and behold, the
rams which leaped upon the flocks were
streaked, speckled, and gray–spotted.
11 "Then the Angel of God spoke to me
in a dream, saying, 'Jacob.' And I said,
'Here I am.'
12 "And He said, 'Lift your eyes now
and see, all the rams which leap on
the flocks are streaked, speckled, and

gray–spotted; for I have seen all that
Laban is doing to you.
13 'I am the God of Bethel, where you
anointed the pillar and where you made
a vow to Me. Now arise, get out of this
land, and return to the land of your
family.'"
14 Then Rachel and Leah answered and
said to him, "Is there still any portion or
inheritance for us in our father's house?
15 "Are we not considered strangers
by him? For he has sold us, and also
completely consumed our money.
16 "For all these riches which God has
taken from our father are really ours and
our children's; now then, whatever God
has said to you, do it."
17 Then Jacob rose and set his sons and
his wives on camels.
18 And he carried away all his livestock
and all his possessions which he had
gained, his acquired livestock which he

had gained in Padan Aram, to go to his
father Isaac in the land of Canaan.
19 Now Laban had gone to shear
his sheep, and Rachel had stolen the
household idols that were her father’s.
20 And Jacob stole away, unknown to
Laban the Syrian, in that he did not tell
him that he intended to flee.
21 So he fled with all that he had. He
arose and crossed the river, and headed
toward the mountains of Gilead.
22 And Laban was told on the third day
that Jacob had fled.
23 Then he took his brethren with him
and pursued him for seven days’ journey,
and he overtook him in the mountains
of Gilead.
24 But God had come to Laban the
Syrian in a dream by night, and said to
him, "Be careful that you speak to Jacob
neither good nor bad."

25 So Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob
had pitched his tent in the mountains,
and Laban with his brethren pitched in
the mountains of Gilead.
26 And Laban said to Jacob: "What have
you done, that you have stolen away
unknown to me, and carried away my
daughters like captives taken with the
sword?
27 "Why did you flee away secretly, and
steal away from me, and not tell me; for
I might have sent you away with joy and
songs, with timbrel and harp?
28 "And you did not allow me to kiss my
sons and my daughters. Now you have
done foolishly in so doing.
29 "It is in my power to do you harm,
but the God of your father spoke to me
last night, saying, ‘Be careful that you
speak to Jacob neither good nor bad.’
30 "And now you have surely gone
because you greatly long for your

father's house, but why did you steal my
gods?"
31 Then Jacob answered and said to
Laban, "Because I was afraid, for I said,
'Perhaps you would take your daughters
from me by force.'
32 "With whomever you find your gods,
do not let him live. In the presence of
our brethren, identify what I have of
yours and take it with you." For Jacob did
not know that Rachel had stolen them.
33 And Laban went into Jacob's tent,
into Leah's tent, and into the two maids'
tents, but he did not find them. Then
he went out of Leah's tent and entered
Rachel's tent.
34 Now Rachel had taken the household
idols, put them in the camel's saddle,
and sat on them. And Laban searched all
about the tent but did not find them.
35 And she said to her father, "Let it
not displease my lord that I cannot rise

before you, for the manner of women is
with me." And he searched but did not
find the household idols.
36 Then Jacob was angry and rebuked
Laban, and Jacob answered and said to
Laban: "What is my trespass? What is my
sin, that you have so hotly pursued me?
37 "Although you have searched all my
things, what part of your household
things have you found? Set it here before
my brethren and your brethren, that
they may judge between us both!
38 "These twenty years I have been with
you; your ewes and your female goats
have not miscarried their young, and I
have not eaten the rams of your flock.
39 "That which was torn by beasts I did
not bring to you; I bore the loss of it.
You required it from my hand, whether
stolen by day or stolen by night.

40 "There I was! In the day the drought
consumed me, and the frost by night,
and my sleep departed from my eyes.
41 "Thus I have been in your house
twenty years; I served you fourteen years
for your two daughters, and six years for
your flock, and you have changed my
wages ten times.
42 "Unless the God of my father, the
God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac,
had been with me, surely now you would
have sent me away empty–handed. God
has seen my affliction and the labor of
my hands, and rebuked you last night."
43 And Laban answered and said
to Jacob, "These daughters are my
daughters, and these children are my
children, and this flock is my flock; all
that you see is mine. But what can I do
this day to these my daughters or to
their children whom they have borne?

44 "Now therefore, come, let us make
a covenant, you and I, and let it be a
witness between you and me."
45 So Jacob took a stone and set it up as
a pillar.
46 Then Jacob said to his brethren,
"Gather stones." And they took stones
and made a heap, and they ate there on
the heap.
47 Laban called it Jegar Sahadutha, but
Jacob called it Galeed.
48 And Laban said, "This heap is a
witness between you and me this day."
Therefore its name was called Galeed,
49 also Mizpah, because he said, "May
the LORD watch between you and me
when we are absent one from another.
50 "If you afflict my daughters, or if you
take other wives besides my daughters,
although no man is with us—see, God is
witness between you and me!"

51 Then Laban said to Jacob, "Here is
this heap and here is this pillar, which I
have placed between you and me.
52 "This heap is a witness, and this pillar
is a witness, that I will not pass beyond
this heap to you, and you will not pass
beyond this heap and this pillar to me,
for harm.
53 "The God of Abraham, the God of
Nahor, and the God of their father judge
between us." And Jacob swore by the
Fear of his father Isaac.
54 Then Jacob offered a sacrifice on the
mountain, and called his brethren to eat
bread. And they ate bread and stayed all
night on the mountain.
55 And early in the morning Laban
arose, and kissed his sons and daughters
and blessed them. Then Laban departed
and returned to his place.

32 1 So Jacob went on his way, and
the angels of God met him.

2 When Jacob saw them, he said, "This
is God's camp." And he called the name
of that place Mahanaim.
3 Then Jacob sent messengers before
him to Esau his brother in the land of
Seir, the country of Edom.
4 And he commanded them, saying,
"Speak thus to my lord Esau, 'Thus your
servant Jacob says: "I have dwelt with
Laban and stayed there until now.
5 "I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, and
male and female servants; and I have
sent to tell my lord, that I may find favor
in your sight."'"
6 Then the messengers returned to
Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother
Esau, and he also is coming to meet you,
and four hundred men are with him."
7 So Jacob was greatly afraid and
distressed; and he divided the people
that were with him, and the flocks and
herds and camels, into two companies.

8 And he said, "If Esau comes to the one
company and attacks it, then the other
company which is left will escape."
9 Then Jacob said, "O God of my father
Abraham and God of my father Isaac,
the LORD who said to me, ‘Return to
your country and to your family, and I
will deal well with you’:
10 "I am not worthy of the least of all
the mercies and of all the truth which
You have shown Your servant; for I
crossed over this Jordan with my staff,
and now I have become two companies.
11 "Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of
my brother, from the hand of Esau; for
I fear him, lest he come and attack me
and the mother with the children.
12 "For You said, ‘I will surely treat you
well, and make your descendants as
the sand of the sea, which cannot be
numbered for multitude.’"

13 So he lodged there that same night,
and took what came to his hand as a
present for Esau his brother:
14 two hundred female goats and
twenty male goats, two hundred ewes
and twenty rams,
15 thirty milk camels with their colts,
forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female
donkeys and ten foals.
16 Then he delivered them to the hand
of his servants, every drove by itself, and
said to his servants, "Pass over before
me, and put some distance between
successive droves."
17 And he commanded the first one,
saying, "When Esau my brother meets
you and asks you, saying, ‘To whom do
you belong, and where are you going?
Whose are these in front of you?’
18 "then you shall say, ‘They are your
servant Jacob’s. It is a present sent to my

lord Esau; and behold, he also is behind
us.’"
19 So he commanded the second, the
third, and all who followed the droves,
saying, "In this manner you shall speak
to Esau when you find him;
20 "and also say, ‘Behold, your servant
Jacob is behind us.’" For he said, "I will
appease him with the present that goes
before me, and afterward I will see his
face; perhaps he will accept me."
21 So the present went on over before
him, but he himself lodged that night in
the camp.
22 And he arose that night and took his
two wives, his two female servants, and
his eleven sons, and crossed over the
ford of Jabbok.
23 He took them, sent them over the
brook, and sent over what he had.

24 Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man
wrestled with him until the breaking of
day.
25 Now when He saw that He did
not prevail against him, He touched
the socket of his hip; and the socket
of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He
wrestled with him.
26 And He said, "Let Me go, for the day
breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go
unless You bless me!"
27 So He said to him, "What is your
name?" He said, "Jacob."
28 And He said, "Your name shall no
longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you
have struggled with God and with men,
and have prevailed."
29 Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me
Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is
it that you ask about My name?" And He
blessed him there.

30 And Jacob called the name of the
place Peniel: "For I have seen God face
to face, and my life is preserved."
31 Just as he crossed over Penuel the
sun rose on him, and he limped on his
hip.
32 Therefore to this day the children of
Israel do not eat the muscle that shrank,
which is on the hip socket, because He
touched the socket of Jacob’s hip in the
muscle that shrank.

33 1 Now Jacob lifted his eyes and
looked, and there, Esau was
coming, and with him were four hundred
men. So he divided the children among
Leah, Rachel, and the two maidservants.
2 And he put the maidservants and their
children in front, Leah and her children
behind, and Rachel and Joseph last.
3 Then he crossed over before them
and bowed himself to the ground seven
times, until he came near to his brother.

4 But Esau ran to meet him, and
embraced him, and fell on his neck and
kissed him, and they wept.
5 And he lifted his eyes and saw the
women and children, and said, "Who
are these with you?" So he said, "The
children whom God has graciously given
your servant."
6 Then the maidservants came near,
they and their children, and bowed
down.
7 And Leah also came near with
her children, and they bowed down.
Afterward Joseph and Rachel came near,
and they bowed down.
8 Then Esau said, "What do you mean
by all this company which I met?" And
he said, "These are to find favor in the
sight of my lord."
9 But Esau said, "I have enough,
my brother; keep what you have for
yourself."

10 And Jacob said, "No, please, if I
have now found favor in your sight,
then receive my present from my hand,
inasmuch as I have seen your face as
though I had seen the face of God, and
you were pleased with me.
11 "Please, take my blessing that is
brought to you, because God has dealt
graciously with me, and because I have
enough." So he urged him, and he took
it.
12 Then Esau said, "Let us take our
journey; let us go, and I will go before
you."
13 But Jacob said to him, "My lord
knows that the children are weak, and
the flocks and herds which are nursing
are with me. And if the men should drive
them hard one day, all the flock will die.
14 "Please let my lord go on ahead
before his servant. I will lead on slowly
at a pace which the livestock that go

before me, and the children, are able to
endure, until I come to my lord in Seir."
15 And Esau said, "Now let me leave
with you some of the people who are
with me." But he said, "What need is
there? Let me find favor in the sight of
my lord."
16 So Esau returned that day on his way
to Seir.
17 And Jacob journeyed to Succoth,
built himself a house, and made booths
for his livestock. Therefore the name of
the place is called Succoth.
18 Then Jacob came safely to the city of
Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan,
when he came from Padan Aram; and he
pitched his tent before the city.
19 And he bought the parcel of land,
where he had pitched his tent, from the
children of Hamor, Shechem’s father, for
one hundred pieces of money.

20 Then he erected an altar there and
called it El Elohe Israel.

34

1 Now Dinah the daughter of
Leah, whom she had borne to
Jacob, went out to see the daughters of
the land.
2 And when Shechem the son of Hamor
the Hivite, prince of the country, saw
her, he took her and lay with her, and
violated her.
3 His soul was strongly attracted to
Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he
loved the young woman and spoke
kindly to the young woman.
4 So Shechem spoke to his father
Hamor, saying, "Get me this young
woman as a wife."
5 And Jacob heard that he had defiled
Dinah his daughter. Now his sons were
with his livestock in the field; so Jacob
held his peace until they came.

6 Then Hamor the father of Shechem
went out to Jacob to speak with him.
7 And the sons of Jacob came in from
the field when they heard it; and the
men were grieved and very angry,
because he had done a disgraceful thing
in Israel by lying with Jacob’s daughter, a
thing which ought not to be done.
8 But Hamor spoke with them, saying,
"The soul of my son Shechem longs for
your daughter. Please give her to him as
a wife.
9 "And make marriages with us; give
your daughters to us, and take our
daughters to yourselves.
10 "So you shall dwell with us, and the
land shall be before you. Dwell and
trade in it, and acquire possessions for
yourselves in it."
11 Then Shechem said to her father and
her brothers, "Let me find favor in your

eyes, and whatever you say to me I will
give.
12 "Ask me ever so much dowry and
gift, and I will give according to what
you say to me; but give me the young
woman as a wife."
13 But the sons of Jacob answered
Shechem and Hamor his father, and
spoke deceitfully, because he had defiled
Dinah their sister.
14 And they said to them, "We cannot
do this thing, to give our sister to one
who is uncircumcised, for that would be
a reproach to us.
15 "But on this condition we will consent
to you: If you will become as we are, if
every male of you is circumcised,
16 "then we will give our daughters to
you, and we will take your daughters to
us; and we will dwell with you, and we
will become one people.

17 "But if you will not heed us and
be circumcised, then we will take our
daughter and be gone."
18 And their words pleased Hamor and
Shechem, Hamor's son.
19 So the young man did not delay
to do the thing, because he delighted
in Jacob's daughter. He was more
honorable than all the household of his
father.
20 And Hamor and Shechem his son
came to the gate of their city, and spoke
with the men of their city, saying:
21 "These men are at peace with us.
Therefore let them dwell in the land
and trade in it. For indeed the land is
large enough for them. Let us take their
daughters to us as wives, and let us give
them our daughters.
22 "Only on this condition will the
men consent to dwell with us, to be

one people: if every male among us is
circumcised as they are circumcised.
23 "Will not their livestock, their
property, and every animal of theirs be
ours? Only let us consent to them, and
they will dwell with us."
24 And all who went out of the gate of
his city heeded Hamor and Shechem
his son; every male was circumcised, all
who went out of the gate of his city.
25 Now it came to pass on the third day,
when they were in pain, that two of the
sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah’s
brothers, each took his sword and came
boldly upon the city and killed all the
males.
26 And they killed Hamor and Shechem
his son with the edge of the sword, and
took Dinah from Shechem’s house, and
went out.

27 The sons of Jacob came upon the
slain, and plundered the city, because
their sister had been defiled.
28 They took their sheep, their oxen,
and their donkeys, what was in the city
and what was in the field,
29 and all their wealth. All their little
ones and their wives they took captive;
and they plundered even all that was in
the houses.
30 Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi,
"You have troubled me by making me
obnoxious among the inhabitants of
the land, among the Canaanites and
the Perizzites; and since I am few in
number, they will gather themselves
together against me and kill me. I shall
be destroyed, my household and I."
31 But they said, "Should he treat our
sister like a harlot?"

35

1 Then God said to Jacob, "Arise,
go up to Bethel and dwell there;

and make an altar there to God, who
appeared to you when you fled from the
face of Esau your brother."
2 And Jacob said to his household and
to all who were with him, "Put away the
foreign gods that are among you, purify
yourselves, and change your garments.
3 "Then let us arise and go up to Bethel;
and I will make an altar there to God,
who answered me in the day of my
distress and has been with me in the
way which I have gone."
4 So they gave Jacob all the foreign
gods which were in their hands, and the
earrings which were in their ears; and
Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree
which was by Shechem.
5 And they journeyed, and the terror of
God was upon the cities that were all
around them, and they did not pursue
the sons of Jacob.

6 So Jacob came to Luz (that is, Bethel),
which is in the land of Canaan, he and all
the people who were with him.
7 And he built an altar there and called
the place El Bethel, because there God
appeared to him when he fled from the
face of his brother.
8 Now Deborah, Rebekah’s nurse, died,
and she was buried below Bethel under
the terebinth tree. So the name of it was
called Allon Bachuth.
9 Then God appeared to Jacob again,
when he came from Padan Aram, and
blessed him.
10 And God said to him, "Your name
is Jacob; your name shall not be called
Jacob anymore, but Israel shall be your
name." So He called his name Israel.
11 Also God said to him: "I am God
Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a
nation and a company of nations shall

proceed from you, and kings shall come
from your body.
12 "The land which I gave Abraham
and Isaac I give to you; and to your
descendants after you I give this land."
13 Then God went up from him in the
place where He talked with him.
14 So Jacob set up a pillar in the place
where He talked with him, a pillar of
stone; and he poured a drink offering on
it, and he poured oil on it.
15 And Jacob called the name of the
place where God spoke with him, Bethel.
16 Then they journeyed from Bethel.
And when there was but a little distance
to go to Ephrath, Rachel labored in
childbirth, and she had hard labor.
17 Now it came to pass, when she was
in hard labor, that the midwife said to
her, "Do not fear; you will have this son
also."

18 And so it was, as her soul was
departing (for she died), that she called
his name Ben–Oni; but his father called
him Benjamin.
19 So Rachel died and was buried on the
way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem).
20 And Jacob set a pillar on her grave,
which is the pillar of Rachel’s grave to
this day.
21 Then Israel journeyed and pitched his
tent beyond the tower of Eder.
22 And it happened, when Israel dwelt
in that land, that Reuben went and lay
with Bilhah his father’s concubine; and
Israel heard about it. Now the sons of
Jacob were twelve:
23 the sons of Leah were Reuben,
Jacob’s firstborn, and Simeon, Levi,
Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun;
24 the sons of Rachel were Joseph and
Benjamin;

25 the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's
maidservant, were Dan and Naphtali;
26 and the sons of Zilpah, Leah's
maidservant, were Gad and Asher. These
were the sons of Jacob who were born
to him in Padan Aram.
27 Then Jacob came to his father Isaac at
Mamre, or Kirjath Arba (that is, Hebron),
where Abraham and Isaac had dwelt.
28 Now the days of Isaac were one
hundred and eighty years.
29 So Isaac breathed his last and died,
and was gathered to his people, being
old and full of days. And his sons Esau
and Jacob buried him.

36 1 Now this is the genealogy of
Esau, who is Edom.
2 Esau took his wives from the
daughters of Canaan: Adah the daughter
of Elon the Hittite; Aholibamah the
daughter of Anah, the daughter of
Zibeon the Hivite;

3 and Basemath, Ishmael's daughter,
sister of Nebajoth.
4 Now Adah bore Eliphaz to Esau, and
Basemath bore Reuel.
5 And Aholibamah bore Jeush, Jaalam,
and Korah. These were the sons of Esau
who were born to him in the land of
Canaan.
6 Then Esau took his wives, his sons,
his daughters, and all the persons of his
household, his cattle and all his animals,
and all his goods which he had gained
in the land of Canaan, and went to a
country away from the presence of his
brother Jacob.
7 For their possessions were too great
for them to dwell together, and the land
where they were strangers could not
support them because of their livestock.
8 So Esau dwelt in Mount Seir. Esau is
Edom.

9 And this is the genealogy of Esau the
father of the Edomites in Mount Seir.
10 These were the names of Esau's sons:
Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau,
and Reuel the son of Basemath the wife
of Esau.
11 And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman,
Omar, Zepho, Gatam, and Kenaz.
12 Now Timna was the concubine of
Eliphaz, Esau's son, and she bore Amalek
to Eliphaz. These were the sons of Adah,
Esau's wife.
13 These were the sons of Reuel:
Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.
These were the sons of Basemath, Esau's
wife.
14 These were the sons of Aholibamah,
Esau's wife, the daughter of Anah, the
daughter of Zibeon. And she bore to
Esau: Jeush, Jaalam, and Korah.
15 These were the chiefs of the sons of
Esau. The sons of Eliphaz, the firstborn

son of Esau, were Chief Teman, Chief
Omar, Chief Zepho, Chief Kenaz,
16 Chief Korah, Chief Gatam, and Chief
Amalek. These were the chiefs of Eliphaz
in the land of Edom. They were the sons
of Adah.
17 These were the sons of Reuel, Esau’s
son: Chief Nahath, Chief Zerah, Chief
Shammah, and Chief Mizzah. These were
the chiefs of Reuel in the land of Edom.
These were the sons of Basemath, Esau’s
wife.
18 And these were the sons of
Aholibamah, Esau’s wife: Chief Jeush,
Chief Jaalam, and Chief Korah. These
were the chiefs who descended from
Aholibamah, Esau’s wife, the daughter
of Anah.
19 These were the sons of Esau, who is
Edom, and these were their chiefs.

20 These were the sons of Seir the
Horite who inhabited the land: Lotan,
Shobal, Zibeon, Anah,
21 Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. These were
the chiefs of the Horites, the sons of Seir,
in the land of Edom.
22 And the sons of Lotan were Hori and
Hemam. Lotan's sister was Timna.
23 These were the sons of Shobal: Alvan,
Manahath, Ebal, Shepho, and Onam.
24 These were the sons of Zibeon: both
Ajah and Anah. This was the Anah who
found the water in the wilderness as
he pastured the donkeys of his father
Zibeon.
25 These were the children of Anah:
Dishon and Aholibamah the daughter of
Anah.
26 These were the sons of Dishon:
Hemdan, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran.
27 These were the sons of Ezer: Bilhan,
Zaavan, and Akan.

28 These were the sons of Dishan: Uz
and Aran.
29 These were the chiefs of the Horites:
Chief Lotan, Chief Shobal, Chief Zibeon,
Chief Anah,
30 Chief Dishon, Chief Ezer, and Chief
Dishan. These were the chiefs of the
Horites, according to their chiefs in the
land of Seir.
31 Now these were the kings who
reigned in the land of Edom before any
king reigned over the children of Israel:
32 Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom,
and the name of his city was Dinhabah.
33 And when Bela died, Jobab the son
of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place.
34 When Jobab died, Husham of the
land of the Temanites reigned in his
place.
35 And when Husham died, Hadad the
son of Bedad, who attacked Midian in

the field of Moab, reigned in his place.
And the name of his city was Avith.
36 When Hadad died, Samlah of
Masrekah reigned in his place.
37 And when Samlah died, Saul of
Rehoboth–by–the–River reigned in his
place.
38 When Saul died, Baal–Hanan the son
of Achbor reigned in his place.
39 And when Baal–Hanan the son
of Achbor died, Hadar reigned in his
place; and the name of his city was Pau.
His wife's name was Mehetabel, the
daughter of Matred, the daughter of
Mezahab.
40 And these were the names of the
chiefs of Esau, according to their families
and their places, by their names: Chief
Timnah, Chief Alvah, Chief Jetheth,
41 Chief Aholibamah, Chief Elah, Chief
Pinon,

42 Chief Kenaz, Chief Teman, Chief
Mibzar,
43 Chief Magdiel, and Chief Iram. These
were the chiefs of Edom, according to
their dwelling places in the land of their
possession. Esau was the father of the
Edomites.

37 1 Now Jacob dwelt in the land
where his father was a stranger,
in the land of Canaan.
2 This is the history of Jacob. Joseph,
being seventeen years old, was feeding
the flock with his brothers. And the lad
was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons
of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph
brought a bad report of them to his
father.
3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all
his children, because he was the son of
his old age. Also he made him a tunic of
many colors.

4 But when his brothers saw that their
father loved him more than all his
brothers, they hated him and could not
speak peaceably to him.
5 Now Joseph had a dream, and he told
it to his brothers; and they hated him
even more.
6 So he said to them, "Please hear this
dream which I have dreamed:
7 "There we were, binding sheaves in
the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose
and also stood upright; and indeed your
sheaves stood all around and bowed
down to my sheaf."
8 And his brothers said to him, "Shall
you indeed reign over us? Or shall you
indeed have dominion over us?" So they
hated him even more for his dreams and
for his words.
9 Then he dreamed still another dream
and told it to his brothers, and said,
"Look, I have dreamed another dream.

And this time, the sun, the moon, and
the eleven stars bowed down to me."
10 So he told it to his father and his
brothers; and his father rebuked him and
said to him, "What is this dream that you
have dreamed? Shall your mother and I
and your brothers indeed come to bow
down to the earth before you?"
11 And his brothers envied him, but his
father kept the matter in mind.
12 Then his brothers went to feed their
father’s flock in Shechem.
13 And Israel said to Joseph, "Are
not your brothers feeding the flock in
Shechem? Come, I will send you to
them." So he said to him, "Here I am."
14 Then he said to him, "Please go and
see if it is well with your brothers and
well with the flocks, and bring back word
to me." So he sent him out of the Valley
of Hebron, and he went to Shechem.

15 Now a certain man found him, and
there he was, wandering in the field.
And the man asked him, saying, "What
are you seeking?"
16 So he said, "I am seeking my brothers.
Please tell me where they are feeding
their flocks."
17 And the man said, "They have
departed from here, for I heard them
say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’" So Joseph
went after his brothers and found them
in Dothan.
18 Now when they saw him afar off,
even before he came near them, they
conspired against him to kill him.
19 Then they said to one another, "Look,
this dreamer is coming!
20 "Come therefore, let us now kill him
and cast him into some pit; and we shall
say, ‘Some wild beast has devoured him.’
We shall see what will become of his
dreams!"

21 But Reuben heard it, and he delivered
him out of their hands, and said, "Let us
not kill him."
22 And Reuben said to them, "Shed no
blood, but cast him into this pit which is
in the wilderness, and do not lay a hand
on him" —that he might deliver him out
of their hands, and bring him back to his
father.
23 So it came to pass, when Joseph had
come to his brothers, that they stripped
Joseph of his tunic, the tunic of many
colors that was on him.
24 Then they took him and cast him into
a pit. And the pit was empty; there was
no water in it.
25 And they sat down to eat a meal.
Then they lifted their eyes and looked,
and there was a company of Ishmaelites,
coming from Gilead with their camels,
bearing spices, balm, and myrrh, on their
way to carry them down to Egypt.

26 So Judah said to his brothers, "What
profit is there if we kill our brother and
conceal his blood?
27 "Come and let us sell him to the
Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be
upon him, for he is our brother and our
flesh." And his brothers listened.
28 Then Midianite traders passed by; so
the brothers pulled Joseph up and lifted
him out of the pit, and sold him to the
Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver.
And they took Joseph to Egypt.
29 Then Reuben returned to the pit, and
indeed Joseph was not in the pit; and he
tore his clothes.
30 And he returned to his brothers and
said, "The lad is no more; and I, where
shall I go?"
31 So they took Joseph’s tunic, killed a
kid of the goats, and dipped the tunic in
the blood.

32 Then they sent the tunic of many
colors, and they brought it to their father
and said, "We have found this. Do you
know whether it is your son's tunic or
not?"
33 And he recognized it and said, "It
is my son's tunic. A wild beast has
devoured him. Without doubt Joseph is
torn to pieces."
34 Then Jacob tore his clothes, put
sackcloth on his waist, and mourned for
his son many days.
35 And all his sons and all his daughters
arose to comfort him; but he refused to
be comforted, and he said, "For I shall
go down into the grave to my son in
mourning." Thus his father wept for him.
36 Now the Midianites had sold him in
Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh
and captain of the guard.

38 1 It came to pass at that time that
Judah departed from his brothers,

and visited a certain Adullamite whose
name was Hirah.
2 And Judah saw there a daughter of
a certain Canaanite whose name was
Shua, and he married her and went in to
her.
3 So she conceived and bore a son, and
he called his name Er.
4 She conceived again and bore a son,
and she called his name Onan.
5 And she conceived yet again and bore
a son, and called his name Shelah. He
was at Chezib when she bore him.
6 Then Judah took a wife for Er his
firstborn, and her name was Tamar.
7 But Er, Judah’s firstborn, was wicked
in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD
killed him.
8 And Judah said to Onan, "Go in to
your brother’s wife and marry her, and
raise up an heir to your brother."

9 But Onan knew that the heir would
not be his; and it came to pass, when
he went in to his brother's wife, that he
emitted on the ground, lest he should
give an heir to his brother.
10 And the thing which he did displeased
the LORD; therefore He killed him also.
11 Then Judah said to Tamar his
daughter–in–law, "Remain a widow in
your father's house till my son Shelah
is grown." For he said, "Lest he also die
like his brothers." And Tamar went and
dwelt in her father's house.
12 Now in the process of time the
daughter of Shua, Judah's wife, died;
and Judah was comforted, and went up
to his sheepshearers at Timnah, he and
his friend Hirah the Adullamite.
13 And it was told Tamar, saying, "Look,
your father–in–law is going up to Timnah
to shear his sheep."

14 So she took off her widow’s garments,
covered herself with a veil and wrapped
herself, and sat in an open place which
was on the way to Timnah; for she saw
that Shelah was grown, and she was not
given to him as a wife.
15 When Judah saw her, he thought she
was a harlot, because she had covered
her face.
16 Then he turned to her by the way,
and said, "Please let me come in to you";
for he did not know that she was his
daughter–in–law. So she said, "What will
you give me, that you may come in to
me?"
17 And he said, "I will send a young goat
from the flock." So she said, "Will you
give me a pledge till you send it?"
18 Then he said, "What pledge shall I
give you?" So she said, "Your signet and
cord, and your staff that is in your hand."

Then he gave them to her, and went in
to her, and she conceived by him.
19 So she arose and went away, and laid
aside her veil and put on the garments
of her widowhood.
20 And Judah sent the young goat by
the hand of his friend the Adullamite,
to receive his pledge from the woman’s
hand, but he did not find her.
21 Then he asked the men of that place,
saying, "Where is the harlot who was
openly by the roadside?" And they said,
"There was no harlot in this place."
22 So he returned to Judah and said,
"I cannot find her. Also, the men of the
place said there was no harlot in this
place."
23 Then Judah said, "Let her take them
for herself, lest we be shamed; for I sent
this young goat and you have not found
her."

24 And it came to pass, about three
months after, that Judah was told,
saying, "Tamar your daughter–in–law
has played the harlot; furthermore she
is with child by harlotry." So Judah said,
"Bring her out and let her be burned!"
25 When she was brought out, she sent
to her father–in–law, saying, "By the
man to whom these belong, I am with
child." And she said, "Please determine
whose these are ––the signet and cord,
and staff."
26 So Judah acknowledged them and
said, "She has been more righteous than
I, because I did not give her to Shelah my
son." And he never knew her again.
27 Now it came to pass, at the time for
giving birth, that behold, twins were in
her womb.
28 And so it was, when she was giving
birth, that the one put out his hand; and
the midwife took a scarlet thread and

bound it on his hand, saying, "This one
came out first."
29 Then it happened, as he drew back
his hand, that his brother came out
unexpectedly; and she said, "How did
you break through? This breach be upon
you!" Therefore his name was called
Perez.
30 Afterward his brother came out who
had the scarlet thread on his hand. And
his name was called Zerah.

39 1 Now Joseph had been taken
down to Egypt. And Potiphar,
an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the
guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the
Ishmaelites who had taken him down
there.
2 The LORD was with Joseph, and he
was a successful man; and he was in the
house of his master the Egyptian.

3 And his master saw that the LORD was
with him and that the LORD made all he
did to prosper in his hand.
4 So Joseph found favor in his sight, and
served him. Then he made him overseer
of his house, and all that he had he put
under his authority.
5 So it was, from the time that he had
made him overseer of his house and all
that he had, that the LORD blessed the
Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and
the blessing of the LORD was on all that
he had in the house and in the field.
6 Thus he left all that he had in Joseph's
hand, and he did not know what he
had except for the bread which he ate.
Now Joseph was handsome in form and
appearance.
7 And it came to pass after these things
that his master's wife cast longing eyes
on Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me."

8 But he refused and said to his master’s
wife, "Look, my master does not know
what is with me in the house, and he has
committed all that he has to my hand.
9 "There is no one greater in this house
than I, nor has he kept back anything
from me but you, because you are
his wife. How then can I do this great
wickedness, and sin against God?"
10 So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day
by day, that he did not heed her, to lie
with her or to be with her.
11 But it happened about this time,
when Joseph went into the house to do
his work, and none of the men of the
house was inside,
12 that she caught him by his garment,
saying, "Lie with me." But he left his
garment in her hand, and fled and ran
outside.

13 And so it was, when she saw that he
had left his garment in her hand and fled
outside,
14 that she called to the men of her
house and spoke to them, saying, "See,
he has brought in to us a Hebrew to
mock us. He came in to me to lie with
me, and I cried out with a loud voice.
15 "And it happened, when he heard
that I lifted my voice and cried out, that
he left his garment with me, and fled
and went outside."
16 So she kept his garment with her
until his master came home.
17 Then she spoke to him with words
like these, saying, "The Hebrew servant
whom you brought to us came in to me
to mock me;
18 "so it happened, as I lifted my voice
and cried out, that he left his garment
with me and fled outside."

19 So it was, when his master heard
the words which his wife spoke to him,
saying, "Your servant did to me after this
manner," that his anger was aroused.
20 Then Joseph's master took him and
put him into the prison, a place where
the king's prisoners were confined. And
he was there in the prison.
21 But the LORD was with Joseph and
showed him mercy, and He gave him
favor in the sight of the keeper of the
prison.
22 And the keeper of the prison
committed to Joseph's hand all the
prisoners who were in the prison;
whatever they did there, it was his
doing.
23 The keeper of the prison did not look
into anything that was under Joseph's
authority, because the LORD was with
him; and whatever he did, the LORD
made it prosper.

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[1] It came to pass after these
things that the butler and the
baker of the king of Egypt offended their
lord, the king of Egypt.
[2] And Pharaoh was angry with his two
officers, the chief butler and the chief
baker.
[3] So he put them in custody in the
house of the captain of the guard, in
the prison, the place where Joseph was
confined.
[4] And the captain of the guard charged
Joseph with them, and he served them;
so they were in custody for a while.
[5] Then the butler and the baker of the
king of Egypt, who were confined in
the prison, had a dream, both of them,
each man's dream in one night and each
man's dream with its own interpretation.
[6] And Joseph came in to them in the
morning and looked at them, and saw
that they were sad.

7 So he asked Pharaoh’s officers who
were with him in the custody of his lord’s
house, saying, "Why do you look so sad
today?"
8 And they said to him, "We each have
had a dream, and there is no interpreter
of it." So Joseph said to them, "Do not
interpretations belong to God? Tell them
to me, please."
9 Then the chief butler told his dream
to Joseph, and said to him, "Behold, in
my dream a vine was before me,
10 "and in the vine were three branches;
it was as though it budded, its blossoms
shot forth, and its clusters brought forth
ripe grapes.
11 "Then Pharaoh’s cup was in my hand;
and I took the grapes and pressed them
into Pharaoh’s cup, and placed the cup
in Pharaoh’s hand."

12 And Joseph said to him, "This is the
interpretation of it: The three branches
are three days.
13 "Now within three days Pharaoh will
lift up your head and restore you to
your place, and you will put Pharaoh's
cup in his hand according to the former
manner, when you were his butler.
14 "But remember me when it is well
with you, and please show kindness to
me; make mention of me to Pharaoh,
and get me out of this house.
15 "For indeed I was stolen away from
the land of the Hebrews; and also I have
done nothing here that they should put
me into the dungeon."
16 When the chief baker saw that the
interpretation was good, he said to
Joseph, "I also was in my dream, and
there were three white baskets on my
head.

17 "In the uppermost basket were all
kinds of baked goods for Pharaoh, and
the birds ate them out of the basket on
my head."
18 So Joseph answered and said, "This
is the interpretation of it: The three
baskets are three days.
19 "Within three days Pharaoh will lift
off your head from you and hang you on
a tree; and the birds will eat your flesh
from you."
20 Now it came to pass on the third day,
which was Pharaoh's birthday, that he
made a feast for all his servants; and he
lifted up the head of the chief butler and
of the chief baker among his servants.
21 Then he restored the chief butler to
his butlership again, and he placed the
cup in Pharaoh's hand.
22 But he hanged the chief baker, as
Joseph had interpreted to them.

23 Yet the chief butler did not remember
Joseph, but forgot him.

41 1 Then it came to pass, at the end
of two full years, that Pharaoh
had a dream; and behold, he stood by
the river.
2 Suddenly there came up out of the
river seven cows, fine looking and fat;
and they fed in the meadow.
3 Then behold, seven other cows came
up after them out of the river, ugly and
gaunt, and stood by the other cows on
the bank of the river.
4 And the ugly and gaunt cows ate up
the seven fine looking and fat cows. So
Pharaoh awoke.
5 He slept and dreamed a second time;
and suddenly seven heads of grain came
up on one stalk, plump and good.
6 Then behold, seven thin heads,
blighted by the east wind, sprang up
after them.

7 And the seven thin heads devoured
the seven plump and full heads. So
Pharaoh awoke, and indeed, it was a
dream.
8 Now it came to pass in the morning
that his spirit was troubled, and he sent
and called for all the magicians of Egypt
and all its wise men. And Pharaoh told
them his dreams, but there was no one
who could interpret them for Pharaoh.
9 Then the chief butler spoke to
Pharaoh, saying: "I remember my faults
this day.
10 "When Pharaoh was angry with his
servants, and put me in custody in the
house of the captain of the guard, both
me and the chief baker,
11 "we each had a dream in one night,
he and I. Each of us dreamed according
to the interpretation of his own dream.
12 "Now there was a young Hebrew
man with us there, a servant of the

captain of the guard. And we told him,
and he interpreted our dreams for us;
to each man he interpreted according to
his own dream.
13 "And it came to pass, just as he
interpreted for us, so it happened. He
restored me to my office, and he hanged
him."
14 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph,
and they brought him quickly out of the
dungeon; and he shaved, changed his
clothing, and came to Pharaoh.
15 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have
had a dream, and there is no one who
can interpret it. But I have heard it said
of you that you can understand a dream,
to interpret it."
16 So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying,
"It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an
answer of peace."

17 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph:
"Behold, in my dream I stood on the
bank of the river.
18 "Suddenly seven cows came up out
of the river, fine looking and fat; and
they fed in the meadow.
19 "Then behold, seven other cows
came up after them, poor and very ugly
and gaunt, such ugliness as I have never
seen in all the land of Egypt.
20 "And the gaunt and ugly cows ate up
the first seven, the fat cows.
21 "When they had eaten them up, no
one would have known that they had
eaten them, for they were just as ugly as
at the beginning. So I awoke.
22 "Also I saw in my dream, and
suddenly seven heads came up on one
stalk, full and good.
23 "Then behold, seven heads,
withered, thin, and blighted by the east
wind, sprang up after them.

24 "And the thin heads devoured the
seven good heads. So I told this to the
magicians, but there was no one who
could explain it to me."
25 Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "The
dreams of Pharaoh are one; God has
shown Pharaoh what He is about to do:
26 "The seven good cows are seven
years, and the seven good heads are
seven years; the dreams are one.
27 "And the seven thin and ugly cows
which came up after them are seven
years, and the seven empty heads
blighted by the east wind are seven
years of famine.
28 "This is the thing which I have spoken
to Pharaoh. God has shown Pharaoh
what He is about to do.
29 "Indeed seven years of great plenty
will come throughout all the land of
Egypt;

30 "but after them seven years of
famine will arise, and all the plenty will
be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and
the famine will deplete the land.
31 "So the plenty will not be known
in the land because of the famine
following, for it will be very severe.
32 "And the dream was repeated to
Pharaoh twice because the thing is
established by God, and God will shortly
bring it to pass.
33 "Now therefore, let Pharaoh select
a discerning and wise man, and set him
over the land of Egypt.
34 "Let Pharaoh do this, and let him
appoint officers over the land, to collect
one–fifth of the produce of the land of
Egypt in the seven plentiful years.
35 "And let them gather all the food of
those good years that are coming, and
store up grain under the authority of

Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the
cities.
36 "Then that food shall be as a reserve
for the land for the seven years of famine
which shall be in the land of Egypt,
that the land may not perish during the
famine."
37 So the advice was good in the eyes
of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his
servants.
38 And Pharaoh said to his servants,
"Can we find such a one as this, a man in
whom is the Spirit of God?"
39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph,
"Inasmuch as God has shown you all
this, there is no one as discerning and
wise as you.
40 "You shall be over my house, and all
my people shall be ruled according to
your word; only in regard to the throne
will I be greater than you."

41 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I
have set you over all the land of Egypt."
42 Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off
his hand and put it on Joseph’s hand;
and he clothed him in garments of fine
linen and put a gold chain around his
neck.
43 And he had him ride in the second
chariot which he had; and they cried out
before him, "Bow the knee!" So he set
him over all the land of Egypt.
44 Pharaoh also said to Joseph, "I am
Pharaoh, and without your consent no
man may lift his hand or foot in all the
land of Egypt."
45 And Pharaoh called Joseph’s name
Zaphnath–Paaneah. And he gave him
as a wife Asenath, the daughter of
Poti–Pherah priest of On. So Joseph
went out over all the land of Egypt.
46 Joseph was thirty years old when he
stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And

Joseph went out from the presence of
Pharaoh, and went throughout all the
land of Egypt.
47 Now in the seven plentiful years the
ground brought forth abundantly.
48 So he gathered up all the food of the
seven years which were in the land of
Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities;
he laid up in every city the food of the
fields which surrounded them.
49 Joseph gathered very much grain,
as the sand of the sea, until he stopped
counting, for it was immeasurable.
50 And to Joseph were born two sons
before the years of famine came, whom
Asenath, the daughter of Poti–Pherah
priest of On, bore to him.
51 Joseph called the name of the
firstborn Manasseh: "For God has made
me forget all my toil and all my father’s
house."

52 And the name of the second he called
Ephraim: "For God has caused me to be
fruitful in the land of my affliction."
53 Then the seven years of plenty which
were in the land of Egypt ended,
54 and the seven years of famine began
to come, as Joseph had said. The famine
was in all lands, but in all the land of
Egypt there was bread.
55 So when all the land of Egypt was
famished, the people cried to Pharaoh
for bread. Then Pharaoh said to all the
Egyptians, "Go to Joseph; whatever he
says to you, do."
56 The famine was over all the face of
the earth, and Joseph opened all the
storehouses and sold to the Egyptians.
And the famine became severe in the
land of Egypt.
57 So all countries came to Joseph in
Egypt to buy grain, because the famine
was severe in all lands.

42 1 When Jacob saw that there was
grain in Egypt, Jacob said to his
sons, "Why do you look at one another?"
2 And he said, "Indeed I have heard that
there is grain in Egypt; go down to that
place and buy for us there, that we may
live and not die."
3 So Joseph's ten brothers went down
to buy grain in Egypt.
4 But Jacob did not send Joseph's
brother Benjamin with his brothers, for
he said, "Lest some calamity befall him."
5 And the sons of Israel went to buy
grain among those who journeyed, for
the famine was in the land of Canaan.
6 Now Joseph was governor over the
land; and it was he who sold to all
the people of the land. And Joseph's
brothers came and bowed down before
him with their faces to the earth.
7 Joseph saw his brothers and
recognized them, but he acted as a

stranger to them and spoke roughly to them. Then he said to them, "Where do you come from?" And they said, "From the land of Canaan to buy food."
8 So Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him.
9 Then Joseph remembered the dreams which he had dreamed about them, and said to them, "You are spies! You have come to see the nakedness of the land!"
10 And they said to him, "No, my lord, but your servants have come to buy food.
11 "We are all one man’s sons; we are honest men; your servants are not spies."
12 But he said to them, "No, but you have come to see the nakedness of the land."
13 And they said, "Your servants are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and in fact, the

youngest is with our father today, and
one is no more."
14 But Joseph said to them, "It is as I
spoke to you, saying, ‘You are spies!’
15 "In this manner you shall be tested:
By the life of Pharaoh, you shall not leave
this place unless your youngest brother
comes here.
16 "Send one of you, and let him bring
your brother; and you shall be kept in
prison, that your words may be tested to
see whether there is any truth in you; or
else, by the life of Pharaoh, surely you
are spies!"
17 So he put them all together in prison
three days.
18 Then Joseph said to them the third
day, "Do this and live, for I fear God:
19 "If you are honest men, let one of
your brothers be confined to your prison
house; but you, go and carry grain for
the famine of your houses.

20 "And bring your youngest brother to
me; so your words will be verified, and
you shall not die." And they did so.
21 Then they said to one another, "We
are truly guilty concerning our brother,
for we saw the anguish of his soul when
he pleaded with us, and we would not
hear; therefore this distress has come
upon us."
22 And Reuben answered them, saying,
"Did I not speak to you, saying, ‘Do not
sin against the boy’; and you would not
listen? Therefore behold, his blood is
now required of us."
23 But they did not know that Joseph
understood them, for he spoke to them
through an interpreter.
24 And he turned himself away from
them and wept. Then he returned to
them again, and talked with them. And
he took Simeon from them and bound
him before their eyes.

25 Then Joseph gave a command to fill
their sacks with grain, to restore every
man’s money to his sack, and to give
them provisions for the journey. Thus he
did for them.
26 So they loaded their donkeys with
the grain and departed from there.
27 But as one of them opened his
sack to give his donkey feed at the
encampment, he saw his money; and
there it was, in the mouth of his sack.
28 So he said to his brothers, "My
money has been restored, and there it
is, in my sack!" Then their hearts failed
them and they were afraid, saying to one
another, "What is this that God has done
to us?"
29 Then they went to Jacob their father
in the land of Canaan and told him all
that had happened to them, saying:

30 "The man who is lord of the land
spoke roughly to us, and took us for
spies of the country.
31 "But we said to him, ‘We are honest
men; we are not spies.
32 ‘We are twelve brothers, sons of our
father; one is no more, and the youngest
is with our father this day in the land of
Canaan.’
33 "Then the man, the lord of the
country, said to us, ‘By this I will know
that you are honest men: Leave one of
your brothers here with me, take food
for the famine of your households, and
be gone.
34 ‘And bring your youngest brother
to me; so I shall know that you are not
spies, but that you are honest men. I will
grant your brother to you, and you may
trade in the land.’"
35 Then it happened as they emptied
their sacks, that surprisingly each man’s

bundle of money was in his sack; and
when they and their father saw the
bundles of money, they were afraid.
36 And Jacob their father said to them,
"You have bereaved me: Joseph is no
more, Simeon is no more, and you want
to take Benjamin. All these things are
against me."
37 Then Reuben spoke to his father,
saying, "Kill my two sons if I do not bring
him back to you; put him in my hands,
and I will bring him back to you."
38 But he said, "My son shall not go
down with you, for his brother is dead,
and he is left alone. If any calamity
should befall him along the way in which
you go, then you would bring down my
gray hair with sorrow to the grave."

43 1 Now the famine was severe in
the land.
2 And it came to pass, when they had
eaten up the grain which they had

brought from Egypt, that their father
said to them, "Go back, buy us a little
food."
3 But Judah spoke to him, saying, "The
man solemnly warned us, saying, ‘You
shall not see my face unless your brother
is with you.’"
4 "If you send our brother with us, we
will go down and buy you food.
5 "But if you will not send him, we will
not go down; for the man said to us,
‘You shall not see my face unless your
brother is with you.’"
6 And Israel said, "Why did you deal so
wrongfully with me as to tell the man
whether you had still another brother?"
7 But they said, "The man asked us
pointedly about ourselves and our
family, saying, ‘Is your father still alive?
Have you another brother?’ And we told
him according to these words. Could we

possibly have known that he would say,
‘Bring your brother down’?"
8 Then Judah said to Israel his father,
"Send the lad with me, and we will arise
and go, that we may live and not die,
both we and you and also our little ones.
9 "I myself will be surety for him; from
my hand you shall require him. If I do not
bring him back to you and set him before
you, then let me bear the blame forever.
10 "For if we had not lingered, surely
by now we would have returned this
second time."
11 And their father Israel said to them,
"If it must be so, then do this: Take some
of the best fruits of the land in your
vessels and carry down a present for the
man—a little balm and a little honey,
spices and myrrh, pistachio nuts and
almonds.
12 "Take double money in your hand,
and take back in your hand the money

that was returned in the mouth of your
sacks; perhaps it was an oversight.
13 "Take your brother also, and arise, go
back to the man.
14 "And may God Almighty give
you mercy before the man, that he
may release your other brother and
Benjamin. If I am bereaved, I am
bereaved!"
15 So the men took that present and
Benjamin, and they took double money
in their hand, and arose and went down
to Egypt; and they stood before Joseph.
16 When Joseph saw Benjamin with
them, he said to the steward of his
house, "Take these men to my home,
and slaughter an animal and make
ready; for these men will dine with me
at noon."
17 Then the man did as Joseph ordered,
and the man brought the men into
Joseph's house.

18 Now the men were afraid because
they were brought into Joseph’s house;
and they said, "It is because of the
money, which was returned in our sacks
the first time, that we are brought in, so
that he may make a case against us and
fall upon us, to take us as slaves with our
donkeys."
19 When they drew near to the steward
of Joseph’s house, they talked with him
at the door of the house,
20 and said, "O sir, we indeed came
down the first time to buy food;
21 "but it happened, when we came to
the encampment, that we opened our
sacks, and there, each man’s money was
in the mouth of his sack, our money in
full weight; so we have brought it back
in our hand.
22 "And we have brought down other
money in our hands to buy food. We

do not know who put our money in our
sacks."
23 But he said, "Peace be with you, do
not be afraid. Your God and the God of
your father has given you treasure in
your sacks; I had your money." Then he
brought Simeon out to them.
24 So the man brought the men into
Joseph’s house and gave them water,
and they washed their feet; and he gave
their donkeys feed.
25 Then they made the present ready
for Joseph’s coming at noon, for they
heard that they would eat bread there.
26 And when Joseph came home, they
brought him the present which was in
their hand into the house, and bowed
down before him to the earth.
27 Then he asked them about their
well–being, and said, "Is your father
well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is
he still alive?"

28 And they answered, "Your servant
our father is in good health; he is still
alive." And they bowed their heads
down and prostrated themselves.
29 Then he lifted his eyes and saw his
brother Benjamin, his mother’s son, and
said, "Is this your younger brother of
whom you spoke to me?" And he said,
"God be gracious to you, my son."
30 Now his heart yearned for his
brother; so Joseph made haste and
sought somewhere to weep. And he
went into his chamber and wept there.
31 Then he washed his face and came
out; and he restrained himself, and said,
"Serve the bread."
32 So they set him a place by himself,
and them by themselves, and the
Egyptians who ate with him by
themselves; because the Egyptians could
not eat food with the Hebrews, for that
is an abomination to the Egyptians.

33 And they sat before him, the
firstborn according to his birthright and
the youngest according to his youth; and
the men looked in astonishment at one
another.
34 Then he took servings to them from
before him, but Benjamin's serving was
five times as much as any of theirs. So
they drank and were merry with him.

44 1 And he commanded the steward
of his house, saying, "Fill the
men's sacks with food, as much as they
can carry, and put each man's money in
the mouth of his sack.
2 "Also put my cup, the silver cup, in the
mouth of the sack of the youngest, and
his grain money." So he did according to
the word that Joseph had spoken.
3 As soon as the morning dawned, the
men were sent away, they and their
donkeys.

4 When they had gone out of the city,
and were not yet far off, Joseph said to
his steward, "Get up, follow the men;
and when you overtake them, say to
them, ‘Why have you repaid evil for
good?
5 ‘Is not this the one from which my
lord drinks, and with which he indeed
practices divination? You have done evil
in so doing.’"
6 So he overtook them, and he spoke to
them these same words.
7 And they said to him, "Why does my
lord say these words? Far be it from
us that your servants should do such a
thing.
8 "Look, we brought back to you from
the land of Canaan the money which we
found in the mouth of our sacks. How
then could we steal silver or gold from
your lord’s house?

9 "With whomever of your servants it is
found, let him die, and we also will be
my lord's slaves."
10 And he said, "Now also let it be
according to your words; he with whom
it is found shall be my slave, and you
shall be blameless."
11 Then each man speedily let down his
sack to the ground, and each opened his
sack.
12 So he searched. He began with the
oldest and left off with the youngest;
and the cup was found in Benjamin's
sack.
13 Then they tore their clothes, and
each man loaded his donkey and
returned to the city.
14 So Judah and his brothers came to
Joseph's house, and he was still there;
and they fell before him on the ground.
15 And Joseph said to them, "What
deed is this you have done? Did you not

know that such a man as I can certainly
practice divination?"
16 Then Judah said, "What shall we say
to my lord? What shall we speak? Or
how shall we clear ourselves? God has
found out the iniquity of your servants;
here we are, my lord’s slaves, both we
and he also with whom the cup was
found."
17 But he said, "Far be it from me that
I should do so; the man in whose hand
the cup was found, he shall be my slave.
And as for you, go up in peace to your
father."
18 Then Judah came near to him and
said: "O my lord, please let your servant
speak a word in my lord’s hearing, and
do not let your anger burn against your
servant; for you are even like Pharaoh.
19 "My lord asked his servants, saying,
‘Have you a father or a brother?’

20 "And we said to my lord, ‘We have
a father, an old man, and a child of his
old age, who is young; his brother is
dead, and he alone is left of his mother’s
children, and his father loves him.’
21 "Then you said to your servants,
‘Bring him down to me, that I may set
my eyes on him.’
22 "And we said to my lord, ‘The lad
cannot leave his father, for if he should
leave his father, his father would die.’
23 "But you said to your servants,
‘Unless your youngest brother comes
down with you, you shall see my face no
more.’
24 "So it was, when we went up to your
servant my father, that we told him the
words of my lord.
25 "And our father said, ‘Go back and
buy us a little food.’
26 "But we said, ‘We cannot go down;
if our youngest brother is with us, then

we will go down; for we may not see the
man’s face unless our youngest brother
is with us.’
27 "Then your servant my father said to
us, ‘You know that my wife bore me two
sons;
28 ‘and the one went out from me, and
I said, "Surely he is torn to pieces"; and I
have not seen him since.
29 ‘But if you take this one also from
me, and calamity befalls him, you shall
bring down my gray hair with sorrow to
the grave.’
30 "Now therefore, when I come to your
servant my father, and the lad is not with
us, since his life is bound up in the lad’s
life,
31 "it will happen, when he sees that
the lad is not with us, that he will die.
So your servants will bring down the
gray hair of your servant our father with
sorrow to the grave.

32 "For your servant became surety for
the lad to my father, saying, 'If I do not
bring him back to you, then I shall bear
the blame before my father forever.'
33 "Now therefore, please let your
servant remain instead of the lad as a
slave to my lord, and let the lad go up
with his brothers.
34 "For how shall I go up to my father
if the lad is not with me, lest perhaps I
see the evil that would come upon my
father?"
45 1 Then Joseph could not restrain
himself before all those who
stood by him, and he cried out, "Make
everyone go out from me!" So no one
stood with him while Joseph made
himself known to his brothers.
2 And he wept aloud, and the Egyptians
and the house of Pharaoh heard it.
3 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I
am Joseph; does my father still live?" But

his brothers could not answer him, for
they were dismayed in his presence.
4 And Joseph said to his brothers,
"Please come near to me." So they came
near. Then he said: "I am Joseph your
brother, whom you sold into Egypt.
5 "But now, do not therefore be grieved
or angry with yourselves because you
sold me here; for God sent me before
you to preserve life.
6 "For these two years the famine has
been in the land, and there are still five
years in which there will be neither
plowing nor harvesting.
7 "And God sent me before you to
preserve a posterity for you in the
earth, and to save your lives by a great
deliverance.
8 "So now it was not you who sent me
here, but God; and He has made me
a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his

house, and a ruler throughout all the
land of Egypt.
9 "Hurry and go up to my father, and say
to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph: "God
has made me lord of all Egypt; come
down to me, do not tarry.
10 "You shall dwell in the land of
Goshen, and you shall be near to me,
you and your children, your children’s
children, your flocks and your herds, and
all that you have.
11 "There I will provide for you, lest you
and your household, and all that you
have, come to poverty; for there are still
five years of famine."’
12 "And behold, your eyes and the eyes
of my brother Benjamin see that it is my
mouth that speaks to you.
13 "So you shall tell my father of all my
glory in Egypt, and of all that you have
seen; and you shall hurry and bring my
father down here."

14 Then he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck.
15 Moreover he kissed all his brothers and wept over them, and after that his brothers talked with him.
16 Now the report of it was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, "Joseph's brothers have come." So it pleased Pharaoh and his servants well.
17 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, 'Do this: Load your animals and depart; go to the land of Canaan.
18 'Bring your father and your households and come to me; I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you will eat the fat of the land.
19 'Now you are commanded—do this: Take carts out of the land of Egypt for your little ones and your wives; bring your father and come.

20 'Also do not be concerned about
your goods, for the best of all the land of
Egypt is yours.'"
21 Then the sons of Israel did so; and
Joseph gave them carts, according to the
command of Pharaoh, and he gave them
provisions for the journey.
22 He gave to all of them, to each man,
changes of garments; but to Benjamin
he gave three hundred pieces of silver
and five changes of garments.
23 And he sent to his father these
things: ten donkeys loaded with the
good things of Egypt, and ten female
donkeys loaded with grain, bread, and
food for his father for the journey.
24 So he sent his brothers away, and
they departed; and he said to them, "See
that you do not become troubled along
the way."

25 Then they went up out of Egypt, and
came to the land of Canaan to Jacob
their father.
26 And they told him, saying, "Joseph is
still alive, and he is governor over all the
land of Egypt." And Jacob's heart stood
still, because he did not believe them.
27 But when they told him all the words
which Joseph had said to them, and
when he saw the carts which Joseph
had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob
their father revived.
28 Then Israel said, "It is enough. Joseph
my son is still alive. I will go and see him
before I die."
46 1 So Israel took his journey with
all that he had, and came to
Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the
God of his father Isaac.
2 Then God spoke to Israel in the visions
of the night, and said, "Jacob, Jacob!"
And he said, "Here I am."

3 So He said, "I am God, the God of your
father; do not fear to go down to Egypt,
for I will make of you a great nation
there.
4 "I will go down with you to Egypt, and
I will also surely bring you up again; and
Joseph will put his hand on your eyes."
5 Then Jacob arose from Beersheba;
and the sons of Israel carried their father
Jacob, their little ones, and their wives,
in the carts which Pharaoh had sent to
carry him.
6 So they took their livestock and their
goods, which they had acquired in the
land of Canaan, and went to Egypt, Jacob
and all his descendants with him.
7 His sons and his sons' sons, his
daughters and his sons' daughters, and
all his descendants he brought with him
to Egypt.
8 Now these were the names of the
children of Israel, Jacob and his sons,

who went to Egypt: Reuben was Jacob's
firstborn.
9 The sons of Reuben were Hanoch,
Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.
10 The sons of Simeon were Jemuel,
Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Shaul,
the son of a Canaanite woman.
11 The sons of Levi were Gershon,
Kohath, and Merari.
12 The sons of Judah were Er, Onan,
Shelah, Perez, and Zerah (but Er and
Onan died in the land of Canaan). The
sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul.
13 The sons of Issachar were Tola,
Puvah, Job, and Shimron.
14 The sons of Zebulun were Sered,
Elon, and Jahleel.
15 These were the sons of Leah, whom
she bore to Jacob in Padan Aram, with his
daughter Dinah. All the persons, his sons
and his daughters, were thirty–three.

16 The sons of Gad were Ziphion, Haggi,
Shuni, Ezbon, Eri, Arodi, and Areli.
17 The sons of Asher were Jimnah,
Ishuah, Isui, Beriah, and Serah, their
sister. And the sons of Beriah were Heber
and Malchiel.
18 These were the sons of Zilpah, whom
Laban gave to Leah his daughter; and
these she bore to Jacob: sixteen persons.
19 The sons of Rachel, Jacob's wife,
were Joseph and Benjamin.
20 And to Joseph in the land of Egypt
were born Manasseh and Ephraim,
whom Asenath, the daughter of
Poti–Pherah priest of On, bore to him.
21 The sons of Benjamin were Belah,
Becher, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi,
Rosh, Muppim, Huppim, and Ard.
22 These were the sons of Rachel, who
were born to Jacob: fourteen persons in
all.
23 The son of Dan was Hushim.

24 The sons of Naphtali were Jahzeel,
Guni, Jezer, and Shillem.
25 These were the sons of Bilhah, whom
Laban gave to Rachel his daughter, and
she bore these to Jacob: seven persons
in all.
26 All the persons who went with
Jacob to Egypt, who came from his
body, besides Jacob's sons' wives, were
sixty–six persons in all.
27 And the sons of Joseph who were
born to him in Egypt were two persons.
All the persons of the house of Jacob
who went to Egypt were seventy.
28 Then he sent Judah before him to
Joseph, to point out before him the way
to Goshen. And they came to the land of
Goshen.
29 So Joseph made ready his chariot and
went up to Goshen to meet his father
Israel; and he presented himself to him,

and fell on his neck and wept on his neck
a good while.
30 And Israel said to Joseph, "Now let
me die, since I have seen your face,
because you are still alive."
31 Then Joseph said to his brothers and
to his father's household, "I will go up
and tell Pharaoh, and say to him, 'My
brothers and those of my father's house,
who were in the land of Canaan, have
come to me.
32 'And the men are shepherds, for their
occupation has been to feed livestock;
and they have brought their flocks, their
herds, and all that they have.'
33 "So it shall be, when Pharaoh calls
you and says, 'What is your occupation?'
34 "that you shall say, 'Your servants'
occupation has been with livestock from
our youth even till now, both we and
also our fathers,' that you may dwell in

the land of Goshen; for every shepherd
is an abomination to the Egyptians."

47 1 Then Joseph went and told
Pharaoh, and said, "My father
and my brothers, their flocks and their
herds and all that they possess, have
come from the land of Canaan; and
indeed they are in the land of Goshen."
2 And he took five men from among
his brothers and presented them to
Pharaoh.
3 Then Pharaoh said to his brothers,
"What is your occupation?" And they
said to Pharaoh, "Your servants are
shepherds, both we and also our
fathers."
4 And they said to Pharaoh, "We have
come to dwell in the land, because your
servants have no pasture for their flocks,
for the famine is severe in the land of
Canaan. Now therefore, please let your
servants dwell in the land of Goshen."

5 Then Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying,
"Your father and your brothers have
come to you.
6 "The land of Egypt is before you.
Have your father and brothers dwell in
the best of the land; let them dwell in
the land of Goshen. And if you know
any competent men among them, then
make them chief herdsmen over my
livestock."
7 Then Joseph brought in his father
Jacob and set him before Pharaoh; and
Jacob blessed Pharaoh.
8 Pharaoh said to Jacob, "How old are
you?"
9 And Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The days
of the years of my pilgrimage are one
hundred and thirty years; few and evil
have been the days of the years of my
life, and they have not attained to the
days of the years of the life of my fathers
in the days of their pilgrimage."

10 So Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went
out from before Pharaoh.
11 And Joseph situated his father and
his brothers, and gave them a possession
in the land of Egypt, in the best of the
land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh
had commanded.
12 Then Joseph provided his father, his
brothers, and all his father’s household
with bread, according to the number in
their families.
13 Now there was no bread in all the
land; for the famine was very severe,
so that the land of Egypt and the land
of Canaan languished because of the
famine.
14 And Joseph gathered up all the
money that was found in the land of
Egypt and in the land of Canaan, for the
grain which they bought; and Joseph
brought the money into Pharaoh’s
house.

15 So when the money failed in the land
of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, all
the Egyptians came to Joseph and said,
"Give us bread, for why should we die
in your presence? For the money has
failed."
16 Then Joseph said, "Give your
livestock, and I will give you bread for
your livestock, if the money is gone."
17 So they brought their livestock to
Joseph, and Joseph gave them bread in
exchange for the horses, the flocks, the
cattle of the herds, and for the donkeys.
Thus he fed them with bread in exchange
for all their livestock that year.
18 When that year had ended, they
came to him the next year and said to
him, "We will not hide from my lord that
our money is gone; my lord also has our
herds of livestock. There is nothing left
in the sight of my lord but our bodies
and our lands.

19 "Why should we die before your
eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and
our land for bread, and we and our land
will be servants of Pharaoh; give us seed,
that we may live and not die, that the
land may not be desolate."
20 Then Joseph bought all the land of
Egypt for Pharaoh; for every man of the
Egyptians sold his field, because the
famine was severe upon them. So the
land became Pharaoh's.
21 And as for the people, he moved
them into the cities, from one end of the
borders of Egypt to the other end.
22 Only the land of the priests he did
not buy; for the priests had rations
allotted to them by Pharaoh, and they
ate their rations which Pharaoh gave
them; therefore they did not sell their
lands.
23 Then Joseph said to the people,
"Indeed I have bought you and your land

this day for Pharaoh. Look, here is seed
for you, and you shall sow the land.
24 "And it shall come to pass in the
harvest that you shall give one–fifth to
Pharaoh. Four–fifths shall be your own,
as seed for the field and for your food,
for those of your households and as food
for your little ones."
25 So they said, "You have saved our
lives; let us find favor in the sight of my
lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants."
26 And Joseph made it a law over the
land of Egypt to this day, that Pharaoh
should have one–fifth, except for the
land of the priests only, which did not
become Pharaoh's.
27 So Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt,
in the country of Goshen; and they
had possessions there and grew and
multiplied exceedingly.
28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt
seventeen years. So the length of Jacob's

life was one hundred and forty–seven
years.
29 When the time drew near that Israel
must die, he called his son Joseph and
said to him, "Now if I have found favor in
your sight, please put your hand under
my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with
me. Please do not bury me in Egypt,
30 "but let me lie with my fathers; you
shall carry me out of Egypt and bury me
in their burial place." And he said, "I will
do as you have said."
31 Then he said, "Swear to me." And he
swore to him. So Israel bowed himself
on the head of the bed.

48 1 Now it came to pass after these
things that Joseph was told,
"Indeed your father is sick"; and he took
with him his two sons, Manasseh and
Ephraim.
2 And Jacob was told, "Look, your son
Joseph is coming to you"; and Israel

strengthened himself and sat up on the
bed.
3 Then Jacob said to Joseph: "God
Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the
land of Canaan and blessed me,
4 "and said to me, ‘Behold, I will make
you fruitful and multiply you, and I will
make of you a multitude of people, and
give this land to your descendants after
you as an everlasting possession.’
5 "And now your two sons, Ephraim and
Manasseh, who were born to you in the
land of Egypt before I came to you in
Egypt, are mine; as Reuben and Simeon,
they shall be mine.
6 "Your offspring whom you beget after
them shall be yours; they will be called
by the name of their brothers in their
inheritance.
7 "But as for me, when I came from
Padan, Rachel died beside me in the land
of Canaan on the way, when there was

but a little distance to go to Ephrath; and
I buried her there on the way to Ephrath
(that is, Bethlehem)."
8 Then Israel saw Joseph’s sons, and
said, "Who are these?"
9 And Joseph said to his father, "They
are my sons, whom God has given me in
this place." And he said, "Please bring
them to me, and I will bless them."
10 Now the eyes of Israel were dim
with age, so that he could not see. Then
Joseph brought them near him, and he
kissed them and embraced them.
11 And Israel said to Joseph, "I had not
thought to see your face; but in fact, God
has also shown me your offspring!"
12 So Joseph brought them from beside
his knees, and he bowed down with his
face to the earth.
13 And Joseph took them both, Ephraim
with his right hand toward Israel’s left
hand, and Manasseh with his left hand

toward Israel's right hand, and brought
them near him.
14 Then Israel stretched out his right
hand and laid it on Ephraim's head,
who was the younger, and his left
hand on Manasseh's head, guiding his
hands knowingly, for Manasseh was the
firstborn.
15 And he blessed Joseph, and said:
"God, before whom my fathers Abraham
and Isaac walked, The God who has fed
me all my life long to this day,
16 The Angel who has redeemed me
from all evil, Bless the lads; Let my name
be named upon them, And the name of
my fathers Abraham and Isaac; And let
them grow into a multitude in the midst
of the earth."
17 Now when Joseph saw that his
father laid his right hand on the head
of Ephraim, it displeased him; so he
took hold of his father's hand to remove

it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's
head.
18 And Joseph said to his father, "Not so,
my father, for this one is the firstborn;
put your right hand on his head."
19 But his father refused and said, "I
know, my son, I know. He also shall
become a people, and he also shall be
great; but truly his younger brother shall
be greater than he, and his descendants
shall become a multitude of nations."
20 So he blessed them that day, saying,
"By you Israel will bless, saying, 'May
God make you as Ephraim and as
Manasseh!'" And thus he set Ephraim
before Manasseh.
21 Then Israel said to Joseph, "Behold,
I am dying, but God will be with you
and bring you back to the land of your
fathers.
22 "Moreover I have given to you one
portion above your brothers, which I

took from the hand of the Amorite with my sword and my bow."

49 1 And Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather together, that I may tell you what shall befall you in the last days:

2 "Gather together and hear, you sons of Jacob, And listen to Israel your father.

3 "Reuben, you are my firstborn, My might and the beginning of my strength, The excellency of dignity and the excellency of power.

4 Unstable as water, you shall not excel, Because you went up to your father's bed; Then you defiled it —He went up to my couch.

5 "Simeon and Levi are brothers; Instruments of cruelty are in their dwelling place.

6 Let not my soul enter their council; Let not my honor be united to their assembly; For in their anger they slew

a man, And in their self–will they
hamstrung an ox.
7 Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce;
And their wrath, for it is cruel! I will
divide them in Jacob And scatter them in
Israel.
8 "Judah, you are he whom your
brothers shall praise; Your hand shall
be on the neck of your enemies; Your
father's children shall bow down before
you.
9 Judah is a lion's whelp; From the prey,
my son, you have gone up. He bows
down, he lies down as a lion; And as a
lion, who shall rouse him?
10 The scepter shall not depart from
Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his
feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him
shall be the obedience of the people.
11 Binding his donkey to the vine, And
his donkey's colt to the choice vine, He

washed his garments in wine, And his
clothes in the blood of grapes.
12 His eyes are darker than wine, And
his teeth whiter than milk.
13 "Zebulun shall dwell by the haven of
the sea; He shall become a haven for
ships, And his border shall adjoin Sidon.
14 "Issachar is a strong donkey, Lying
down between two burdens;
15 He saw that rest was good, And that
the land was pleasant; He bowed his
shoulder to bear a burden, And became
a band of slaves.
16 "Dan shall judge his people As one of
the tribes of Israel.
17 Dan shall be a serpent by the way, A
viper by the path, That bites the horse’s
heels So that its rider shall fall backward.
18 I have waited for your salvation, O
LORD!
19 "Gad, a troop shall tramp upon him,
But he shall triumph at last.

20 "Bread from Asher shall be rich, And
he shall yield royal dainties.
21 "Naphtali is a deer let loose; He uses
beautiful words.
22 "Joseph is a fruitful bough, A fruitful
bough by a well; His branches run over
the wall.
23 The archers have bitterly grieved
him, Shot at him and hated him.
24 But his bow remained in strength,
And the arms of his hands were made
strong By the hands of the Mighty God
of Jacob (From there is the Shepherd,
the Stone of Israel),
25 By the God of your father who will
help you, And by the Almighty who
will bless you With blessings of heaven
above, Blessings of the deep that lies
beneath, Blessings of the breasts and of
the womb.
26 The blessings of your father Have
excelled the blessings of my ancestors,

Up to the utmost bound of the
everlasting hills. They shall be on the
head of Joseph, And on the crown of the
head of him who was separate from his
brothers.
27 "Benjamin is a ravenous wolf; In the
morning he shall devour the prey, And at
night he shall divide the spoil."
28 All these are the twelve tribes of
Israel, and this is what their father
spoke to them. And he blessed them; he
blessed each one according to his own
blessing.
29 Then he charged them and said
to them: "I am to be gathered to my
people; bury me with my fathers in the
cave that is in the field of Ephron the
Hittite,
30 "in the cave that is in the field of
Machpelah, which is before Mamre in
the land of Canaan, which Abraham

bought with the field of Ephron the
Hittite as a possession for a burial place.
31 "There they buried Abraham and
Sarah his wife, there they buried Isaac
and Rebekah his wife, and there I buried
Leah.
32 "The field and the cave that is there
were purchased from the sons of Heth."
33 And when Jacob had finished
commanding his sons, he drew his feet
up into the bed and breathed his last,
and was gathered to his people.

50 1 Then Joseph fell on his father's
face, and wept over him, and
kissed him.
2 And Joseph commanded his servants
the physicians to embalm his father. So
the physicians embalmed Israel.
3 Forty days were required for him, for
such are the days required for those
who are embalmed; and the Egyptians
mourned for him seventy days.

4 And when the days of his mourning
were past, Joseph spoke to the
household of Pharaoh, saying, "If now
I have found favor in your eyes, please
speak in the hearing of Pharaoh, saying,
5 ‘My father made me swear, saying,
"Behold, I am dying; in my grave which
I dug for myself in the land of Canaan,
there you shall bury me." Now therefore,
please let me go up and bury my father,
and I will come back.’"
6 And Pharaoh said, "Go up and bury
your father, as he made you swear."
7 So Joseph went up to bury his father;
and with him went up all the servants of
Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all
the elders of the land of Egypt,
8 as well as all the house of Joseph, his
brothers, and his father’s house. Only
their little ones, their flocks, and their
herds they left in the land of Goshen.

9 And there went up with him both
chariots and horsemen, and it was a very
great gathering.
10 Then they came to the threshing
floor of Atad, which is beyond the
Jordan, and they mourned there with a
great and very solemn lamentation. He
observed seven days of mourning for his
father.
11 And when the inhabitants of the
land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning
at the threshing floor of Atad, they
said, "This is a deep mourning of the
Egyptians." Therefore its name was
called Abel Mizraim, which is beyond the
Jordan.
12 So his sons did for him just as he had
commanded them.
13 For his sons carried him to the land
of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of
the field of Machpelah, before Mamre,
which Abraham bought with the field

from Ephron the Hittite as property for a
burial place.
14 And after he had buried his father,
Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his
brothers and all who went up with him
to bury his father.
15 When Joseph’s brothers saw that
their father was dead, they said,
"Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may
actually repay us for all the evil which we
did to him."
16 So they sent messengers to Joseph,
saying, "Before your father died he
commanded, saying,
17 ‘Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I
beg you, please forgive the trespass of
your brothers and their sin; for they did
evil to you."’ Now, please, forgive the
trespass of the servants of the God of
your father." And Joseph wept when
they spoke to him.

18 Then his brothers also went and fell
down before his face, and they said,
"Behold, we are your servants."
19 Joseph said to them, "Do not be
afraid, for am I in the place of God?
20 "But as for you, you meant evil
against me; but God meant it for good,
in order to bring it about as it is this day,
to save many people alive.
21 "Now therefore, do not be afraid; I
will provide for you and your little ones."
And he comforted them and spoke
kindly to them.
22 So Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he and his
father's household. And Joseph lived
one hundred and ten years.
23 Joseph saw Ephraim's children to the
third generation. The children of Machir,
the son of Manasseh, were also brought
up on Joseph's knees.
24 And Joseph said to his brethren, "I
am dying; but God will surely visit you,

and bring you out of this land to the land
of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac,
and to Jacob."
25 Then Joseph took an oath from the
children of Israel, saying, "God will surely
visit you, and you shall carry up my
bones from here."
26 So Joseph died, being one hundred
and ten years old; and they embalmed
him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

Exodus

1 [1] Now these are the names of the
children of Israel who came to Egypt;
each man and his household came with
Jacob:
[2] Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah;
[3] Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin;
[4] Dan, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.
[5] All those who were descendants of
Jacob were seventy persons (for Joseph
was in Egypt already).
[6] And Joseph died, all his brothers, and
all that generation.
[7] But the children of Israel were fruitful
and increased abundantly, multiplied
and grew exceedingly mighty; and the
land was filled with them.
[8] Now there arose a new king over
Egypt, who did not know Joseph.

9 And he said to his people, "Look, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we;

10 "come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land."

11 Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Raamses.

12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were in dread of the children of Israel.

13 So the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with rigor.

14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage—in mortar, in brick, and in all manner of service in the field. All their service in which they made them serve was with rigor.

15 Then the king of Egypt spoke to the
Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of
one was Shiphrah and the name of the
other Puah;
16 and he said, "When you do the duties
of a midwife for the Hebrew women,
and see them on the birthstools, if it is a
son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a
daughter, then she shall live."
17 But the midwives feared God, and did
not do as the king of Egypt commanded
them, but saved the male children alive.
18 So the king of Egypt called for the
midwives and said to them, "Why have
you done this thing, and saved the male
children alive?"
19 And the midwives said to Pharaoh,
"Because the Hebrew women are not
like the Egyptian women; for they are
lively and give birth before the midwives
come to them."

20 Therefore God dealt well with the
midwives, and the people multiplied and
grew very mighty.
21 And so it was, because the midwives
feared God, that He provided households
for them.
22 So Pharaoh commanded all his
people, saying, "Every son who is born
you shall cast into the river, and every
daughter you shall save alive."

2 1 And a man of the house of Levi
went and took as wife a daughter of
Levi.
2 So the woman conceived and bore
a son. And when she saw that he was
a beautiful child, she hid him three
months.
3 But when she could no longer hide
him, she took an ark of bulrushes for
him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch,
put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds
by the river's bank.

4 And his sister stood afar off, to know
what would be done to him.
5 Then the daughter of Pharaoh came
down to bathe at the river. And her
maidens walked along the riverside; and
when she saw the ark among the reeds,
she sent her maid to get it.
6 And when she had opened it, she saw
the child, and behold, the baby wept. So
she had compassion on him, and said,
"This is one of the Hebrews’ children."
7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s
daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for
you from the Hebrew women, that she
may nurse the child for you?"
8 And Pharaoh’s daughter said to her,
"Go." So the maiden went and called the
child’s mother.
9 Then Pharaoh’s daughter said to her,
"Take this child away and nurse him for
me, and I will give you your wages." So

the woman took the child and nursed
him.
10 And the child grew, and she brought
him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and he
became her son. So she called his name
Moses, saying, "Because I drew him out
of the water."
11 Now it came to pass in those days,
when Moses was grown, that he went
out to his brethren and looked at their
burdens. And he saw an Egyptian beating
a Hebrew, one of his brethren.
12 So he looked this way and that way,
and when he saw no one, he killed the
Egyptian and hid him in the sand.
13 And when he went out the second
day, behold, two Hebrew men were
fighting, and he said to the one who did
the wrong, "Why are you striking your
companion?"
14 Then he said, "Who made you a
prince and a judge over us? Do you

intend to kill me as you killed the
Egyptian?" So Moses feared and said,
"Surely this thing is known!"
15 When Pharaoh heard of this matter,
he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled
from the face of Pharaoh and dwelt in
the land of Midian; and he sat down by
a well.
16 Now the priest of Midian had seven
daughters. And they came and drew
water, and they filled the troughs to
water their father’s flock.
17 Then the shepherds came and drove
them away; but Moses stood up and
helped them, and watered their flock.
18 When they came to Reuel their
father, he said, "How is it that you have
come so soon today?"
19 And they said, "An Egyptian delivered
us from the hand of the shepherds, and
he also drew enough water for us and
watered the flock."

20 So he said to his daughters, "And
where is he? Why is it that you have
left the man? Call him, that he may eat
bread."
21 Then Moses was content to live
with the man, and he gave Zipporah his
daughter to Moses.
22 And she bore him a son, and he
called his name Gershom; for he said, "I
have been a stranger in a foreign land."
23 Now it happened in the process of
time that the king of Egypt died. Then
the children of Israel groaned because
of the bondage, and they cried out; and
their cry came up to God because of the
bondage.
24 So God heard their groaning, and
God remembered His covenant with
Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.
25 And God looked upon the children of
Israel, and God acknowledged them.

3 [1] Now Moses was tending the flock
of Jethro his father–in–law, the priest
of Midian. And he led the flock to the
back of the desert, and came to Horeb,
the mountain of God.
[2] And the Angel of the LORD appeared
to him in a flame of fire from the midst
of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the
bush was burning with fire, but the bush
was not consumed.
[3] Then Moses said, "I will now turn
aside and see this great sight, why the
bush does not burn."
[4] So when the LORD saw that he turned
aside to look, God called to him from
the midst of the bush and said, "Moses,
Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."
[5] Then He said, "Do not draw near this
place. Take your sandals off your feet,
for the place where you stand is holy
ground."

6 Moreover He said, "I am the God of
your father—the God of Abraham, the
God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And
Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to
look upon God.
7 And the LORD said: "I have surely seen
the oppression of My people who are in
Egypt, and have heard their cry because
of their taskmasters, for I know their
sorrows.
8 "So I have come down to deliver them
out of the hand of the Egyptians, and
to bring them up from that land to a
good and large land, to a land flowing
with milk and honey, to the place of
the Canaanites and the Hittites and the
Amorites and the Perizzites and the
Hivites and the Jebusites.
9 "Now therefore, behold, the cry of
the children of Israel has come to Me,
and I have also seen the oppression with
which the Egyptians oppress them.

10 "Come now, therefore, and I will
send you to Pharaoh that you may bring
My people, the children of Israel, out of
Egypt."
11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I
that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I
should bring the children of Israel out of
Egypt?"
12 So He said, "I will certainly be with
you. And this shall be a sign to you that I
have sent you: When you have brought
the people out of Egypt, you shall serve
God on this mountain."
13 Then Moses said to God, "Indeed,
when I come to the children of Israel and
say to them, ‘The God of your fathers
has sent me to you,’ and they say to me,
‘What is His name?’ what shall I say to
them?"
14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I
AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to

the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me
to you.’"
15 Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus
you shall say to the children of Israel:
‘The LORD God of your fathers, the
God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and
the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.
This is My name forever, and this is My
memorial to all generations.’
16 "Go and gather the elders of Israel
together, and say to them, ‘The LORD
God of your fathers, the God of Abraham,
of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared to me,
saying, "I have surely visited you and
seen what is done to you in Egypt;
17 "and I have said I will bring you up
out of the affliction of Egypt to the land
of the Canaanites and the Hittites and
the Amorites and the Perizzites and
the Hivites and the Jebusites, to a land
flowing with milk and honey."’

18 "Then they will heed your voice;
and you shall come, you and the elders
of Israel, to the king of Egypt; and you
shall say to him, 'The LORD God of the
Hebrews has met with us; and now,
please, let us go three days' journey into
the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to
the LORD our God.'
19 "But I am sure that the king of Egypt
will not let you go, no, not even by a
mighty hand.
20 "So I will stretch out My hand and
strike Egypt with all My wonders which I
will do in its midst; and after that he will
let you go.
21 "And I will give this people favor in
the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall
be, when you go, that you shall not go
empty–handed.
22 "But every woman shall ask of her
neighbor, namely, of her who dwells
near her house, articles of silver, articles

of gold, and clothing; and you shall
put them on your sons and on your
daughters. So you shall plunder the
Egyptians."
4 1 Then Moses answered and said,
"But suppose they will not believe
me or listen to my voice; suppose they
say, 'The LORD has not appeared to
you.'"
2 So the LORD said to him, "What is that
in your hand?" He said, "A rod."
3 And He said, "Cast it on the ground."
So he cast it on the ground, and it
became a serpent; and Moses fled from
it.
4 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Reach
out your hand and take it by the tail"
(and he reached out his hand and caught
it, and it became a rod in his hand),
5 "that they may believe that the
LORD God of their fathers, the God of

Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God
of Jacob, has appeared to you."
6 Furthermore the LORD said to him,
"Now put your hand in your bosom."
And he put his hand in his bosom, and
when he took it out, behold, his hand
was leprous, like snow.
7 And He said, "Put your hand in your
bosom again." So he put his hand in
his bosom again, and drew it out of his
bosom, and behold, it was restored like
his other flesh.
8 "Then it will be, if they do not believe
you, nor heed the message of the first
sign, that they may believe the message
of the latter sign.
9 "And it shall be, if they do not believe
even these two signs, or listen to your
voice, that you shall take water from the
river and pour it on the dry land. And
the water which you take from the river
will become blood on the dry land."

10 Then Moses said to the LORD, "O
my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither
before nor since You have spoken to Your
servant; but I am slow of speech and
slow of tongue."
11 So the LORD said to him, "Who has
made man’s mouth? Or who makes the
mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind?
Have not I, the LORD?
12 "Now therefore, go, and I will be with
your mouth and teach you what you
shall say."
13 But he said, "O my Lord, please send
by the hand of whomever else You may
send."
14 So the anger of the LORD was kindled
against Moses, and He said: "Is not
Aaron the Levite your brother? I know
that he can speak well. And look, he is
also coming out to meet you. When he
sees you, he will be glad in his heart.

15 "Now you shall speak to him and put
the words in his mouth. And I will be
with your mouth and with his mouth,
and I will teach you what you shall do.
16 "So he shall be your spokesman to
the people. And he himself shall be as a
mouth for you, and you shall be to him
as God.
17 "And you shall take this rod in your
hand, with which you shall do the signs."
18 So Moses went and returned to
Jethro his father–in–law, and said to
him, "Please let me go and return to
my brethren who are in Egypt, and see
whether they are still alive." And Jethro
said to Moses, "Go in peace."
19 And the LORD said to Moses in
Midian, "Go, return to Egypt; for all the
men who sought your life are dead."
20 Then Moses took his wife and his
sons and set them on a donkey, and

he returned to the land of Egypt. And
Moses took the rod of God in his hand.
21 And the LORD said to Moses, "When
you go back to Egypt, see that you do all
those wonders before Pharaoh which I
have put in your hand. But I will harden
his heart, so that he will not let the
people go.
22 "Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus
says the LORD: "Israel is My son, My
firstborn.
23 "So I say to you, let My son go that
he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let
him go, indeed I will kill your son, your
firstborn."’"
24 And it came to pass on the way, at
the encampment, that the LORD met
him and sought to kill him.
25 Then Zipporah took a sharp stone
and cut off the foreskin of her son and
cast it at Moses‘ feet, and said, "Surely
you are a husband of blood to me!"

26 So He let him go. Then she said, "You
are a husband of blood!" —because of
the circumcision.
27 And the LORD said to Aaron, "Go into
the wilderness to meet Moses." So he
went and met him on the mountain of
God, and kissed him.
28 So Moses told Aaron all the words of
the LORD who had sent him, and all the
signs which He had commanded him.
29 Then Moses and Aaron went and
gathered together all the elders of the
children of Israel.
30 And Aaron spoke all the words which
the LORD had spoken to Moses. Then he
did the signs in the sight of the people.
31 So the people believed; and when
they heard that the LORD had visited the
children of Israel and that He had looked
on their affliction, then they bowed their
heads and worshiped.

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[1] Afterward Moses and Aaron went
in and told Pharaoh, "Thus says the
LORD God of Israel: ‘Let My people go,
that they may hold a feast to Me in the
wilderness.’"
[2] And Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD,
that I should obey His voice to let Israel
go? I do not know the LORD, nor will I let
Israel go."
[3] So they said, "The God of the Hebrews
has met with us. Please, let us go
three days’ journey into the desert and
sacrifice to the LORD our God, lest He
fall upon us with pestilence or with the
sword."
[4] Then the king of Egypt said to them,
"Moses and Aaron, why do you take the
people from their work? Get back to
your labor."
[5] And Pharaoh said, "Look, the people
of the land are many now, and you make
them rest from their labor!"

6 So the same day Pharaoh commanded
the taskmasters of the people and their
officers, saying,
7 "You shall no longer give the people
straw to make brick as before. Let them
go and gather straw for themselves.
8 "And you shall lay on them the quota
of bricks which they made before. You
shall not reduce it. For they are idle;
therefore they cry out, saying, ‘Let us go
and sacrifice to our God.’
9 "Let more work be laid on the men,
that they may labor in it, and let them
not regard false words."
10 And the taskmasters of the people
and their officers went out and spoke to
the people, saying, "Thus says Pharaoh:
‘I will not give you straw.
11 ‘Go, get yourselves straw where you
can find it; yet none of your work will be
reduced.’"

12 So the people were scattered abroad
throughout all the land of Egypt to
gather stubble instead of straw.
13 And the taskmasters forced them to
hurry, saying, "Fulfill your work, your
daily quota, as when there was straw."
14 Also the officers of the children of
Israel, whom Pharaoh’s taskmasters had
set over them, were beaten and were
asked, "Why have you not fulfilled your
task in making brick both yesterday and
today, as before?"
15 Then the officers of the children of
Israel came and cried out to Pharaoh,
saying, "Why are you dealing thus with
your servants?
16 "There is no straw given to your
servants, and they say to us, ‘Make
brick!’ And indeed your servants are
beaten, but the fault is in your own
people."

17 But he said, "You are idle! Idle!
Therefore you say, ‘Let us go and
sacrifice to the LORD.’
18 "Therefore go now and work; for no
straw shall be given you, yet you shall
deliver the quota of bricks."
19 And the officers of the children of
Israel saw that they were in trouble after
it was said, "You shall not reduce any
bricks from your daily quota."
20 Then, as they came out from
Pharaoh, they met Moses and Aaron
who stood there to meet them.
21 And they said to them, "Let the LORD
look on you and judge, because you
have made us abhorrent in the sight of
Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants,
to put a sword in their hand to kill us."
22 So Moses returned to the LORD
and said, "Lord, why have You brought
trouble on this people? Why is it You
have sent me?

23 "For since I came to Pharaoh to speak
in Your name, he has done evil to this
people; neither have You delivered Your
people at all."

6 1 Then the LORD said to Moses,
"Now you shall see what I will do to
Pharaoh. For with a strong hand he will
let them go, and with a strong hand he
will drive them out of his land."
2 And God spoke to Moses and said to
him: "I am the LORD.
3 "I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and
to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My
name LORD I was not known to them.
4 "I have also established My covenant
with them, to give them the land of
Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, in
which they were strangers.
5 "And I have also heard the groaning
of the children of Israel whom the
Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have
remembered My covenant.

6 "Therefore say to the children of
Israel: ‘I am the LORD; I will bring you
out from under the burdens of the
Egyptians, I will rescue you from their
bondage, and I will redeem you with
an outstretched arm and with great
judgments.
7 ‘I will take you as My people, and I
will be your God. Then you shall know
that I am the LORD your God who brings
you out from under the burdens of the
Egyptians.
8 ‘And I will bring you into the land
which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac,
and Jacob; and I will give it to you as a
heritage: I am the LORD.’"
9 So Moses spoke thus to the children
of Israel; but they did not heed Moses,
because of anguish of spirit and cruel
bondage.
10 And the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,

11 "Go in, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to
let the children of Israel go out of his
land."
12 And Moses spoke before the LORD,
saying, "The children of Israel have not
heeded me. How then shall Pharaoh
heed me, for I am of uncircumcised
lips?"
13 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and
Aaron, and gave them a command for
the children of Israel and for Pharaoh
king of Egypt, to bring the children of
Israel out of the land of Egypt.
14 These are the heads of their fathers'
houses: The sons of Reuben, the
firstborn of Israel, were Hanoch, Pallu,
Hezron, and Carmi. These are the
families of Reuben.
15 And the sons of Simeon were Jemuel,
Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Shaul
the son of a Canaanite woman. These
are the families of Simeon.

16 These are the names of the sons
of Levi according to their generations:
Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. And
the years of the life of Levi were one
hundred and thirty–seven.
17 The sons of Gershon were Libni and
Shimi according to their families.
18 And the sons of Kohath were Amram,
Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel. And the years
of the life of Kohath were one hundred
and thirty–three.
19 The sons of Merari were Mahali and
Mushi. These are the families of Levi
according to their generations.
20 Now Amram took for himself
Jochebed, his father's sister, as wife; and
she bore him Aaron and Moses. And
the years of the life of Amram were one
hundred and thirty–seven.
21 The sons of Izhar were Korah,
Nepheg, and Zichri.

22 And the sons of Uzziel were Mishael,
Elzaphan, and Zithri.
23 Aaron took to himself Elisheba,
daughter of Amminadab, sister of
Nahshon, as wife; and she bore him
Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
24 And the sons of Korah were Assir,
Elkanah, and Abiasaph. These are the
families of the Korahites.
25 Eleazar, Aaron’s son, took for himself
one of the daughters of Putiel as wife;
and she bore him Phinehas. These are
the heads of the fathers’ houses of the
Levites according to their families.
26 These are the same Aaron and Moses
to whom the LORD said, "Bring out the
children of Israel from the land of Egypt
according to their armies."
27 These are the ones who spoke to
Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the
children of Israel from Egypt. These are
the same Moses and Aaron.

[28] And it came to pass, on the day the
LORD spoke to Moses in the land of
Egypt,
[29] that the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying, "I am the LORD. Speak to
Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to
you."
[30] But Moses said before the LORD,
"Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and
how shall Pharaoh heed me?"

7 [1] So the LORD said to Moses: "See, I
have made you as God to Pharaoh,
and Aaron your brother shall be your
prophet.
[2] "You shall speak all that I command
you. And Aaron your brother shall speak
to Pharaoh to send the children of Israel
out of his land.
[3] "And I will harden Pharaoh's heart,
and multiply My signs and My wonders
in the land of Egypt.

4 "But Pharaoh will not heed you, so
that I may lay My hand on Egypt and
bring My armies and My people, the
children of Israel, out of the land of
Egypt by great judgments.
5 "And the Egyptians shall know that
I am the LORD, when I stretch out My
hand on Egypt and bring out the children
of Israel from among them."
6 Then Moses and Aaron did so; just as
the LORD commanded them, so they
did.
7 And Moses was eighty years old and
Aaron eighty–three years old when they
spoke to Pharaoh.
8 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and
Aaron, saying,
9 "When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying,
'Show a miracle for yourselves,' then you
shall say to Aaron, 'Take your rod and
cast it before Pharaoh, and let it become
a serpent.'"

10 So Moses and Aaron went in to
Pharaoh, and they did so, just as the
LORD commanded. And Aaron cast
down his rod before Pharaoh and before
his servants, and it became a serpent.
11 But Pharaoh also called the wise men
and the sorcerers; so the magicians of
Egypt, they also did in like manner with
their enchantments.
12 For every man threw down his rod,
and they became serpents. But Aaron’s
rod swallowed up their rods.
13 And Pharaoh’s heart grew hard, and
he did not heed them, as the LORD had
said.
14 So the LORD said to Moses:
"Pharaoh’s heart is hard; he refuses to
let the people go.
15 "Go to Pharaoh in the morning,
when he goes out to the water, and you
shall stand by the river’s bank to meet

him; and the rod which was turned to a
serpent you shall take in your hand.
16 "And you shall say to him, ‘The LORD
God of the Hebrews has sent me to you,
saying, "Let My people go, that they may
serve Me in the wilderness"; but indeed,
until now you would not hear!
17 ‘Thus says the LORD: "By this you
shall know that I am the LORD. Behold,
I will strike the waters which are in the
river with the rod that is in my hand, and
they shall be turned to blood.
18 "And the fish that are in the river
shall die, the river shall stink, and the
Egyptians will loathe to drink the water
of the river."’"
19 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Say
to Aaron, ‘Take your rod and stretch out
your hand over the waters of Egypt, over
their streams, over their rivers, over
their ponds, and over all their pools of
water, that they may become blood. And

there shall be blood throughout all the
land of Egypt, both in buckets of wood
and pitchers of stone.'"
20 And Moses and Aaron did so, just
as the LORD commanded. So he lifted
up the rod and struck the waters that
were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh
and in the sight of his servants. And all
the waters that were in the river were
turned to blood.
21 The fish that were in the river died,
the river stank, and the Egyptians could
not drink the water of the river. So there
was blood throughout all the land of
Egypt.
22 Then the magicians of Egypt did so
with their enchantments; and Pharaoh's
heart grew hard, and he did not heed
them, as the LORD had said.
23 And Pharaoh turned and went into
his house. Neither was his heart moved
by this.

24 So all the Egyptians dug all around
the river for water to drink, because they
could not drink the water of the river.
25 And seven days passed after the
LORD had struck the river.
8 1 And the LORD spoke to Moses, "Go
to Pharaoh and say to him, ‘Thus
says the LORD: "Let My people go, that
they may serve Me.
2 "But if you refuse to let them go,
behold, I will smite all your territory with
frogs.
3 "So the river shall bring forth frogs
abundantly, which shall go up and come
into your house, into your bedroom,
on your bed, into the houses of your
servants, on your people, into your
ovens, and into your kneading bowls.
4 "And the frogs shall come up on
you, on your people, and on all your
servants."’"

5 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Say
to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your hand with
your rod over the streams, over the
rivers, and over the ponds, and cause
frogs to come up on the land of Egypt.’"
6 So Aaron stretched out his hand over
the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came
up and covered the land of Egypt.
7 And the magicians did so with their
enchantments, and brought up frogs on
the land of Egypt.
8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and
Aaron, and said, "Entreat the LORD that
He may take away the frogs from me and
from my people; and I will let the people
go, that they may sacrifice to the LORD."
9 And Moses said to Pharaoh, "Accept
the honor of saying when I shall
intercede for you, for your servants, and
for your people, to destroy the frogs
from you and your houses, that they
may remain in the river only."

10 So he said, "Tomorrow." And he said,
"Let it be according to your word, that
you may know that there is no one like
the LORD our God.
11 "And the frogs shall depart from you,
from your houses, from your servants,
and from your people. They shall remain
in the river only."
12 Then Moses and Aaron went out
from Pharaoh. And Moses cried out to
the LORD concerning the frogs which He
had brought against Pharaoh.
13 So the LORD did according to the
word of Moses. And the frogs died out
of the houses, out of the courtyards, and
out of the fields.
14 They gathered them together in
heaps, and the land stank.
15 But when Pharaoh saw that there
was relief, he hardened his heart and did
not heed them, as the LORD had said.

16 So the LORD said to Moses, "Say
to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your rod, and
strike the dust of the land, so that it may
become lice throughout all the land of
Egypt.’"
17 And they did so. For Aaron stretched
out his hand with his rod and struck the
dust of the earth, and it became lice on
man and beast. All the dust of the land
became lice throughout all the land of
Egypt.
18 Now the magicians so worked with
their enchantments to bring forth lice,
but they could not. So there were lice on
man and beast.
19 Then the magicians said to Pharaoh,
"This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh’s
heart grew hard, and he did not heed
them, just as the LORD had said.
20 And the LORD said to Moses, "Rise
early in the morning and stand before
Pharaoh as he comes out to the water.

Then say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD:
"Let My people go, that they may serve
Me.
21 "Or else, if you will not let My people
go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on
you and your servants, on your people
and into your houses. The houses of
the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of
flies, and also the ground on which they
stand.
22 "And in that day I will set apart the
land of Goshen, in which My people
dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be
there, in order that you may know that I
am the LORD in the midst of the land.
23 "I will make a difference between My
people and your people. Tomorrow this
sign shall be."’"
24 And the LORD did so. Thick swarms
of flies came into the house of Pharaoh,
into his servants’ houses, and into all the

land of Egypt. The land was corrupted
because of the swarms of flies.
25 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and
Aaron, and said, "Go, sacrifice to your
God in the land."
26 And Moses said, "It is not right
to do so, for we would be sacrificing
the abomination of the Egyptians to
the LORD our God. If we sacrifice the
abomination of the Egyptians before
their eyes, then will they not stone us?
27 "We will go three days' journey into
the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD
our God as He will command us."
28 And Pharaoh said, "I will let you go,
that you may sacrifice to the LORD your
God in the wilderness; only you shall not
go very far away. Intercede for me."
29 Then Moses said, "Indeed I am going
out from you, and I will entreat the
LORD, that the swarms of flies may
depart tomorrow from Pharaoh, from

his servants, and from his people. But let
Pharaoh not deal deceitfully anymore in
not letting the people go to sacrifice to
the LORD."
30 So Moses went out from Pharaoh
and entreated the LORD.
31 And the LORD did according to the
word of Moses; He removed the swarms
of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants,
and from his people. Not one remained.
32 But Pharaoh hardened his heart at
this time also; neither would he let the
people go.
9 1 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go
in to Pharaoh and tell him, ‘Thus says
the LORD God of the Hebrews: "Let My
people go, that they may serve Me.
2 "For if you refuse to let them go, and
still hold them,
3 "behold, the hand of the LORD will be
on your cattle in the field, on the horses,
on the donkeys, on the camels, on the

oxen, and on the sheep—a very severe
pestilence.
4 "And the LORD will make a difference
between the livestock of Israel and the
livestock of Egypt. So nothing shall die
of all that belongs to the children of
Israel."’"
5 Then the LORD appointed a set time,
saying, "Tomorrow the LORD will do this
thing in the land."
6 So the LORD did this thing on the next
day, and all the livestock of Egypt died;
but of the livestock of the children of
Israel, not one died.
7 Then Pharaoh sent, and indeed, not
even one of the livestock of the Israelites
was dead. But the heart of Pharaoh
became hard, and he did not let the
people go.
8 So the LORD said to Moses and Aaron,
"Take for yourselves handfuls of ashes
from a furnace, and let Moses scatter

it toward the heavens in the sight of
Pharaoh.
9 "And it will become fine dust in all the
land of Egypt, and it will cause boils that
break out in sores on man and beast
throughout all the land of Egypt."
10 Then they took ashes from the
furnace and stood before Pharaoh, and
Moses scattered them toward heaven.
And they caused boils that break out in
sores on man and beast.
11 And the magicians could not stand
before Moses because of the boils, for
the boils were on the magicians and on
all the Egyptians.
12 But the LORD hardened the heart of
Pharaoh; and he did not heed them, just
as the LORD had spoken to Moses.
13 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Rise
early in the morning and stand before
Pharaoh, and say to him, 'Thus says

the LORD God of the Hebrews: "Let My
people go, that they may serve Me,
14 "for at this time I will send all My
plagues to your very heart, and on your
servants and on your people, that you
may know that there is none like Me in
all the earth.
15 "Now if I had stretched out My hand
and struck you and your people with
pestilence, then you would have been
cut off from the earth.
16 "But indeed for this purpose I have
raised you up, that I may show My
power in you, and that My name may be
declared in all the earth.
17 "As yet you exalt yourself against My
people in that you will not let them go.
18 "Behold, tomorrow about this time I
will cause very heavy hail to rain down,
such as has not been in Egypt since its
founding until now.

19 "Therefore send now and gather
your livestock and all that you have in
the field, for the hail shall come down
on every man and every animal which
is found in the field and is not brought
home; and they shall die."’"
20 He who feared the word of the LORD
among the servants of Pharaoh made
his servants and his livestock flee to the
houses.
21 But he who did not regard the word
of the LORD left his servants and his
livestock in the field.
22 Then the LORD said to Moses,
"Stretch out your hand toward heaven,
that there may be hail in all the land of
Egypt—on man, on beast, and on every
herb of the field, throughout the land of
Egypt."
23 And Moses stretched out his rod
toward heaven; and the LORD sent
thunder and hail, and fire darted to the

ground. And the LORD rained hail on the
land of Egypt.
24 So there was hail, and fire mingled
with the hail, so very heavy that there
was none like it in all the land of Egypt
since it became a nation.
25 And the hail struck throughout the
whole land of Egypt, all that was in the
field, both man and beast; and the hail
struck every herb of the field and broke
every tree of the field.
26 Only in the land of Goshen, where
the children of Israel were, there was no
hail.
27 And Pharaoh sent and called for
Moses and Aaron, and said to them,
"I have sinned this time. The LORD is
righteous, and my people and I are
wicked.
28 "Entreat the LORD, that there may be
no more mighty thundering and hail, for

it is enough. I will let you go, and you
shall stay no longer."
29 So Moses said to him, "As soon as I
have gone out of the city, I will spread
out my hands to the LORD; the thunder
will cease, and there will be no more
hail, that you may know that the earth is
the LORD’S.
30 "But as for you and your servants, I
know that you will not yet fear the LORD
God."
31 Now the flax and the barley were
struck, for the barley was in the head
and the flax was in bud.
32 But the wheat and the spelt were not
struck, for they are late crops.
33 So Moses went out of the city from
Pharaoh and spread out his hands to
the LORD; then the thunder and the hail
ceased, and the rain was not poured on
the earth.

34 And when Pharaoh saw that the rain,
the hail, and the thunder had ceased, he
sinned yet more; and he hardened his
heart, he and his servants.
35 So the heart of Pharaoh was hard;
neither would he let the children of
Israel go, as the LORD had spoken by
Moses.

10 1 Now the LORD said to Moses,
"Go in to Pharaoh; for I have
hardened his heart and the hearts of his
servants, that I may show these signs of
Mine before him,
2 "and that you may tell in the hearing
of your son and your son’s son the
mighty things I have done in Egypt, and
My signs which I have done among
them, that you may know that I am the
LORD."
3 So Moses and Aaron came in to
Pharaoh and said to him, "Thus says
the LORD God of the Hebrews: ‘How

long will you refuse to humble yourself
before Me? Let My people go, that they
may serve Me.
4 ‘Or else, if you refuse to let My people
go, behold, tomorrow I will bring locusts
into your territory.
5 ‘And they shall cover the face of the
earth, so that no one will be able to see
the earth; and they shall eat the residue
of what is left, which remains to you
from the hail, and they shall eat every
tree which grows up for you out of the
field.
6 ‘They shall fill your houses, the houses
of all your servants, and the houses of
all the Egyptians—which neither your
fathers nor your fathers’ fathers have
seen, since the day that they were on
the earth to this day.’" And he turned
and went out from Pharaoh.
7 Then Pharaoh’s servants said to him,
"How long shall this man be a snare to

us? Let the men go, that they may serve
the LORD their God. Do you not yet
know that Egypt is destroyed?"
8 So Moses and Aaron were brought
again to Pharaoh, and he said to them,
"Go, serve the LORD your God. Who are
the ones that are going?"
9 And Moses said, "We will go with our
young and our old; with our sons and
our daughters, with our flocks and our
herds we will go, for we must hold a
feast to the LORD."
10 Then he said to them, "The LORD had
better be with you when I let you and
your little ones go! Beware, for evil is
ahead of you.
11 "Not so! Go now, you who are men,
and serve the LORD, for that is what you
desired." And they were driven out from
Pharaoh's presence.
12 Then the LORD said to Moses,
"Stretch out your hand over the land

of Egypt for the locusts, that they may
come upon the land of Egypt, and eat
every herb of the land—all that the hail
has left."
13 So Moses stretched out his rod over
the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought
an east wind on the land all that day and
all that night. When it was morning, the
east wind brought the locusts.
14 And the locusts went up over all
the land of Egypt and rested on all
the territory of Egypt. They were very
severe; previously there had been no
such locusts as they, nor shall there be
such after them.
15 For they covered the face of the
whole earth, so that the land was
darkened; and they ate every herb of the
land and all the fruit of the trees which
the hail had left. So there remained
nothing green on the trees or on the

plants of the field throughout all the
land of Egypt.
16 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and
Aaron in haste, and said, "I have sinned
against the LORD your God and against
you.
17 "Now therefore, please forgive my
sin only this once, and entreat the LORD
your God, that He may take away from
me this death only."
18 So he went out from Pharaoh and
entreated the LORD.
19 And the LORD turned a very strong
west wind, which took the locusts away
and blew them into the Red Sea. There
remained not one locust in all the
territory of Egypt.
20 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s
heart, and he did not let the children of
Israel go.
21 Then the LORD said to Moses,
"Stretch out your hand toward heaven,

that there may be darkness over the
land of Egypt, darkness which may even
be felt."
22 So Moses stretched out his hand
toward heaven, and there was thick
darkness in all the land of Egypt three
days.
23 They did not see one another; nor
did anyone rise from his place for three
days. But all the children of Israel had
light in their dwellings.
24 Then Pharaoh called to Moses and
said, "Go, serve the LORD; only let your
flocks and your herds be kept back. Let
your little ones also go with you."
25 But Moses said, "You must also give
us sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we
may sacrifice to the LORD our God.
26 "Our livestock also shall go with us;
not a hoof shall be left behind. For we
must take some of them to serve the
LORD our God, and even we do not know

with what we must serve the LORD until
we arrive there."
27 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s
heart, and he would not let them go.
28 Then Pharaoh said to him, "Get away
from me! Take heed to yourself and see
my face no more! For in the day you see
my face you shall die!"
29 And Moses said, "You have spoken
well. I will never see your face again."

11 1 And the LORD said to Moses, "I
will bring yet one more plague on
Pharaoh and on Egypt. Afterward he will
let you go from here. When he lets you
go, he will surely drive you out of here
altogether.
2 "Speak now in the hearing of the
people, and let every man ask from his
neighbor and every woman from her
neighbor, articles of silver and articles of
gold."

3 And the LORD gave the people favor in
the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the
man Moses was very great in the land of
Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants
and in the sight of the people.
4 Then Moses said, "Thus says the
LORD: 'About midnight I will go out into
the midst of Egypt;
5 'and all the firstborn in the land of
Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of
Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even
to the firstborn of the female servant
who is behind the handmill, and all the
firstborn of the animals.
6 'Then there shall be a great cry
throughout all the land of Egypt, such as
was not like it before, nor shall be like it
again.
7 'But against none of the children
of Israel shall a dog move its tongue,
against man or beast, that you may know

that the LORD does make a difference
between the Egyptians and Israel.’
8 "And all these your servants shall
come down to me and bow down to
me, saying, ‘Get out, and all the people
who follow you!’ After that I will go out."
Then he went out from Pharaoh in great
anger.
9 But the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh
will not heed you, so that My wonders
may be multiplied in the land of Egypt."
10 So Moses and Aaron did all these
wonders before Pharaoh; and the LORD
hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he did
not let the children of Israel go out of his
land.

12 1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses
and Aaron in the land of Egypt,
saying,
2 "This month shall be your beginning
of months; it shall be the first month of
the year to you.

3 "Speak to all the congregation of
Israel, saying: ‘On the tenth day of this
month every man shall take for himself
a lamb, according to the house of his
father, a lamb for a household.
4 ‘And if the household is too small
for the lamb, let him and his neighbor
next to his house take it according to
the number of the persons; according to
each man’s need you shall make your
count for the lamb.
5 ‘Your lamb shall be without blemish,
a male of the first year. You may take it
from the sheep or from the goats.
6 ‘Now you shall keep it until the
fourteenth day of the same month. Then
the whole assembly of the congregation
of Israel shall kill it at twilight.
7 ‘And they shall take some of the blood
and put it on the two doorposts and on
the lintel of the houses where they eat
it.

8 'Then they shall eat the flesh on that
night; roasted in fire, with unleavened
bread and with bitter herbs they shall
eat it.
9 'Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all
with water, but roasted in fire—its head
with its legs and its entrails.
10 'You shall let none of it remain until
morning, and what remains of it until
morning you shall burn with fire.
11 'And thus you shall eat it: with a belt
on your waist, your sandals on your feet,
and your staff in your hand. So you shall
eat it in haste. It is the LORD'S Passover.
12 'For I will pass through the land of
Egypt on that night, and will strike all the
firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man
and beast; and against all the gods of
Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the
LORD.
13 'Now the blood shall be a sign for you
on the houses where you are. And when

I see the blood, I will pass over you; and
the plague shall not be on you to destroy
you when I strike the land of Egypt.
14 ‘So this day shall be to you a
memorial; and you shall keep it as a
feast to the LORD throughout your
generations. You shall keep it as a feast
by an everlasting ordinance.
15 ‘Seven days you shall eat unleavened
bread. On the first day you shall remove
leaven from your houses. For whoever
eats leavened bread from the first day
until the seventh day, that person shall
be cut off from Israel.
16 ‘On the first day there shall be a holy
convocation, and on the seventh day
there shall be a holy convocation for
you. No manner of work shall be done
on them; but that which everyone must
eat—that only may be prepared by you.
17 ‘So you shall observe the Feast of
Unleavened Bread, for on this same

day I will have brought your armies
out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you
shall observe this day throughout your
generations as an everlasting ordinance.
18 'In the first month, on the fourteenth
day of the month at evening, you
shall eat unleavened bread, until the
twenty–first day of the month at
evening.
19 'For seven days no leaven shall be
found in your houses, since whoever
eats what is leavened, that same person
shall be cut off from the congregation
of Israel, whether he is a stranger or a
native of the land.
20 'You shall eat nothing leavened; in all
your dwellings you shall eat unleavened
bread.'"
21 Then Moses called for all the elders
of Israel and said to them, "Pick out and
take lambs for yourselves according to
your families, and kill the Passover lamb.

22 "And you shall take a bunch of
hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the
basin, and strike the lintel and the two
doorposts with the blood that is in the
basin. And none of you shall go out of
the door of his house until morning.
23 "For the LORD will pass through to
strike the Egyptians; and when He sees
the blood on the lintel and on the two
doorposts, the LORD will pass over the
door and not allow the destroyer to
come into your houses to strike you.
24 "And you shall observe this thing
as an ordinance for you and your sons
forever.
25 "It will come to pass when you come
to the land which the LORD will give you,
just as He promised, that you shall keep
this service.
26 "And it shall be, when your children
say to you, 'What do you mean by this
service?'

27 "that you shall say, ‘It is the Passover
sacrifice of the LORD, who passed over
the houses of the children of Israel in
Egypt when He struck the Egyptians
and delivered our households.’" So
the people bowed their heads and
worshiped.

28 Then the children of Israel went
away and did so; just as the LORD had
commanded Moses and Aaron, so they
did.

29 And it came to pass at midnight
that the LORD struck all the firstborn
in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn
of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to
the firstborn of the captive who was in
the dungeon, and all the firstborn of
livestock.

30 So Pharaoh rose in the night, he, all
his servants, and all the Egyptians; and
there was a great cry in Egypt, for there

was not a house where there was not
one dead.
31 Then he called for Moses and Aaron
by night, and said, "Rise, go out from
among my people, both you and the
children of Israel. And go, serve the
LORD as you have said.
32 "Also take your flocks and your herds,
as you have said, and be gone; and bless
me also."
33 And the Egyptians urged the people,
that they might send them out of the
land in haste. For they said, "We shall all
be dead."
34 So the people took their dough
before it was leavened, having their
kneading bowls bound up in their
clothes on their shoulders.
35 Now the children of Israel had done
according to the word of Moses, and
they had asked from the Egyptians

articles of silver, articles of gold, and
clothing.
36 And the LORD had given the people
favor in the sight of the Egyptians,
so that they granted them what they
requested. Thus they plundered the
Egyptians.
37 Then the children of Israel journeyed
from Rameses to Succoth, about six
hundred thousand men on foot, besides
children.
38 A mixed multitude went up with
them also, and flocks and herds—a great
deal of livestock.
39 And they baked unleavened cakes of
the dough which they had brought out of
Egypt; for it was not leavened, because
they were driven out of Egypt and
could not wait, nor had they prepared
provisions for themselves.

40 Now the sojourn of the children
of Israel who lived in Egypt was four
hundred and thirty years.
41 And it came to pass at the end of the
four hundred and thirty years—on that
very same day—it came to pass that all
the armies of the LORD went out from
the land of Egypt.
42 It is a night of solemn observance
to the LORD for bringing them out of
the land of Egypt. This is that night of
the LORD, a solemn observance for all
the children of Israel throughout their
generations.
43 And the LORD said to Moses and
Aaron, "This is the ordinance of the
Passover: No foreigner shall eat it.
44 "But every man's servant who is
bought for money, when you have
circumcised him, then he may eat it.
45 "A sojourner and a hired servant shall
not eat it.

46 "In one house it shall be eaten; you
shall not carry any of the flesh outside
the house, nor shall you break one of its
bones.
47 "All the congregation of Israel shall
keep it.
48 "And when a stranger dwells with you
and wants to keep the Passover to the
LORD, let all his males be circumcised,
and then let him come near and keep it;
and he shall be as a native of the land.
For no uncircumcised person shall eat it.
49 "One law shall be for the native–born
and for the stranger who dwells among
you."
50 Thus all the children of Israel did;
as the LORD commanded Moses and
Aaron, so they did.
51 And it came to pass, on that very
same day, that the LORD brought the
children of Israel out of the land of Egypt
according to their armies.

13
[1] Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
[2] "Consecrate to Me all the firstborn,
whatever opens the womb among the
children of Israel, both of man and beast;
it is Mine."
[3] And Moses said to the people:
"Remember this day in which you
went out of Egypt, out of the house of
bondage; for by strength of hand the
LORD brought you out of this place. No
leavened bread shall be eaten.
[4] "On this day you are going out, in the
month Abib.
[5] "And it shall be, when the LORD brings
you into the land of the Canaanites
and the Hittites and the Amorites and
the Hivites and the Jebusites, which He
swore to your fathers to give you, a land
flowing with milk and honey, that you
shall keep this service in this month.

6 "Seven days you shall eat unleavened
bread, and on the seventh day there
shall be a feast to the LORD.
7 "Unleavened bread shall be eaten
seven days. And no leavened bread shall
be seen among you, nor shall leaven be
seen among you in all your quarters.
8 "And you shall tell your son in that
day, saying, ‘This is done because of
what the LORD did for me when I came
up from Egypt.’
9 "It shall be as a sign to you on your
hand and as a memorial between your
eyes, that the LORD’S law may be in your
mouth; for with a strong hand the LORD
has brought you out of Egypt.
10 "You shall therefore keep this
ordinance in its season from year to year.
11 "And it shall be, when the LORD
brings you into the land of the
Canaanites, as He swore to you and your
fathers, and gives it to you,

12 "that you shall set apart to the LORD
all that open the womb, that is, every
firstborn that comes from an animal
which you have; the males shall be the
LORD'S.
13 "But every firstborn of a donkey you
shall redeem with a lamb; and if you will
not redeem it, then you shall break its
neck. And all the firstborn of man among
your sons you shall redeem.
14 "So it shall be, when your son asks
you in time to come, saying, 'What is
this?' that you shall say to him, 'By
strength of hand the LORD brought
us out of Egypt, out of the house of
bondage.
15 'And it came to pass, when Pharaoh
was stubborn about letting us go, that
the LORD killed all the firstborn in the
land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man
and the firstborn of beast. Therefore I
sacrifice to the LORD all males that open

the womb, but all the firstborn of my
sons I redeem.’
16 "It shall be as a sign on your hand
and as frontlets between your eyes, for
by strength of hand the LORD brought us
out of Egypt."
17 Then it came to pass, when Pharaoh
had let the people go, that God did
not lead them by way of the land of
the Philistines, although that was near;
for God said, "Lest perhaps the people
change their minds when they see war,
and return to Egypt."
18 So God led the people around by way
of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And
the children of Israel went up in orderly
ranks out of the land of Egypt.
19 And Moses took the bones of Joseph
with him, for he had placed the children
of Israel under solemn oath, saying,
"God will surely visit you, and you shall
carry up my bones from here with you."

20 So they took their journey from
Succoth and camped in Etham at the
edge of the wilderness.
21 And the LORD went before them by
day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way,
and by night in a pillar of fire to give
them light, so as to go by day and night.
22 He did not take away the pillar of
cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night
from before the people.

14 1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:
2 "Speak to the children of Israel, that
they turn and camp before Pi Hahiroth,
between Migdol and the sea, opposite
Baal Zephon; you shall camp before it by
the sea.
3 "For Pharaoh will say of the children
of Israel, 'They are bewildered by the
land; the wilderness has closed them in.'
4 "Then I will harden Pharaoh's heart,
so that he will pursue them; and I will

gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his
army, that the Egyptians may know that
I am the LORD." And they did so.
5 Now it was told the king of Egypt that
the people had fled, and the heart of
Pharaoh and his servants was turned
against the people; and they said, "Why
have we done this, that we have let
Israel go from serving us?"
6 So he made ready his chariot and took
his people with him.
7 Also, he took six hundred choice
chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt
with captains over every one of them.
8 And the LORD hardened the heart of
Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued
the children of Israel; and the children of
Israel went out with boldness.
9 So the Egyptians pursued them, all
the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, his
horsemen and his army, and overtook

them camping by the sea beside Pi
Hahiroth, before Baal Zephon.
10 And when Pharaoh drew near, the
children of Israel lifted their eyes, and
behold, the Egyptians marched after
them. So they were very afraid, and the
children of Israel cried out to the LORD.
11 Then they said to Moses, "Because
there were no graves in Egypt, have you
taken us away to die in the wilderness?
Why have you so dealt with us, to bring
us up out of Egypt?
12 "Is this not the word that we told you
in Egypt, saying, 'Let us alone that we
may serve the Egyptians?' For it would
have been better for us to serve the
Egyptians than that we should die in the
wilderness."
13 And Moses said to the people,
"Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see
the salvation of the LORD, which He
will accomplish for you today. For the

Egyptians whom you see today, you shall
see again no more forever.
14 "The LORD will fight for you, and you
shall hold your peace."
15 And the LORD said to Moses, "Why
do you cry to Me? Tell the children of
Israel to go forward.
16 "But lift up your rod, and stretch out
your hand over the sea and divide it.
And the children of Israel shall go on dry
ground through the midst of the sea.
17 "And I indeed will harden the hearts
of the Egyptians, and they shall follow
them. So I will gain honor over Pharaoh
and over all his army, his chariots, and
his horsemen.
18 "Then the Egyptians shall know that I
am the LORD, when I have gained honor
for Myself over Pharaoh, his chariots,
and his horsemen."
19 And the Angel of God, who went
before the camp of Israel, moved and

went behind them; and the pillar of
cloud went from before them and stood
behind them.
20 So it came between the camp of the
Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus
it was a cloud and darkness to the one,
and it gave light by night to the other,
so that the one did not come near the
other all that night.
21 Then Moses stretched out his hand
over the sea; and the LORD caused the
sea to go back by a strong east wind all
that night, and made the sea into dry
land, and the waters were divided.
22 So the children of Israel went into the
midst of the sea on the dry ground, and
the waters were a wall to them on their
right hand and on their left.
23 And the Egyptians pursued and went
after them into the midst of the sea, all
Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his
horsemen.

24 Now it came to pass, in the morning
watch, that the LORD looked down upon
the army of the Egyptians through the
pillar of fire and cloud, and He troubled
the army of the Egyptians.
25 And He took off their chariot wheels,
so that they drove them with difficulty;
and the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from
the face of Israel, for the LORD fights for
them against the Egyptians."
26 Then the LORD said to Moses,
"Stretch out your hand over the sea, that
the waters may come back upon the
Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their
horsemen."
27 And Moses stretched out his hand
over the sea; and when the morning
appeared, the sea returned to its full
depth, while the Egyptians were fleeing
into it. So the LORD overthrew the
Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

28 Then the waters returned and
covered the chariots, the horsemen, and
all the army of Pharaoh that came into
the sea after them. Not so much as one
of them remained.
29 But the children of Israel had walked
on dry land in the midst of the sea, and
the waters were a wall to them on their
right hand and on their left.
30 So the LORD saved Israel that day out
of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel
saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.
31 Thus Israel saw the great work which
the LORD had done in Egypt; so the
people feared the LORD, and believed
the LORD and His servant Moses.

15 1 Then Moses and the children of
Israel sang this song to the LORD,
and spoke, saying: "I will sing to the
LORD, For He has triumphed gloriously!
The horse and its rider He has thrown
into the sea!

2 The LORD is my strength and song,
And He has become my salvation; He
is my God, and I will praise Him; My
father’s God, and I will exalt Him.
3 The LORD is a man of war; The LORD
is His name.
4 Pharaoh’s chariots and his army He
has cast into the sea; His chosen captains
also are drowned in the Red Sea.
5 The depths have covered them; They
sank to the bottom like a stone.
6 "Your right hand, O LORD, has become
glorious in power; Your right hand, O
LORD, has dashed the enemy in pieces.
7 And in the greatness of Your
excellence You have overthrown those
who rose against You; You sent forth Your
wrath; It consumed them like stubble.
8 And with the blast of Your nostrils
The waters were gathered together; The
floods stood upright like a heap; The
depths congealed in the heart of the sea.

9 The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will
overtake, I will divide the spoil; My
desire shall be satisfied on them. I will
draw my sword, My hand shall destroy
them.’
10 You blew with Your wind, The sea
covered them; They sank like lead in the
mighty waters.
11 "Who is like You, O LORD, among
the gods? Who is like You, glorious
in holiness, Fearful in praises, doing
wonders?
12 You stretched out Your right hand;
The earth swallowed them.
13 You in Your mercy have led forth The
people whom You have redeemed; You
have guided them in Your strength To
Your holy habitation.
14 "The people will hear and be afraid;
Sorrow will take hold of the inhabitants
of Philistia.

15 Then the chiefs of Edom will be
dismayed; The mighty men of Moab,
Trembling will take hold of them; All the
inhabitants of Canaan will melt away.
16 Fear and dread will fall on them; By
the greatness of Your arm They will be
as still as a stone, Till Your people pass
over, O LORD, Till the people pass over
Whom You have purchased.
17 You will bring them in and plant them
In the mountain of Your inheritance, In
the place, O LORD, which You have made
For Your own dwelling, The sanctuary, O
Lord, which Your hands have established.
18 "The LORD shall reign forever and
ever."
19 For the horses of Pharaoh went with
his chariots and his horsemen into the
sea, and the LORD brought back the
waters of the sea upon them. But the
children of Israel went on dry land in the
midst of the sea.

[20] Then Miriam the prophetess, the
sister of Aaron, took the timbrel in her
hand; and all the women went out after
her with timbrels and with dances.
[21] And Miriam answered them: "Sing
to the LORD, For He has triumphed
gloriously! The horse and its rider He has
thrown into the sea!"
[22] So Moses brought Israel from the
Red Sea; then they went out into the
Wilderness of Shur. And they went three
days in the wilderness and found no
water.
[23] Now when they came to Marah, they
could not drink the waters of Marah, for
they were bitter. Therefore the name of
it was called Marah.
[24] And the people complained against
Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?"
[25] So he cried out to the LORD, and the
LORD showed him a tree. When he cast
it into the waters, the waters were made

sweet. There He made a statute and an
ordinance for them. And there He tested
them,
26 and said, "If you diligently heed the
voice of the LORD your God and do
what is right in His sight, give ear to
His commandments and keep all His
statutes, I will put none of the diseases
on you which I have brought on the
Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals
you."
27 Then they came to Elim, where there
were twelve wells of water and seventy
palm trees; so they camped there by the
waters.
16 1 And they journeyed from Elim,
and all the congregation of the
children of Israel came to the Wilderness
of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai,
on the fifteenth day of the second month
after they departed from the land of
Egypt.

2 Then the whole congregation of the
children of Israel complained against
Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.
3 And the children of Israel said to
them, "Oh, that we had died by the hand
of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when
we sat by the pots of meat and when
we ate bread to the full! For you have
brought us out into this wilderness to kill
this whole assembly with hunger."
4 Then the LORD said to Moses,
"Behold, I will rain bread from heaven
for you. And the people shall go out and
gather a certain quota every day, that I
may test them, whether they will walk in
My law or not.
5 "And it shall be on the sixth day that
they shall prepare what they bring in,
and it shall be twice as much as they
gather daily."
6 Then Moses and Aaron said to all the
children of Israel, "At evening you shall

know that the LORD has brought you out
of the land of Egypt.
7 "And in the morning you shall see the
glory of the LORD; for He hears your
complaints against the LORD. But what
are we, that you complain against us?"
8 Also Moses said, "This shall be seen
when the LORD gives you meat to eat in
the evening, and in the morning bread
to the full; for the LORD hears your
complaints which you make against Him.
And what are we? Your complaints are
not against us but against the LORD."
9 Then Moses spoke to Aaron, "Say to
all the congregation of the children of
Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for
He has heard your complaints.’"
10 Now it came to pass, as Aaron
spoke to the whole congregation of
the children of Israel, that they looked
toward the wilderness, and behold, the
glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

11 And the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
12 "I have heard the complaints of the
children of Israel. Speak to them, saying,
‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the
morning you shall be filled with bread.
And you shall know that I am the LORD
your God.’"
13 So it was that quails came up at
evening and covered the camp, and in
the morning the dew lay all around the
camp.
14 And when the layer of dew lifted,
there, on the surface of the wilderness,
was a small round substance, as fine as
frost on the ground.
15 So when the children of Israel saw it,
they said to one another, "What is it?"
For they did not know what it was. And
Moses said to them, "This is the bread
which the LORD has given you to eat.

16 "This is the thing which the LORD
has commanded: ‘Let every man gather
it according to each one’s need, one
omer for each person, according to the
number of persons; let every man take
for those who are in his tent.’"
17 Then the children of Israel did so and
gathered, some more, some less.
18 So when they measured it by omers,
he who gathered much had nothing left
over, and he who gathered little had no
lack. Every man had gathered according
to each one’s need.
19 And Moses said, "Let no one leave
any of it till morning."
20 Notwithstanding they did not heed
Moses. But some of them left part of it
until morning, and it bred worms and
stank. And Moses was angry with them.
21 So they gathered it every morning,
every man according to his need. And
when the sun became hot, it melted.

22 And so it was, on the sixth day, that
they gathered twice as much bread, two
omers for each one. And all the rulers of
the congregation came and told Moses.
23 Then he said to them, "This is what
the LORD has said: 'Tomorrow is a
Sabbath rest, a holy Sabbath to the
LORD. Bake what you will bake today,
and boil what you will boil; and lay up for
yourselves all that remains, to be kept
until morning.'"
24 So they laid it up till morning, as
Moses commanded; and it did not stink,
nor were there any worms in it.
25 Then Moses said, "Eat that today, for
today is a Sabbath to the LORD; today
you will not find it in the field.
26 "Six days you shall gather it, but on
the seventh day, which is the Sabbath,
there will be none."

27 Now it happened that some of the
people went out on the seventh day to
gather, but they found none.
28 And the LORD said to Moses,
"How long do you refuse to keep My
commandments and My laws?
29 "See! For the LORD has given you the
Sabbath; therefore He gives you on the
sixth day bread for two days. Let every
man remain in his place; let no man go
out of his place on the seventh day."
30 So the people rested on the seventh
day.
31 And the house of Israel called its
name Manna. And it was like white
coriander seed, and the taste of it was
like wafers made with honey.
32 Then Moses said, "This is the thing
which the LORD has commanded: 'Fill
an omer with it, to be kept for your
generations, that they may see the bread
with which I fed you in the wilderness,

when I brought you out of the land of
Egypt.’"
33 And Moses said to Aaron, "Take a
pot and put an omer of manna in it, and
lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for
your generations."
34 As the LORD commanded Moses, so
Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to
be kept.
35 And the children of Israel ate manna
forty years, until they came to an
inhabited land; they ate manna until
they came to the border of the land of
Canaan.
36 Now an omer is one–tenth of an
ephah.
17 1 Then all the congregation of
the children of Israel set out on
their journey from the Wilderness of
Sin, according to the commandment of
the LORD, and camped in Rephidim; but

there was no water for the people to
drink.
2 Therefore the people contended with
Moses, and said, "Give us water, that we
may drink." And Moses said to them,
"Why do you contend with me? Why do
you tempt the LORD?"
3 And the people thirsted there for
water, and the people complained
against Moses, and said, "Why is it you
have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill
us and our children and our livestock
with thirst?"
4 So Moses cried out to the LORD,
saying, "What shall I do with this people?
They are almost ready to stone me!"
5 And the LORD said to Moses, "Go on
before the people, and take with you
some of the elders of Israel. Also take
in your hand your rod with which you
struck the river, and go.

6 "Behold, I will stand before you there
on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike
the rock, and water will come out of it,
that the people may drink." And Moses
did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.
7 So he called the name of the place
Massah and Meribah, because of the
contention of the children of Israel, and
because they tempted the LORD, saying,
"Is the LORD among us or not?"
8 Now Amalek came and fought with
Israel in Rephidim.
9 And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose us
some men and go out, fight with Amalek.
Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the
hill with the rod of God in my hand."
10 So Joshua did as Moses said to him,
and fought with Amalek. And Moses,
Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the
hill.

11 And so it was, when Moses held up
his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when
he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.
12 But Moses' hands became heavy;
so they took a stone and put it under
him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur
supported his hands, one on one side,
and the other on the other side; and his
hands were steady until the going down
of the sun.
13 So Joshua defeated Amalek and his
people with the edge of the sword.
14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write
this for a memorial in the book and
recount it in the hearing of Joshua, that I
will utterly blot out the remembrance of
Amalek from under heaven."
15 And Moses built an altar and called
its name, The–LORD–Is–My–Banner;
16 for he said, "Because the LORD has
sworn: the LORD will have war with
Amalek from generation to generation."

18 1 And Jethro, the priest of Midian,
Moses' father–in–law, heard of
all that God had done for Moses and for
Israel His people––that the LORD had
brought Israel out of Egypt.
2 Then Jethro, Moses' father–in–law,
took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had
sent her back,
3 with her two sons, of whom the name
of one was Gershom (for he said, "I have
been a stranger in a foreign land")
4 and the name of the other was Eliezer
(for he said, "The God of my father was
my help, and delivered me from the
sword of Pharaoh");
5 and Jethro, Moses' father–in–law,
came with his sons and his wife to
Moses in the wilderness, where he was
encamped at the mountain of God.
6 Now he had said to Moses, "I, your
father–in–law Jethro, am coming to you

with your wife and her two sons with
her."
7 So Moses went out to meet his
father–in–law, bowed down, and kissed
him. And they asked each other about
their well–being, and they went into the
tent.
8 And Moses told his father–in–law all
that the LORD had done to Pharaoh
and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake,
all the hardship that had come upon
them on the way, and how the LORD had
delivered them.
9 Then Jethro rejoiced for all the good
which the LORD had done for Israel,
whom He had delivered out of the hand
of the Egyptians.
10 And Jethro said, "Blessed be the
LORD, who has delivered you out of the
hand of the Egyptians and out of the
hand of Pharaoh, and who has delivered

the people from under the hand of the
Egyptians.
11 "Now I know that the LORD is greater
than all the gods; for in the very thing
in which they behaved proudly, He was
above them."
12 Then Jethro, Moses' father–in–law,
took a burnt offering and other sacrifices
to offer to God. And Aaron came with
all the elders of Israel to eat bread with
Moses' father–in–law before God.
13 And so it was, on the next day, that
Moses sat to judge the people; and
the people stood before Moses from
morning until evening.
14 So when Moses' father–in–law saw
all that he did for the people, he said,
"What is this thing that you are doing
for the people? Why do you alone sit,
and all the people stand before you from
morning until evening?"

15 And Moses said to his father–in–law,
"Because the people come to me to
inquire of God.
16 "When they have a difficulty, they
come to me, and I judge between one
and another; and I make known the
statutes of God and His laws."
17 So Moses’ father–in–law said to him,
"The thing that you do is not good.
18 "Both you and these people who are
with you will surely wear yourselves out.
For this thing is too much for you; you
are not able to perform it by yourself.
19 "Listen now to my voice; I will give
you counsel, and God will be with you:
Stand before God for the people, so that
you may bring the difficulties to God.
20 "And you shall teach them the
statutes and the laws, and show them
the way in which they must walk and the
work they must do.

21 "Moreover you shall select from all
the people able men, such as fear God,
men of truth, hating covetousness; and
place such over them to be rulers of
thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of
fifties, and rulers of tens.
22 "And let them judge the people
at all times. Then it will be that every
great matter they shall bring to you, but
every small matter they themselves shall
judge. So it will be easier for you, for
they will bear the burden with you.
23 "If you do this thing, and God so
commands you, then you will be able to
endure, and all this people will also go to
their place in peace."
24 So Moses heeded the voice of his
father–in–law and did all that he had
said.
25 And Moses chose able men out of all
Israel, and made them heads over the
people: rulers of thousands, rulers of

hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of
tens.
26 So they judged the people at all
times; the hard cases they brought to
Moses, but they judged every small case
themselves.
27 Then Moses let his father–in–law
depart, and he went his way to his own
land.

19 1 In the third month after the
children of Israel had gone out of
the land of Egypt, on the same day, they
came to the Wilderness of Sinai.
2 For they had departed from Rephidim,
had come to the Wilderness of Sinai,
and camped in the wilderness. So Israel
camped there before the mountain.
3 And Moses went up to God, and the
LORD called to him from the mountain,
saying, "Thus you shall say to the house
of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel:

4 'You have seen what I did to the
Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles'
wings and brought you to Myself.
5 'Now therefore, if you will indeed
obey My voice and keep My covenant,
then you shall be a special treasure to
Me above all people; for all the earth is
Mine.
6 'And you shall be to Me a kingdom
of priests and a holy nation.' These are
the words which you shall speak to the
children of Israel."
7 So Moses came and called for the
elders of the people, and laid before
them all these words which the LORD
commanded him.
8 Then all the people answered together
and said, "All that the LORD has spoken
we will do." So Moses brought back the
words of the people to the LORD.
9 And the LORD said to Moses, "Behold,
I come to you in the thick cloud, that the

people may hear when I speak with you,
and believe you forever." So Moses told
the words of the people to the LORD.
10 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to
the people and consecrate them today
and tomorrow, and let them wash their
clothes.
11 "And let them be ready for the third
day. For on the third day the LORD will
come down upon Mount Sinai in the
sight of all the people.
12 "You shall set bounds for the people
all around, saying, 'Take heed to
yourselves that you do not go up to the
mountain or touch its base. Whoever
touches the mountain shall surely be put
to death.
13 'Not a hand shall touch him, but he
shall surely be stoned or shot with an
arrow; whether man or beast, he shall
not live.' When the trumpet sounds long,
they shall come near the mountain."

14 So Moses went down from the
mountain to the people and sanctified
the people, and they washed their
clothes.
15 And he said to the people, "Be ready
for the third day; do not come near your
wives."
16 Then it came to pass on the third
day, in the morning, that there were
thunderings and lightnings, and a thick
cloud on the mountain; and the sound
of the trumpet was very loud, so that
all the people who were in the camp
trembled.
17 And Moses brought the people out
of the camp to meet with God, and they
stood at the foot of the mountain.
18 Now Mount Sinai was completely in
smoke, because the LORD descended
upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like
the smoke of a furnace, and the whole
mountain quaked greatly.

19 And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice.

20 Then the LORD came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

21 And the LORD said to Moses, "Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to gaze at the LORD, and many of them perish.

22 "Also let the priests who come near the LORD consecrate themselves, lest the LORD break out against them."

23 But Moses said to the LORD, "The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai; for You warned us, saying, ‘Set bounds around the mountain and consecrate it.’"

24 Then the LORD said to him, "Away! Get down and then come up, you and

Aaron with you. But do not let the priests
and the people break through to come
up to the LORD, lest He break out against
them."
25 So Moses went down to the people
and spoke to them.
20 1 And God spoke all these words,
saying:
2 "I am the LORD your God, who
brought you out of the land of Egypt, out
of the house of bondage.
3 "You shall have no other gods before
Me.
4 "You shall not make for yourself a
carved image, or any likeness of anything
that is in heaven above, or that is in the
earth beneath, or that is in the water
under the earth;
5 you shall not bow down to them nor
serve them. For I, the LORD your God,
am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of
the fathers on the children to the third

and fourth generations of those who
hate Me,
6 but showing mercy to thousands,
to those who love Me and keep My
commandments.
7 "You shall not take the name of the
LORD your God in vain, for the LORD
will not hold him guiltless who takes His
name in vain.
8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep
it holy.
9 Six days you shall labor and do all your
work,
10 but the seventh day is the Sabbath
of the LORD your God. In it you shall do
no work: you, nor your son, nor your
daughter, nor your male servant, nor
your female servant, nor your cattle, nor
your stranger who is within your gates.
11 For in six days the LORD made the
heavens and the earth, the sea, and all
that is in them, and rested the seventh

day. Therefore the LORD blessed the
Sabbath day and hallowed it.
12 "Honor your father and your mother,
that your days may be long upon the
land which the LORD your God is giving
you.
13 "You shall not murder.
14 "You shall not commit adultery.
15 "You shall not steal.
16 "You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.
17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's
house; you shall not covet your
neighbor's wife, nor his male servant,
nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor
his donkey, nor anything that is your
neighbor's."
18 Now all the people witnessed the
thunderings, the lightning flashes, the
sound of the trumpet, and the mountain
smoking; and when the people saw it,
they trembled and stood afar off.

19 Then they said to Moses, "You speak
with us, and we will hear; but let not
God speak with us, lest we die."
20 And Moses said to the people, "Do
not fear; for God has come to test you,
and that His fear may be before you, so
that you may not sin."
21 So the people stood afar off, but
Moses drew near the thick darkness
where God was.
22 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Thus
you shall say to the children of Israel:
'You have seen that I have talked with
you from heaven.
23 'You shall not make anything to be
with Me—gods of silver or gods of gold
you shall not make for yourselves.
24 'An altar of earth you shall make for
Me, and you shall sacrifice on it your
burnt offerings and your peace offerings,
your sheep and your oxen. In every place

where I record My name I will come to
you, and I will bless you.
[25] ‘And if you make Me an altar of
stone, you shall not build it of hewn
stone; for if you use your tool on it, you
have profaned it.
[26] ‘Nor shall you go up by steps to My
altar, that your nakedness may not be
exposed on it.’

21 [1] "Now these are the judgments
which you shall set before them:
[2] "If you buy a Hebrew servant, he shall
serve six years; and in the seventh he
shall go out free and pay nothing.
[3] "If he comes in by himself, he shall go
out by himself; if he comes in married,
then his wife shall go out with him.
[4] "If his master has given him a wife, and
she has borne him sons or daughters,
the wife and her children shall be her
master’s, and he shall go out by himself.

5 "But if the servant plainly says, ‘I love
my master, my wife, and my children; I
will not go out free,’
6 "then his master shall bring him to
the judges. He shall also bring him to the
door, or to the doorpost, and his master
shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he
shall serve him forever.
7 "And if a man sells his daughter to be
a female slave, she shall not go out as
the male slaves do.
8 "If she does not please her master,
who has betrothed her to himself, then
he shall let her be redeemed. He shall
have no right to sell her to a foreign
people, since he has dealt deceitfully
with her.
9 "And if he has betrothed her to his
son, he shall deal with her according to
the custom of daughters.

10 "If he takes another wife, he shall not diminish her food, her clothing, and her marriage rights.
11 "And if he does not do these three for her, then she shall go out free, without paying money.
12 "He who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death.
13 "However, if he did not lie in wait, but God delivered him into his hand, then I will appoint for you a place where he may flee.
14 "But if a man acts with premeditation against his neighbor, to kill him by treachery, you shall take him from My altar, that he may die.
15 "And he who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.
16 "He who kidnaps a man and sells him, or if he is found in his hand, shall surely be put to death.

17 "And he who curses his father or his
mother shall surely be put to death.
18 "If men contend with each other, and
one strikes the other with a stone or
with his fist, and he does not die but is
confined to his bed,
19 "if he rises again and walks about
outside with his staff, then he who struck
him shall be acquitted. He shall only pay
for the loss of his time, and shall provide
for him to be thoroughly healed.
20 "And if a man beats his male or
female servant with a rod, so that he
dies under his hand, he shall surely be
punished.
21 "Notwithstanding, if he remains alive
a day or two, he shall not be punished;
for he is his property.
22 "If men fight, and hurt a woman with
child, so that she gives birth prematurely,
yet no harm follows, he shall surely be
punished accordingly as the woman's

husband imposes on him; and he shall
pay as the judges determine.
23 "But if any harm follows, then you
shall give life for life,
24 "eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand
for hand, foot for foot,
25 "burn for burn, wound for wound,
stripe for stripe.
26 "If a man strikes the eye of his male
or female servant, and destroys it, he
shall let him go free for the sake of his
eye.
27 "And if he knocks out the tooth of his
male or female servant, he shall let him
go free for the sake of his tooth.
28 "If an ox gores a man or a woman to
death, then the ox shall surely be stoned,
and its flesh shall not be eaten; but the
owner of the ox shall be acquitted.
29 "But if the ox tended to thrust with
its horn in times past, and it has been
made known to his owner, and he has

not kept it confined, so that it has killed a
man or a woman, the ox shall be stoned
and its owner also shall be put to death.
30 "If there is imposed on him a sum of
money, then he shall pay to redeem his
life, whatever is imposed on him.
31 "Whether it has gored a son or gored
a daughter, according to this judgment it
shall be done to him.
32 "If the ox gores a male or female
servant, he shall give to their master
thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall
be stoned.
33 "And if a man opens a pit, or if a man
digs a pit and does not cover it, and an
ox or a donkey falls in it,
34 "the owner of the pit shall make
it good; he shall give money to their
owner, but the dead animal shall be his.
35 "If one man's ox hurts another's, so
that it dies, then they shall sell the live

ox and divide the money from it; and the
dead ox they shall also divide.
36 "Or if it was known that the ox
tended to thrust in time past, and its
owner has not kept it confined, he shall
surely pay ox for ox, and the dead animal
shall be his own.

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1 "If a man steals an ox or a sheep,
and slaughters it or sells it, he
shall restore five oxen for an ox and four
sheep for a sheep.
2 "If the thief is found breaking in, and
he is struck so that he dies, there shall
be no guilt for his bloodshed.
3 "If the sun has risen on him, there
shall be guilt for his bloodshed. He
should make full restitution; if he has
nothing, then he shall be sold for his
theft.
4 "If the theft is certainly found alive in
his hand, whether it is an ox or donkey
or sheep, he shall restore double.

5 "If a man causes a field or vineyard
to be grazed, and lets loose his animal,
and it feeds in another man’s field, he
shall make restitution from the best of
his own field and the best of his own
vineyard.
6 "If fire breaks out and catches in
thorns, so that stacked grain, standing
grain, or the field is consumed, he
who kindled the fire shall surely make
restitution.
7 "If a man delivers to his neighbor
money or articles to keep, and it is stolen
out of the man’s house, if the thief is
found, he shall pay double.
8 "If the thief is not found, then the
master of the house shall be brought to
the judges to see whether he has put his
hand into his neighbor’s goods.
9 "For any kind of trespass, whether
it concerns an ox, a donkey, a sheep,
or clothing, or for any kind of lost

thing which another claims to be his,
the cause of both parties shall come
before the judges; and whomever the
judges condemn shall pay double to his
neighbor.

10 "If a man delivers to his neighbor a
donkey, an ox, a sheep, or any animal to
keep, and it dies, is hurt, or driven away,
no one seeing it,

11 "then an oath of the LORD shall be
between them both, that he has not put
his hand into his neighbor's goods; and
the owner of it shall accept that, and he
shall not make it good.

12 "But if, in fact, it is stolen from him,
he shall make restitution to the owner of
it.

13 "If it is torn to pieces by a beast, then
he shall bring it as evidence, and he shall
not make good what was torn.

14 "And if a man borrows anything from
his neighbor, and it becomes injured or

dies, the owner of it not being with it, he
shall surely make it good.
15 "If its owner was with it, he shall not
make it good; if it was hired, it came for
its hire.
16 "If a man entices a virgin who is not
betrothed, and lies with her, he shall
surely pay the bride–price for her to be
his wife.
17 "If her father utterly refuses to give
her to him, he shall pay money according
to the bride–price of virgins.
18 "You shall not permit a sorceress to
live.
19 "Whoever lies with an animal shall
surely be put to death.
20 "He who sacrifices to any god, except
to the LORD only, he shall be utterly
destroyed.
21 "You shall neither mistreat a stranger
nor oppress him, for you were strangers
in the land of Egypt.

22 "You shall not afflict any widow or
fatherless child.
23 "If you afflict them in any way, and
they cry at all to Me, I will surely hear
their cry;
24 "and My wrath will become hot,
and I will kill you with the sword; your
wives shall be widows, and your children
fatherless.
25 "If you lend money to any of My
people who are poor among you, you
shall not be like a moneylender to him;
you shall not charge him interest.
26 "If you ever take your neighbor's
garment as a pledge, you shall return it
to him before the sun goes down.
27 "For that is his only covering, it is his
garment for his skin. What will he sleep
in? And it will be that when he cries to
Me, I will hear, for I am gracious.
28 "You shall not revile God, nor curse a
ruler of your people.

29 "You shall not delay to offer the first
of your ripe produce and your juices.
The firstborn of your sons you shall give
to Me.
30 "Likewise you shall do with your
oxen and your sheep. It shall be with its
mother seven days; on the eighth day
you shall give it to Me.
31 "And you shall be holy men to Me:
you shall not eat meat torn by beasts in
the field; you shall throw it to the dogs.

23 1 "You shall not circulate a false
report. Do not put your hand with
the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.
2 "You shall not follow a crowd to do
evil; nor shall you testify in a dispute so
as to turn aside after many to pervert
justice.
3 "You shall not show partiality to a
poor man in his dispute.

4 "If you meet your enemy's ox or his
donkey going astray, you shall surely
bring it back to him again.
5 "If you see the donkey of one who
hates you lying under its burden, and
you would refrain from helping it, you
shall surely help him with it.
6 "You shall not pervert the judgment of
your poor in his dispute.
7 "Keep yourself far from a false matter;
do not kill the innocent and righteous.
For I will not justify the wicked.
8 "And you shall take no bribe, for a
bribe blinds the discerning and perverts
the words of the righteous.
9 "Also you shall not oppress a stranger,
for you know the heart of a stranger,
because you were strangers in the land
of Egypt.
10 "Six years you shall sow your land
and gather in its produce,

[11] "but the seventh year you shall let it
rest and lie fallow, that the poor of your
people may eat; and what they leave,
the beasts of the field may eat. In like
manner you shall do with your vineyard
and your olive grove.
[12] "Six days you shall do your work, and
on the seventh day you shall rest, that
your ox and your donkey may rest, and
the son of your female servant and the
stranger may be refreshed.
[13] "And in all that I have said to you,
be circumspect and make no mention
of the name of other gods, nor let it be
heard from your mouth.
[14] "Three times you shall keep a feast to
Me in the year:
[15] "You shall keep the Feast of
Unleavened Bread (you shall eat
unleavened bread seven days, as I
commanded you, at the time appointed
in the month of Abib, for in it you came

out of Egypt; none shall appear before
Me empty);
16 "and the Feast of Harvest, the
firstfruits of your labors which you
have sown in the field; and the Feast of
Ingathering at the end of the year, when
you have gathered in the fruit of your
labors from the field.
17 "Three times in the year all your
males shall appear before the Lord GOD.
18 "You shall not offer the blood of
My sacrifice with leavened bread; nor
shall the fat of My sacrifice remain until
morning.
19 "The first of the firstfruits of your
land you shall bring into the house of
the LORD your God. You shall not boil a
young goat in its mother’s milk.
20 "Behold, I send an Angel before you
to keep you in the way and to bring you
into the place which I have prepared.

21 "Beware of Him and obey His voice;
do not provoke Him, for He will not
pardon your transgressions; for My
name is in Him.
22 "But if you indeed obey His voice
and do all that I speak, then I will be
an enemy to your enemies and an
adversary to your adversaries.
23 "For My Angel will go before you
and bring you in to the Amorites and
the Hittites and the Perizzites and the
Canaanites and the Hivites and the
Jebusites; and I will cut them off.
24 "You shall not bow down to their
gods, nor serve them, nor do according
to their works; but you shall utterly
overthrow them and completely break
down their sacred pillars.
25 "So you shall serve the LORD your
God, and He will bless your bread and
your water. And I will take sickness away
from the midst of you.

26 "No one shall suffer miscarriage or
be barren in your land; I will fulfill the
number of your days.
27 "I will send My fear before you, I will
cause confusion among all the people to
whom you come, and will make all your
enemies turn their backs to you.
28 "And I will send hornets before you,
which shall drive out the Hivite, the
Canaanite, and the Hittite from before
you.
29 "I will not drive them out from before
you in one year, lest the land become
desolate and the beast of the field
become too numerous for you.
30 "Little by little I will drive them
out from before you, until you have
increased, and you inherit the land.
31 "And I will set your bounds from
the Red Sea to the sea, Philistia, and
from the desert to the River. For I will
deliver the inhabitants of the land into

your hand, and you shall drive them out
before you.
32 "You shall make no covenant with
them, nor with their gods.
33 "They shall not dwell in your land,
lest they make you sin against Me. For if
you serve their gods, it will surely be a
snare to you."
24 1 Now He said to Moses, "Come
up to the LORD, you and Aaron,
Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the
elders of Israel, and worship from afar.
2 "And Moses alone shall come near the
LORD, but they shall not come near; nor
shall the people go up with him."
3 So Moses came and told the people
all the words of the LORD and all the
judgments. And all the people answered
with one voice and said, "All the words
which the LORD has said we will do."
4 And Moses wrote all the words of the
LORD. And he rose early in the morning,

and built an altar at the foot of the
mountain, and twelve pillars according
to the twelve tribes of Israel.
5 Then he sent young men of the
children of Israel, who offered burnt
offerings and sacrificed peace offerings
of oxen to the LORD.
6 And Moses took half the blood and
put it in basins, and half the blood he
sprinkled on the altar.
7 Then he took the Book of the
Covenant and read in the hearing of the
people. And they said, "All that the LORD
has said we will do, and be obedient."
8 And Moses took the blood, sprinkled
it on the people, and said, "This is the
blood of the covenant which the LORD
has made with you according to all these
words."
9 Then Moses went up, also Aaron,
Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the
elders of Israel,

[10] and they saw the God of Israel. And
there was under His feet as it were a
paved work of sapphire stone, and it was
like the very heavens in its clarity.
[11] But on the nobles of the children of
Israel He did not lay His hand. So they
saw God, and they ate and drank.
[12] Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come
up to Me on the mountain and be there;
and I will give you tablets of stone, and
the law and commandments which I
have written, that you may teach them."
[13] So Moses arose with his assistant
Joshua, and Moses went up to the
mountain of God.
[14] And he said to the elders, "Wait here
for us until we come back to you. Indeed
Aaron and Hur are with you. If any man
has a difficulty, let him go to them."
[15] Then Moses went up into the
mountain, and a cloud covered the
mountain.

16 Now the glory of the LORD rested on
Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six
days. And on the seventh day He called
to Moses out of the midst of the cloud.
17 The sight of the glory of the LORD
was like a consuming fire on the top of
the mountain in the eyes of the children
of Israel.
18 So Moses went into the midst of the
cloud and went up into the mountain.
And Moses was on the mountain forty
days and forty nights.

25 1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:
2 "Speak to the children of Israel,
that they bring Me an offering. From
everyone who gives it willingly with his
heart you shall take My offering.
3 "And this is the offering which you
shall take from them: gold, silver, and
bronze;

4 "blue, purple, and scarlet thread, fine
linen, and goats’ hair;
5 "ram skins dyed red, badger skins, and
acacia wood;
6 "oil for the light, and spices for the
anointing oil and for the sweet incense;
7 "onyx stones, and stones to be set in
the ephod and in the breastplate.
8 "And let them make Me a sanctuary,
that I may dwell among them.
9 "According to all that I show you, that
is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the
pattern of all its furnishings, just so you
shall make it.
10 "And they shall make an ark of acacia
wood; two and a half cubits shall be its
length, a cubit and a half its width, and a
cubit and a half its height.
11 "And you shall overlay it with pure
gold, inside and out you shall overlay it,
and shall make on it a molding of gold all
around.

12 "You shall cast four rings of gold for
it, and put them in its four corners; two
rings shall be on one side, and two rings
on the other side.
13 "And you shall make poles of acacia
wood, and overlay them with gold.
14 "You shall put the poles into the rings
on the sides of the ark, that the ark may
be carried by them.
15 "The poles shall be in the rings of the
ark; they shall not be taken from it.
16 "And you shall put into the ark the
Testimony which I will give you.
17 "You shall make a mercy seat of pure
gold; two and a half cubits shall be its
length and a cubit and a half its width.
18 "And you shall make two cherubim of
gold; of hammered work you shall make
them at the two ends of the mercy seat.
19 "Make one cherub at one end, and
the other cherub at the other end; you

shall make the cherubim at the two ends
of it of one piece with the mercy seat.
20 "And the cherubim shall stretch out
their wings above, covering the mercy
seat with their wings, and they shall face
one another; the faces of the cherubim
shall be toward the mercy seat.
21 "You shall put the mercy seat on top
of the ark, and in the ark you shall put
the Testimony that I will give you.
22 "And there I will meet with you,
and I will speak with you from above
the mercy seat, from between the two
cherubim which are on the ark of the
Testimony, about everything which I
will give you in commandment to the
children of Israel.
23 "You shall also make a table of acacia
wood; two cubits shall be its length, a
cubit its width, and a cubit and a half its
height.

24 "And you shall overlay it with pure
gold, and make a molding of gold all
around.
25 "You shall make for it a frame of a
handbreadth all around, and you shall
make a gold molding for the frame all
around.
26 "And you shall make for it four rings
of gold, and put the rings on the four
corners that are at its four legs.
27 "The rings shall be close to the frame,
as holders for the poles to bear the
table.
28 "And you shall make the poles of
acacia wood, and overlay them with
gold, that the table may be carried with
them.
29 "You shall make its dishes, its pans,
its pitchers, and its bowls for pouring.
You shall make them of pure gold.
30 "And you shall set the showbread on
the table before Me always.

[31] "You shall also make a lampstand
of pure gold; the lampstand shall be of
hammered work. Its shaft, its branches,
its bowls, its ornamental knobs, and
flowers shall be of one piece.
[32] "And six branches shall come out
of its sides: three branches of the
lampstand out of one side, and three
branches of the lampstand out of the
other side.
[33] "Three bowls shall be made like
almond blossoms on one branch, with
an ornamental knob and a flower,
and three bowls made like almond
blossoms on the other branch, with an
ornamental knob and a flower—and so
for the six branches that come out of the
lampstand.
[34] "On the lampstand itself four bowls
shall be made like almond blossoms,
each with its ornamental knob and
flower.

35 "And there shall be a knob under
the first two branches of the same, a
knob under the second two branches of
the same, and a knob under the third
two branches of the same, according to
the six branches that extend from the
lampstand.
36 "Their knobs and their branches shall
be of one piece; all of it shall be one
hammered piece of pure gold.
37 "You shall make seven lamps for it,
and they shall arrange its lamps so that
they give light in front of it.
38 "And its wick–trimmers and their
trays shall be of pure gold.
39 "It shall be made of a talent of pure
gold, with all these utensils.
40 "And see to it that you make them
according to the pattern which was
shown you on the mountain.
26 1 "Moreover you shall make the
tabernacle with ten curtains of

fine woven linen and blue, purple, and
scarlet thread; with artistic designs of
cherubim you shall weave them.
2 "The length of each curtain shall be
twenty–eight cubits, and the width of
each curtain four cubits. And every one
of the curtains shall have the same
measurements.
3 "Five curtains shall be coupled to one
another, and the other five curtains shall
be coupled to one another.
4 "And you shall make loops of blue
yarn on the edge of the curtain on the
selvedge of one set, and likewise you
shall do on the outer edge of the other
curtain of the second set.
5 "Fifty loops you shall make in the one
curtain, and fifty loops you shall make
on the edge of the curtain that is on the
end of the second set, that the loops
may be clasped to one another.

6 "And you shall make fifty clasps of gold, and couple the curtains together with the clasps, so that it may be one tabernacle.
7 "You shall also make curtains of goats' hair, to be a tent over the tabernacle. You shall make eleven curtains.
8 "The length of each curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; and the eleven curtains shall all have the same measurements.
9 "And you shall couple five curtains by themselves and six curtains by themselves, and you shall double over the sixth curtain at the forefront of the tent.
10 "You shall make fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that is outermost in one set, and fifty loops on the edge of the curtain of the second set.

11 "And you shall make fifty bronze
clasps, put the clasps into the loops, and
couple the tent together, that it may be
one.
12 "The remnant that remains of the
curtains of the tent, the half curtain that
remains, shall hang over the back of the
tabernacle.
13 "And a cubit on one side and a cubit
on the other side, of what remains of the
length of the curtains of the tent, shall
hang over the sides of the tabernacle,
on this side and on that side, to cover it.
14 "You shall also make a covering of
ram skins dyed red for the tent, and a
covering of badger skins above that.
15 "And for the tabernacle you shall
make the boards of acacia wood,
standing upright.
16 "Ten cubits shall be the length of a
board, and a cubit and a half shall be the
width of each board.

17 "Two tenons shall be in each board
for binding one to another. Thus you
shall make for all the boards of the
tabernacle.
18 "And you shall make the boards for
the tabernacle, twenty boards for the
south side.
19 "You shall make forty sockets of silver
under the twenty boards: two sockets
under each of the boards for its two
tenons.
20 "And for the second side of the
tabernacle, the north side, there shall be
twenty boards
21 "and their forty sockets of silver: two
sockets under each of the boards.
22 "For the far side of the tabernacle,
westward, you shall make six boards.
23 "And you shall also make two
boards for the two back corners of the
tabernacle.

24 "They shall be coupled together at
the bottom and they shall be coupled
together at the top by one ring. Thus it
shall be for both of them. They shall be
for the two corners.
25 "So there shall be eight boards
with their sockets of silver—sixteen
sockets—two sockets under each board.
26 "And you shall make bars of acacia
wood: five for the boards on one side of
the tabernacle,
27 "five bars for the boards on the other
side of the tabernacle, and five bars for
the boards of the side of the tabernacle,
for the far side westward.
28 "The middle bar shall pass through
the midst of the boards from end to end.
29 "You shall overlay the boards with
gold, make their rings of gold as holders
for the bars, and overlay the bars with
gold.

30 "And you shall raise up the tabernacle
according to its pattern which you were
shown on the mountain.
31 "You shall make a veil woven of blue,
purple, and scarlet thread, and fine
woven linen. It shall be woven with an
artistic design of cherubim.
32 "You shall hang it upon the four
pillars of acacia wood overlaid with gold.
Their hooks shall be gold, upon four
sockets of silver.
33 "And you shall hang the veil from
the clasps. Then you shall bring the ark
of the Testimony in there, behind the
veil. The veil shall be a divider for you
between the holy place and the Most
Holy.
34 "You shall put the mercy seat upon
the ark of the Testimony in the Most
Holy.
35 "You shall set the table outside the
veil, and the lampstand across from

the table on the side of the tabernacle
toward the south; and you shall put the
table on the north side.
36 "You shall make a screen for the door
of the tabernacle, woven of blue, purple,
and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen,
made by a weaver.
37 "And you shall make for the screen
five pillars of acacia wood, and overlay
them with gold; their hooks shall be of
gold, and you shall cast five sockets of
bronze for them.

27 1 "You shall make an altar of
acacia wood, five cubits long
and five cubits wide—the altar shall be
square—and its height shall be three
cubits.
2 "You shall make its horns on its four
corners; its horns shall be of one piece
with it. And you shall overlay it with
bronze.

3 "Also you shall make its pans to
receive its ashes, and its shovels and its
basins and its forks and its firepans; you
shall make all its utensils of bronze.
4 "You shall make a grate for it, a
network of bronze; and on the network
you shall make four bronze rings at its
four corners.
5 "You shall put it under the rim of the
altar beneath, that the network may be
midway up the altar.
6 "And you shall make poles for the
altar, poles of acacia wood, and overlay
them with bronze.
7 "The poles shall be put in the rings,
and the poles shall be on the two sides
of the altar to bear it.
8 "You shall make it hollow with boards;
as it was shown you on the mountain, so
shall they make it.
9 "You shall also make the court of the
tabernacle. For the south side there shall

be hangings for the court made of fine
woven linen, one hundred cubits long
for one side.
10 "And its twenty pillars and their
twenty sockets shall be bronze. The
hooks of the pillars and their bands shall
be silver.
11 "Likewise along the length of the
north side there shall be hangings one
hundred cubits long, with its twenty
pillars and their twenty sockets of
bronze, and the hooks of the pillars and
their bands of silver.
12 "And along the width of the court on
the west side shall be hangings of fifty
cubits, with their ten pillars and their ten
sockets.
13 "The width of the court on the east
side shall be fifty cubits.
14 "The hangings on one side of the gate
shall be fifteen cubits, with their three
pillars and their three sockets.

15 "And on the other side shall be
hangings of fifteen cubits, with their
three pillars and their three sockets.
16 "For the gate of the court there shall
be a screen twenty cubits long, woven of
blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine
woven linen, made by a weaver. It shall
have four pillars and four sockets.
17 "All the pillars around the court shall
have bands of silver; their hooks shall be
of silver and their sockets of bronze.
18 "The length of the court shall be
one hundred cubits, the width fifty
throughout, and the height five cubits,
made of fine woven linen, and its sockets
of bronze.
19 "All the utensils of the tabernacle
for all its service, all its pegs, and all the
pegs of the court, shall be of bronze.
20 "And you shall command the children
of Israel that they bring you pure oil of

pressed olives for the light, to cause the
lamp to burn continually.
21 "In the tabernacle of meeting,
outside the veil which is before the
Testimony, Aaron and his sons shall tend
it from evening until morning before
the LORD. It shall be a statute forever
to their generations on behalf of the
children of Israel.

28 1 "Now take Aaron your brother,
and his sons with him, from
among the children of Israel, that he
may minister to Me as priest, Aaron and
Aaron's sons: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and
Ithamar.
2 "And you shall make holy garments
for Aaron your brother, for glory and for
beauty.
3 "So you shall speak to all who are
gifted artisans, whom I have filled with
the spirit of wisdom, that they may make

Aaron's garments, to consecrate him,
that he may minister to Me as priest.
4 "And these are the garments which
they shall make: a breastplate, an ephod,
a robe, a skillfully woven tunic, a turban,
and a sash. So they shall make holy
garments for Aaron your brother and
his sons, that he may minister to Me as
priest.
5 "They shall take the gold, blue, purple,
and scarlet thread, and fine linen,
6 "and they shall make the ephod of
gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread,
and fine woven linen, artistically worked.
7 "It shall have two shoulder straps
joined at its two edges, and so it shall be
joined together.
8 "And the intricately woven band of
the ephod, which is on it, shall be of
the same workmanship, made of gold,
blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine
woven linen.

9 "Then you shall take two onyx stones
and engrave on them the names of the
sons of Israel:
10 "six of their names on one stone, and
six names on the other stone, in order of
their birth.
11 "With the work of an engraver in
stone, like the engravings of a signet,
you shall engrave the two stones with
the names of the sons of Israel. You shall
set them in settings of gold.
12 "And you shall put the two stones on
the shoulders of the ephod as memorial
stones for the sons of Israel. So Aaron
shall bear their names before the LORD
on his two shoulders as a memorial.
13 "You shall also make settings of gold,
14 "and you shall make two chains of
pure gold like braided cords, and fasten
the braided chains to the settings.
15 "You shall make the breastplate of
judgment. Artistically woven according

to the workmanship of the ephod you
shall make it: of gold, blue, purple, and
scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, you
shall make it.
16 "It shall be doubled into a square: a
span shall be its length, and a span shall
be its width.
17 "And you shall put settings of stones
in it, four rows of stones: The first
row shall be a sardius, a topaz, and an
emerald; this shall be the first row;
18 "the second row shall be a turquoise,
a sapphire, and a diamond;
19 "the third row, a jacinth, an agate,
and an amethyst;
20 "and the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx,
and a jasper. They shall be set in gold
settings.
21 "And the stones shall have the names
of the sons of Israel, twelve according
to their names, like the engravings of a

signet, each one with its own name; they
shall be according to the twelve tribes.
22 "You shall make chains for the
breastplate at the end, like braided cords
of pure gold.
23 "And you shall make two rings of
gold for the breastplate, and put the two
rings on the two ends of the breastplate.
24 "Then you shall put the two braided
chains of gold in the two rings which are
on the ends of the breastplate;
25 "and the other two ends of the
two braided chains you shall fasten to
the two settings, and put them on the
shoulder straps of the ephod in the
front.
26 "You shall make two rings of gold,
and put them on the two ends of the
breastplate, on the edge of it, which is
on the inner side of the ephod.
27 "And two other rings of gold you
shall make, and put them on the two

shoulder straps, underneath the ephod
toward its front, right at the seam above
the intricately woven band of the ephod.
28 "They shall bind the breastplate by
means of its rings to the rings of the
ephod, using a blue cord, so that it is
above the intricately woven band of the
ephod, and so that the breastplate does
not come loose from the ephod.
29 "So Aaron shall bear the names of
the sons of Israel on the breastplate of
judgment over his heart, when he goes
into the holy place, as a memorial before
the LORD continually.
30 "And you shall put in the breastplate
of judgment the Urim and the Thummim,
and they shall be over Aaron's heart
when he goes in before the LORD. So
Aaron shall bear the judgment of the
children of Israel over his heart before
the LORD continually.

31 "You shall make the robe of the
ephod all of blue.
32 "There shall be an opening for his
head in the middle of it; it shall have a
woven binding all around its opening,
like the opening in a coat of mail, so that
it does not tear.
33 "And upon its hem you shall make
pomegranates of blue, purple, and
scarlet, all around its hem, and bells of
gold between them all around:
34 "a golden bell and a pomegranate,
a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon
the hem of the robe all around.
35 "And it shall be upon Aaron when he
ministers, and its sound will be heard
when he goes into the holy place before
the LORD and when he comes out, that
he may not die.
36 "You shall also make a plate of pure
gold and engrave on it, like the engraving
of a signet: HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

37 "And you shall put it on a blue cord,
that it may be on the turban; it shall be
on the front of the turban.
38 "So it shall be on Aaron's forehead,
that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the
holy things which the children of Israel
hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall
always be on his forehead, that they may
be accepted before the LORD.
39 "You shall skillfully weave the tunic
of fine linen thread, you shall make the
turban of fine linen, and you shall make
the sash of woven work.
40 "For Aaron's sons you shall make
tunics, and you shall make sashes for
them. And you shall make hats for them,
for glory and beauty.
41 "So you shall put them on Aaron your
brother and on his sons with him. You
shall anoint them, consecrate them, and
sanctify them, that they may minister to
Me as priests.

42 "And you shall make for them linen
trousers to cover their nakedness; they
shall reach from the waist to the thighs.
43 "They shall be on Aaron and on
his sons when they come into the
tabernacle of meeting, or when they
come near the altar to minister in the
holy place, that they do not incur iniquity
and die. It shall be a statute forever to
him and his descendants after him.

29 1 "And this is what you shall
do to them to hallow them
for ministering to Me as priests: Take
one young bull and two rams without
blemish,
2 "and unleavened bread, unleavened
cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened
wafers anointed with oil (you shall make
them of wheat flour).
3 "You shall put them in one basket and
bring them in the basket, with the bull
and the two rams.

4 "And Aaron and his sons you shall
bring to the door of the tabernacle of
meeting, and you shall wash them with
water.
5 "Then you shall take the garments, put
the tunic on Aaron, and the robe of the
ephod, the ephod, and the breastplate,
and gird him with the intricately woven
band of the ephod.
6 "You shall put the turban on his head,
and put the holy crown on the turban.
7 "And you shall take the anointing oil,
pour it on his head, and anoint him.
8 "Then you shall bring his sons and put
tunics on them.
9 "And you shall gird them with sashes,
Aaron and his sons, and put the hats
on them. The priesthood shall be theirs
for a perpetual statute. So you shall
consecrate Aaron and his sons.
10 "You shall also have the bull brought
before the tabernacle of meeting, and

Aaron and his sons shall put their hands
on the head of the bull.
11 "Then you shall kill the bull before
the LORD, by the door of the tabernacle
of meeting.
12 "You shall take some of the blood of
the bull and put it on the horns of the
altar with your finger, and pour all the
blood beside the base of the altar.
13 "And you shall take all the fat
that covers the entrails, the fatty lobe
attached to the liver, and the two kidneys
and the fat that is on them, and burn
them on the altar.
14 "But the flesh of the bull, with its
skin and its offal, you shall burn with fire
outside the camp. It is a sin offering.
15 "You shall also take one ram, and
Aaron and his sons shall put their hands
on the head of the ram;

16 "and you shall kill the ram, and you
shall take its blood and sprinkle it all
around on the altar.
17 "Then you shall cut the ram in pieces,
wash its entrails and its legs, and put
them with its pieces and with its head.
18 "And you shall burn the whole ram
on the altar. It is a burnt offering to the
LORD; it is a sweet aroma, an offering
made by fire to the LORD.
19 "You shall also take the other ram,
and Aaron and his sons shall put their
hands on the head of the ram.
20 "Then you shall kill the ram, and take
some of its blood and put it on the tip of
the right ear of Aaron and on the tip of
the right ear of his sons, on the thumb
of their right hand and on the big toe of
their right foot, and sprinkle the blood
all around on the altar.
21 "And you shall take some of the
blood that is on the altar, and some

of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it on
Aaron and on his garments, on his sons
and on the garments of his sons with
him; and he and his garments shall be
hallowed, and his sons and his sons'
garments with him.
22 "Also you shall take the fat of the
ram, the fat tail, the fat that covers the
entrails, the fatty lobe attached to the
liver, the two kidneys and the fat on
them, the right thigh (for it is a ram of
consecration),
23 "one loaf of bread, one cake made
with oil, and one wafer from the basket
of the unleavened bread that is before
the LORD;
24 "and you shall put all these in the
hands of Aaron and in the hands of his
sons, and you shall wave them as a wave
offering before the LORD.
25 "You shall receive them back from
their hands and burn them on the altar

as a burnt offering, as a sweet aroma
before the LORD. It is an offering made
by fire to the LORD.
26 "Then you shall take the breast of the
ram of Aaron’s consecration and wave it
as a wave offering before the LORD; and
it shall be your portion.
27 "And from the ram of the
consecration you shall consecrate
the breast of the wave offering which
is waved, and the thigh of the heave
offering which is raised, of that which
is for Aaron and of that which is for his
sons.
28 "It shall be from the children of Israel
for Aaron and his sons by a statute
forever. For it is a heave offering; it shall
be a heave offering from the children of
Israel from the sacrifices of their peace
offerings, that is, their heave offering to
the LORD.

29 "And the holy garments of Aaron shall be his sons' after him, to be anointed in them and to be consecrated in them.
30 "That son who becomes priest in his place shall put them on for seven days, when he enters the tabernacle of meeting to minister in the holy place.
31 "And you shall take the ram of the consecration and boil its flesh in the holy place.
32 "Then Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that is in the basket, by the door of the tabernacle of meeting.
33 "They shall eat those things with which the atonement was made, to consecrate and to sanctify them; but an outsider shall not eat them, because they are holy.
34 "And if any of the flesh of the consecration offerings, or of the bread,

remains until the morning, then you
shall burn the remainder with fire. It
shall not be eaten, because it is holy.
35 "Thus you shall do to Aaron and
his sons, according to all that I have
commanded you. Seven days you shall
consecrate them.
36 "And you shall offer a bull every day
as a sin offering for atonement. You
shall cleanse the altar when you make
atonement for it, and you shall anoint it
to sanctify it.
37 "Seven days you shall make
atonement for the altar and sanctify
it. And the altar shall be most holy.
Whatever touches the altar must be
holy.
38 "Now this is what you shall offer on
the altar: two lambs of the first year, day
by day continually.

39 "One lamb you shall offer in the
morning, and the other lamb you shall
offer at twilight.
40 "With the one lamb shall be one–
tenth of an ephah of flour mixed with
one–fourth of a hin of pressed oil, and
one–fourth of a hin of wine as a drink
offering.
41 "And the other lamb you shall offer
at twilight; and you shall offer with it the
grain offering and the drink offering, as
in the morning, for a sweet aroma, an
offering made by fire to the LORD.
42 "This shall be a continual burnt
offering throughout your generations at
the door of the tabernacle of meeting
before the LORD, where I will meet you
to speak with you.
43 "And there I will meet with the
children of Israel, and the tabernacle
shall be sanctified by My glory.

44 "So I will consecrate the tabernacle
of meeting and the altar. I will also
consecrate both Aaron and his sons to
minister to Me as priests.
45 "I will dwell among the children of
Israel and will be their God.
46 "And they shall know that I am the
LORD their God, who brought them up
out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell
among them. I am the LORD their God.

30

1 "You shall make an altar to burn
incense on; you shall make it of
acacia wood.
2 "A cubit shall be its length and a cubit
its width—it shall be square—and two
cubits shall be its height. Its horns shall
be of one piece with it.
3 "And you shall overlay its top, its sides
all around, and its horns with pure gold;
and you shall make for it a molding of
gold all around.

4 "Two gold rings you shall make for it,
under the molding on both its sides. You
shall place them on its two sides, and
they will be holders for the poles with
which to bear it.
5 "You shall make the poles of acacia
wood, and overlay them with gold.
6 "And you shall put it before the veil
that is before the ark of the Testimony,
before the mercy seat that is over the
Testimony, where I will meet with you.
7 "Aaron shall burn on it sweet incense
every morning; when he tends the
lamps, he shall burn incense on it.
8 "And when Aaron lights the lamps
at twilight, he shall burn incense on it,
a perpetual incense before the LORD
throughout your generations.
9 "You shall not offer strange incense on
it, or a burnt offering, or a grain offering;
nor shall you pour a drink offering on it.

10 "And Aaron shall make atonement
upon its horns once a year with the
blood of the sin offering of atonement;
once a year he shall make atonement
upon it throughout your generations. It
is most holy to the LORD."
11 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:
12 "When you take the census of the
children of Israel for their number,
then every man shall give a ransom for
himself to the LORD, when you number
them, that there may be no plague
among them when you number them.
13 "This is what everyone among those
who are numbered shall give: half a
shekel according to the shekel of the
sanctuary (a shekel is twenty gerahs).
The half–shekel shall be an offering to
the LORD.
14 "Everyone included among those
who are numbered, from twenty years

old and above, shall give an offering to
the LORD.
15 "The rich shall not give more and
the poor shall not give less than half
a shekel, when you give an offering
to the LORD, to make atonement for
yourselves.
16 "And you shall take the atonement
money of the children of Israel, and
shall appoint it for the service of the
tabernacle of meeting, that it may be
a memorial for the children of Israel
before the LORD, to make atonement for
yourselves."
17 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:
18 "You shall also make a laver of
bronze, with its base also of bronze, for
washing. You shall put it between the
tabernacle of meeting and the altar. And
you shall put water in it,

19 "for Aaron and his sons shall wash
their hands and their feet in water from
it.
20 "When they go into the tabernacle
of meeting, or when they come near
the altar to minister, to burn an offering
made by fire to the LORD, they shall
wash with water, lest they die.
21 "So they shall wash their hands and
their feet, lest they die. And it shall
be a statute forever to them—to him
and his descendants throughout their
generations."
22 Moreover the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:
23 "Also take for yourself quality
spices—five hundred shekels of liquid
myrrh, half as much sweet–smelling
cinnamon (two hundred and fifty
shekels), two hundred and fifty shekels
of sweet–smelling cane,

24 "five hundred shekels of cassia,
according to the shekel of the sanctuary,
and a hin of olive oil.
25 "And you shall make from these
a holy anointing oil, an ointment
compounded according to the art of the
perfumer. It shall be a holy anointing oil.
26 "With it you shall anoint the
tabernacle of meeting and the ark of the
Testimony;
27 "the table and all its utensils, the
lampstand and its utensils, and the altar
of incense;
28 "the altar of burnt offering with all its
utensils, and the laver and its base.
29 "You shall consecrate them, that they
may be most holy; whatever touches
them must be holy.
30 "And you shall anoint Aaron and his
sons, and consecrate them, that they
may minister to Me as priests.

31 "And you shall speak to the children
of Israel, saying: 'This shall be a holy
anointing oil to Me throughout your
generations.
32 'It shall not be poured on man's
flesh; nor shall you make any other like
it, according to its composition. It is holy,
and it shall be holy to you.
33 'Whoever compounds any like it, or
whoever puts any of it on an outsider,
shall be cut off from his people.'"
34 And the LORD said to Moses: "Take
sweet spices, stacte and onycha and
galbanum, and pure frankincense with
these sweet spices; there shall be equal
amounts of each.
35 "You shall make of these an incense,
a compound according to the art of the
perfumer, salted, pure, and holy.
36 "And you shall beat some of it very
fine, and put some of it before the
Testimony in the tabernacle of meeting

where I will meet with you. It shall be
most holy to you.
37 "But as for the incense which you
shall make, you shall not make any for
yourselves, according to its composition.
It shall be to you holy for the LORD.
38 "Whoever makes any like it, to smell
it, he shall be cut off from his people."

31

1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:
2 "See, I have called by name Bezalel
the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the
tribe of Judah.
3 "And I have filled him with the Spirit
of God, in wisdom, in understanding,
in knowledge, and in all manner of
workmanship,
4 "to design artistic works, to work in
gold, in silver, in bronze,
5 "in cutting jewels for setting, in carving
wood, and to work in all manner of
workmanship.

6 "And I, indeed I, have appointed with him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have put wisdom in the hearts of all who are gifted artisans, that they may make all that I have commanded you:
7 "the tabernacle of meeting, the ark of the Testimony and the mercy seat that is on it, and all the furniture of the tabernacle—
8 "the table and its utensils, the pure gold lampstand with all its utensils, the altar of incense,
9 "the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the laver and its base—
10 "the garments of ministry, the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, to minister as priests,
11 "and the anointing oil and sweet incense for the holy place. According to

all that I have commanded you they shall
do."
12 And the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
13 "Speak also to the children of Israel,
saying: ‘Surely My Sabbaths you shall
keep, for it is a sign between Me and
you throughout your generations, that
you may know that I am the LORD who
sanctifies you.
14 ‘You shall keep the Sabbath,
therefore, for it is holy to you. Everyone
who profanes it shall surely be put to
death; for whoever does any work on it,
that person shall be cut off from among
his people.
15 ‘Work shall be done for six days, but
the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy
to the LORD. Whoever does any work on
the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put
to death.

16 ‘Therefore the children of Israel
shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the
Sabbath throughout their generations as
a perpetual covenant.
17 ‘It is a sign between Me and the
children of Israel forever; for in six days
the LORD made the heavens and the
earth, and on the seventh day He rested
and was refreshed.’"
18 And when He had made an end of
speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He
gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony,
tablets of stone, written with the finger
of God.

32 1 Now when the people saw that
Moses delayed coming down
from the mountain, the people gathered
together to Aaron, and said to him,
"Come, make us gods that shall go
before us; for as for this Moses, the man
who brought us up out of the land of

Egypt, we do not know what has become
of him."
2 And Aaron said to them, "Break off
the golden earrings which are in the
ears of your wives, your sons, and your
daughters, and bring them to me."
3 "So all the people broke off the golden
earrings which were in their ears, and
brought them to Aaron.
4 And he received the gold from their
hand, and he fashioned it with an
engraving tool, and made a molded calf.
Then they said, "This is your god, O
Israel, that brought you out of the land
of Egypt!"
5 So when Aaron saw it, he built an
altar before it. And Aaron made a
proclamation and said, "Tomorrow is a
feast to the LORD."
6 Then they rose early on the next day,
offered burnt offerings, and brought
peace offerings; and the people sat

down to eat and drink, and rose up to
play.
7 And the LORD said to Moses, "Go,
get down! For your people whom you
brought out of the land of Egypt have
corrupted themselves.
8 "They have turned aside quickly out
of the way which I commanded them.
They have made themselves a molded
calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it,
and said, ‘This is your god, O Israel, that
brought you out of the land of Egypt!’"
9 And the LORD said to Moses, "I have
seen this people, and indeed it is a
stiff–necked people!
10 "Now therefore, let Me alone, that
My wrath may burn hot against them
and I may consume them. And I will
make of you a great nation."
11 Then Moses pleaded with the LORD
his God, and said: "LORD, why does
Your wrath burn hot against Your people

whom You have brought out of the land
of Egypt with great power and with a
mighty hand?
12 "Why should the Egyptians speak,
and say, 'He brought them out to harm
them, to kill them in the mountains, and
to consume them from the face of the
earth'? Turn from Your fierce wrath, and
relent from this harm to Your people.
13 "Remember Abraham, Isaac, and
Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore
by Your own self, and said to them, 'I will
multiply your descendants as the stars
of heaven; and all this land that I have
spoken of I give to your descendants,
and they shall inherit it forever.'"
14 So the LORD relented from the harm
which He said He would do to His people.
15 And Moses turned and went down
from the mountain, and the two tablets
of the Testimony were in his hand. The
tablets were written on both sides; on

the one side and on the other they were
written.
16 Now the tablets were the work of
God, and the writing was the writing of
God engraved on the tablets.
17 And when Joshua heard the noise of
the people as they shouted, he said to
Moses, "There is a noise of war in the
camp."
18 But he said: "It is not the noise of the
shout of victory, Nor the noise of the
cry of defeat, But the sound of singing I
hear."
19 So it was, as soon as he came near
the camp, that he saw the calf and
the dancing. So Moses’ anger became
hot, and he cast the tablets out of his
hands and broke them at the foot of the
mountain.
20 Then he took the calf which they had
made, burned it in the fire, and ground
it to powder; and he scattered it on the

water and made the children of Israel
drink it.
21 And Moses said to Aaron, "What
did this people do to you that you have
brought so great a sin upon them?"
22 So Aaron said, "Do not let the anger
of my lord become hot. You know the
people, that they are set on evil.
23 "For they said to me, ‘Make us gods
that shall go before us; as for this Moses,
the man who brought us out of the land
of Egypt, we do not know what has
become of him.’
24 "And I said to them, ‘Whoever has
any gold, let them break it off.’ So they
gave it to me, and I cast it into the fire,
and this calf came out."
25 Now when Moses saw that the
people were unrestrained (for Aaron
had not restrained them, to their shame
among their enemies),

26 then Moses stood in the entrance
of the camp, and said, "Whoever is on
the LORD’S side—come to me." And all
the sons of Levi gathered themselves
together to him.
27 And he said to them, "Thus says the
LORD God of Israel: ‘Let every man put
his sword on his side, and go in and out
from entrance to entrance throughout
the camp, and let every man kill his
brother, every man his companion, and
every man his neighbor.’"
28 So the sons of Levi did according to
the word of Moses. And about three
thousand men of the people fell that
day.
29 Then Moses said, "Consecrate
yourselves today to the LORD, that He
may bestow on you a blessing this day,
for every man has opposed his son and
his brother."

30 Now it came to pass on the next day
that Moses said to the people, "You have
committed a great sin. So now I will go
up to the LORD; perhaps I can make
atonement for your sin."
31 Then Moses returned to the LORD
and said, "Oh, these people have
committed a great sin, and have made
for themselves a god of gold!
32 "Yet now, if You will forgive their
sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of
Your book which You have written."
33 And the LORD said to Moses,
"Whoever has sinned against Me, I will
blot him out of My book.
34 "Now therefore, go, lead the people
to the place of which I have spoken to
you. Behold, My Angel shall go before
you. Nevertheless, in the day when I visit
for punishment, I will visit punishment
upon them for their sin."

35 So the LORD plagued the people
because of what they did with the calf
which Aaron made.

33 1 Then the LORD said to Moses,
"Depart and go up from here, you
and the people whom you have brought
out of the land of Egypt, to the land of
which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and
Jacob, saying, ‘To your descendants I will
give it.’
2 "And I will send My Angel before you,
and I will drive out the Canaanite and the
Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite
and the Hivite and the Jebusite.
3 "Go up to a land flowing with milk and
honey; for I will not go up in your midst,
lest I consume you on the way, for you
are a stiff–necked people."
4 And when the people heard this bad
news, they mourned, and no one put on
his ornaments.

5 For the LORD had said to Moses,
"Say to the children of Israel, ‘You are
a stiff–necked people. I could come up
into your midst in one moment and
consume you. Now therefore, take off
your ornaments, that I may know what
to do to you.’"
6 So the children of Israel stripped
themselves of their ornaments by Mount
Horeb.
7 Moses took his tent and pitched it
outside the camp, far from the camp,
and called it the tabernacle of meeting.
And it came to pass that everyone
who sought the LORD went out to the
tabernacle of meeting which was outside
the camp.
8 So it was, whenever Moses went out
to the tabernacle, that all the people
rose, and each man stood at his tent
door and watched Moses until he had
gone into the tabernacle.

9 And it came to pass, when Moses
entered the tabernacle, that the pillar of
cloud descended and stood at the door
of the tabernacle, and the LORD talked
with Moses.
10 All the people saw the pillar of cloud
standing at the tabernacle door, and all
the people rose and worshiped, each
man in his tent door.
11 So the LORD spoke to Moses face to
face, as a man speaks to his friend. And
he would return to the camp, but his
servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young
man, did not depart from the tabernacle.
12 Then Moses said to the LORD, "See,
You say to me, ‘Bring up this people.’ But
You have not let me know whom You will
send with me. Yet You have said, ‘I know
you by name, and you have also found
grace in My sight.’
13 "Now therefore, I pray, if I have found
grace in Your sight, show me now Your

way, that I may know You and that I may
find grace in Your sight. And consider
that this nation is Your people."
14 And He said, "My Presence will go
with you, and I will give you rest."
15 Then he said to Him, "If Your
Presence does not go with us, do not
bring us up from here.
16 "For how then will it be known that
Your people and I have found grace in
Your sight, except You go with us? So
we shall be separate, Your people and
I, from all the people who are upon the
face of the earth."
17 So the LORD said to Moses, "I will
also do this thing that you have spoken;
for you have found grace in My sight,
and I know you by name."
18 And he said, "Please, show me Your
glory."
19 Then He said, "I will make all My
goodness pass before you, and I will

proclaim the name of the LORD before
you. I will be gracious to whom I will be
gracious, and I will have compassion on
whom I will have compassion."
20 But He said, "You cannot see My face;
for no man shall see Me, and live."
21 And the LORD said, "Here is a place
by Me, and you shall stand on the rock.
22 "So it shall be, while My glory passes
by, that I will put you in the cleft of the
rock, and will cover you with My hand
while I pass by.
23 "Then I will take away My hand, and
you shall see My back; but My face shall
not be seen."
34 1 And the LORD said to Moses,
"Cut two tablets of stone like
the first ones, and I will write on these
tablets the words that were on the first
tablets which you broke.
2 "So be ready in the morning, and
come up in the morning to Mount Sinai,

and present yourself to Me there on the
top of the mountain.
3 "And no man shall come up with you,
and let no man be seen throughout all
the mountain; let neither flocks nor
herds feed before that mountain."
4 So he cut two tablets of stone like the
first ones. Then Moses rose early in the
morning and went up Mount Sinai, as
the LORD had commanded him; and he
took in his hand the two tablets of stone.
5 Now the LORD descended in the
cloud and stood with him there, and
proclaimed the name of the LORD.
6 And the LORD passed before him and
proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God,
merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and
abounding in goodness and truth,
7 "keeping mercy for thousands,
forgiving iniquity and transgression and
sin, by no means clearing the guilty,
visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon

the children and the children’s children
to the third and the fourth generation."
8 So Moses made haste and bowed his
head toward the earth, and worshiped.
9 Then he said, "If now I have found
grace in Your sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I
pray, go among us, even though we are
a stiff–necked people; and pardon our
iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your
inheritance."
10 And He said: "Behold, I make a
covenant. Before all your people I will do
marvels such as have not been done in
all the earth, nor in any nation; and all
the people among whom you are shall
see the work of the LORD. For it is an
awesome thing that I will do with you.
11 "Observe what I command you this
day. Behold, I am driving out from before
you the Amorite and the Canaanite and
the Hittite and the Perizzite and the
Hivite and the Jebusite.

12 "Take heed to yourself, lest you make
a covenant with the inhabitants of the
land where you are going, lest it be a
snare in your midst.
13 "But you shall destroy their altars,
break their sacred pillars, and cut down
their wooden images
14 '(for you shall worship no other god,
for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is
a jealous God),
15 "lest you make a covenant with the
inhabitants of the land, and they play
the harlot with their gods and make
sacrifice to their gods, and one of them
invites you and you eat of his sacrifice,
16 "and you take of his daughters for
your sons, and his daughters play the
harlot with their gods and make your
sons play the harlot with their gods.
17 "You shall make no molded gods for
yourselves.

18 "The Feast of Unleavened Bread you
shall keep. Seven days you shall eat
unleavened bread, as I commanded you,
in the appointed time of the month of
Abib; for in the month of Abib you came
out from Egypt.
19 "All that open the womb are Mine,
and every male firstborn among your
livestock, whether ox or sheep.
20 "But the firstborn of a donkey you
shall redeem with a lamb. And if you will
not redeem him, then you shall break
his neck. All the firstborn of your sons
you shall redeem. And none shall appear
before Me empty–handed.
21 "Six days you shall work, but on the
seventh day you shall rest; in plowing
time and in harvest you shall rest.
22 "And you shall observe the Feast
of Weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat
harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at
the year’s end.

23 "Three times in the year all your men
shall appear before the Lord, the LORD
God of Israel.
24 "For I will cast out the nations before
you and enlarge your borders; neither
will any man covet your land when you
go up to appear before the LORD your
God three times in the year.
25 "You shall not offer the blood of
My sacrifice with leaven, nor shall the
sacrifice of the Feast of the Passover be
left until morning.
26 "The first of the firstfruits of your
land you shall bring to the house of
the LORD your God. You shall not boil a
young goat in its mother’s milk."
27 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write
these words, for according to the tenor
of these words I have made a covenant
with you and with Israel."
28 So he was there with the LORD forty
days and forty nights; he neither ate

bread nor drank water. And He wrote on
the tablets the words of the covenant,
the Ten Commandments.
29 Now it was so, when Moses came
down from Mount Sinai (and the two
tablets of the Testimony were in Moses'
hand when he came down from the
mountain), that Moses did not know
that the skin of his face shone while he
talked with Him.
30 So when Aaron and all the children
of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of
his face shone, and they were afraid to
come near him.
31 Then Moses called to them,
and Aaron and all the rulers of the
congregation returned to him; and
Moses talked with them.
32 Afterward all the children of Israel
came near, and he gave them as
commandments all that the LORD had
spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

33 And when Moses had finished
speaking with them, he put a veil on his
face.
34 But whenever Moses went in before
the LORD to speak with Him, he would
take the veil off until he came out; and
he would come out and speak to the
children of Israel whatever he had been
commanded.
35 And whenever the children of Israel
saw the face of Moses, that the skin of
Moses' face shone, then Moses would
put the veil on his face again, until he
went in to speak with Him.

35

1 Then Moses gathered all the
congregation of the children of
Israel together, and said to them, "These
are the words which the LORD has
commanded you to do:
2 "Work shall be done for six days, but
the seventh day shall be a holy day for
you, a Sabbath of rest to the LORD.

Whoever does any work on it shall be
put to death.
3 "You shall kindle no fire throughout
your dwellings on the Sabbath day."
4 And Moses spoke to all the
congregation of the children of Israel,
saying, "This is the thing which the LORD
commanded, saying:
5 'Take from among you an offering to
the LORD. Whoever is of a willing heart,
let him bring it as an offering to the
LORD: gold, silver, and bronze;
6 'blue, purple, and scarlet thread, fine
linen, and goats' hair;
7 'ram skins dyed red, badger skins, and
acacia wood;
8 'oil for the light, and spices for the
anointing oil and for the sweet incense;
9 'onyx stones, and stones to be set in
the ephod and in the breastplate.

10 'All who are gifted artisans among
you shall come and make all that the
LORD has commanded:
11 'the tabernacle, its tent, its covering,
its clasps, its boards, its bars, its pillars,
and its sockets;
12 'the ark and its poles, with the mercy
seat, and the veil of the covering;
13 'the table and its poles, all its utensils,
and the showbread;
14 'also the lampstand for the light, its
utensils, its lamps, and the oil for the
light;
15 'the incense altar, its poles, the
anointing oil, the sweet incense, and the
screen for the door at the entrance of
the tabernacle;
16 'the altar of burnt offering with its
bronze grating, its poles, all its utensils,
and the laver and its base;

[17] 'the hangings of the court, its pillars,
their sockets, and the screen for the gate
of the court;
[18] 'the pegs of the tabernacle, the pegs
of the court, and their cords;
[19] 'the garments of ministry, for
ministering in the holy place —the holy
garments for Aaron the priest and the
garments of his sons, to minister as
priests.'"
[20] And all the congregation of the
children of Israel departed from the
presence of Moses.
[21] Then everyone came whose heart
was stirred, and everyone whose spirit
was willing, and they brought the LORD'S
offering for the work of the tabernacle
of meeting, for all its service, and for the
holy garments.
[22] They came, both men and women,
as many as had a willing heart, and
brought earrings and nose rings, rings

and necklaces, all jewelry of gold, that is,
every man who made an offering of gold
to the LORD.
23 And every man, with whom was
found blue, purple, and scarlet thread,
fine linen, and goats' hair, red skins of
rams, and badger skins, brought them.
24 Everyone who offered an offering
of silver or bronze brought the LORD'S
offering. And everyone with whom was
found acacia wood for any work of the
service, brought it.
25 All the women who were gifted
artisans spun yarn with their hands, and
brought what they had spun, of blue,
purple, and scarlet, and fine linen.
26 And all the women whose heart
stirred with wisdom spun yarn of goats'
hair.
27 The rulers brought onyx stones, and
the stones to be set in the ephod and in
the breastplate,

28 and spices and oil for the light, for the
anointing oil, and for the sweet incense.
29 The children of Israel brought a
freewill offering to the LORD, all the men
and women whose hearts were willing
to bring material for all kinds of work
which the LORD, by the hand of Moses,
had commanded to be done.
30 And Moses said to the children of
Israel, "See, the LORD has called by
name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of
Hur, of the tribe of Judah;
31 "and He has filled him with the Spirit
of God, in wisdom and understanding,
in knowledge and all manner of
workmanship,
32 "to design artistic works, to work in
gold and silver and bronze,
33 "in cutting jewels for setting, in
carving wood, and to work in all manner
of artistic workmanship.

34 "And He has put in his heart the
ability to teach, in him and Aholiab the
son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.
35 "He has filled them with skill to do
all manner of work of the engraver and
the designer and the tapestry maker, in
blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine
linen, and of the weaver—those who do
every work and those who design artistic
works.

36 1 "And Bezalel and Aholiab,
and every gifted artisan in
whom the LORD has put wisdom and
understanding, to know how to do all
manner of work for the service of the
sanctuary, shall do according to all that
the LORD has commanded."
2 Then Moses called Bezalel and
Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in
whose heart the LORD had put wisdom,
everyone whose heart was stirred, to
come and do the work.

3 And they received from Moses all the
offering which the children of Israel had
brought for the work of the service of
making the sanctuary. So they continued
bringing to him freewill offerings every
morning.
4 Then all the craftsmen who were
doing all the work of the sanctuary
came, each from the work he was doing,
5 and they spoke to Moses, saying, "The
people bring much more than enough
for the service of the work which the
LORD commanded us to do."
6 So Moses gave a commandment,
and they caused it to be proclaimed
throughout the camp, saying, "Let
neither man nor woman do any more
work for the offering of the sanctuary."
And the people were restrained from
bringing,

7 for the material they had was
sufficient for all the work to be
done—indeed too much.
8 Then all the gifted artisans among
them who worked on the tabernacle
made ten curtains woven of fine linen,
and of blue, purple, and scarlet thread;
with artistic designs of cherubim they
made them.
9 The length of each curtain was
twenty–eight cubits, and the width of
each curtain four cubits; the curtains
were all the same size.
10 And he coupled five curtains to one
another, and the other five curtains he
coupled to one another.
11 He made loops of blue yarn on the
edge of the curtain on the selvedge of
one set; likewise he did on the outer
edge of the other curtain of the second
set.

[12] Fifty loops he made on one curtain,
and fifty loops he made on the edge of
the curtain on the end of the second set;
the loops held one curtain to another.
[13] And he made fifty clasps of gold, and
coupled the curtains to one another
with the clasps, that it might be one
tabernacle.
[14] He made curtains of goats' hair for
the tent over the tabernacle; he made
eleven curtains.
[15] The length of each curtain was thirty
cubits, and the width of each curtain
four cubits; the eleven curtains were the
same size.
[16] He coupled five curtains by
themselves and six curtains by
themselves.
[17] And he made fifty loops on the edge
of the curtain that is outermost in one
set, and fifty loops he made on the edge
of the curtain of the second set.

[18] He also made fifty bronze clasps to couple the tent together, that it might be one.

[19] Then he made a covering for the tent of ram skins dyed red, and a covering of badger skins above that.

[20] For the tabernacle he made boards of acacia wood, standing upright.

[21] The length of each board was ten cubits, and the width of each board a cubit and a half.

[22] Each board had two tenons for binding one to another. Thus he made for all the boards of the tabernacle.

[23] And he made boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south side.

[24] Forty sockets of silver he made to go under the twenty boards: two sockets under each of the boards for its two tenons.

25 And for the other side of the
tabernacle, the north side, he made
twenty boards
26 and their forty sockets of silver: two
sockets under each of the boards.
27 For the west side of the tabernacle
he made six boards.
28 He also made two boards for the two
back corners of the tabernacle.
29 And they were coupled at the bottom
and coupled together at the top by one
ring. Thus he made both of them for the
two corners.
30 So there were eight boards and their
sockets—sixteen sockets of silver—two
sockets under each of the boards.
31 And he made bars of acacia wood:
five for the boards on one side of the
tabernacle,
32 five bars for the boards on the other
side of the tabernacle, and five bars for

the boards of the tabernacle on the far
side westward.
33 And he made the middle bar to pass
through the boards from one end to the
other.
34 He overlaid the boards with gold,
made their rings of gold to be holders for
the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.
35 And he made a veil of blue, purple,
and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen;
it was worked with an artistic design of
cherubim.
36 He made for it four pillars of acacia
wood, and overlaid them with gold, with
their hooks of gold; and he cast four
sockets of silver for them.
37 He also made a screen for the
tabernacle door, of blue, purple, and
scarlet thread, and fine woven linen,
made by a weaver,
38 and its five pillars with their hooks.
And he overlaid their capitals and their

rings with gold, but their five sockets
were bronze.

37

1 Then Bezalel made the ark of
acacia wood; two and a half
cubits was its length, a cubit and a half
its width, and a cubit and a half its
height.
2 He overlaid it with pure gold inside
and outside, and made a molding of gold
all around it.
3 And he cast for it four rings of gold to
be set in its four corners: two rings on
one side, and two rings on the other side
of it.
4 He made poles of acacia wood, and
overlaid them with gold.
5 And he put the poles into the rings at
the sides of the ark, to bear the ark.
6 He also made the mercy seat of pure
gold; two and a half cubits was its length
and a cubit and a half its width.

7 He made two cherubim of beaten
gold; he made them of one piece at the
two ends of the mercy seat:
8 one cherub at one end on this side,
and the other cherub at the other end
on that side. He made the cherubim
at the two ends of one piece with the
mercy seat.
9 The cherubim spread out their wings
above, and covered the mercy seat with
their wings. They faced one another; the
faces of the cherubim were toward the
mercy seat.
10 He made the table of acacia wood;
two cubits was its length, a cubit its
width, and a cubit and a half its height.
11 And he overlaid it with pure gold, and
made a molding of gold all around it.
12 Also he made a frame of a
handbreadth all around it, and made a
molding of gold for the frame all around
it.

13 And he cast for it four rings of gold,
and put the rings on the four corners
that were at its four legs.
14 The rings were close to the frame, as
holders for the poles to bear the table.
15 And he made the poles of acacia
wood to bear the table, and overlaid
them with gold.
16 He made of pure gold the utensils
which were on the table: its dishes,
its cups, its bowls, and its pitchers for
pouring.
17 He also made the lampstand of pure
gold; of hammered work he made the
lampstand. Its shaft, its branches, its
bowls, its ornamental knobs, and its
flowers were of the same piece.
18 And six branches came out of its
sides: three branches of the lampstand
out of one side, and three branches of
the lampstand out of the other side.

19 There were three bowls made like
almond blossoms on one branch, with
an ornamental knob and a flower, and
three bowls made like almond blossoms
on the other branch, with an ornamental
knob and a flower—and so for the six
branches coming out of the lampstand.
20 And on the lampstand itself were
four bowls made like almond blossoms,
each with its ornamental knob and
flower.
21 There was a knob under the first two
branches of the same, a knob under the
second two branches of the same, and
a knob under the third two branches of
the same, according to the six branches
extending from it.
22 Their knobs and their branches were
of one piece; all of it was one hammered
piece of pure gold.

23 And he made its seven lamps, its
wick–trimmers, and its trays of pure
gold.
24 Of a talent of pure gold he made it,
with all its utensils.
25 He made the incense altar of acacia
wood. Its length was a cubit and its
width a cubit—it was square—and two
cubits was its height. Its horns were of
one piece with it.
26 And he overlaid it with pure gold: its
top, its sides all around, and its horns.
He also made for it a molding of gold all
around it.
27 He made two rings of gold for it
under its molding, by its two corners on
both sides, as holders for the poles with
which to bear it.
28 And he made the poles of acacia
wood, and overlaid them with gold.

29 He also made the holy anointing oil
and the pure incense of sweet spices,
according to the work of the perfumer.

38 1 He made the altar of burnt
offering of acacia wood; five
cubits was its length and five cubits its
width—it was square—and its height
was three cubits.
2 He made its horns on its four corners;
the horns were of one piece with it. And
he overlaid it with bronze.
3 He made all the utensils for the altar:
the pans, the shovels, the basins, the
forks, and the firepans; all its utensils he
made of bronze.
4 And he made a grate of bronze
network for the altar, under its rim,
midway from the bottom.
5 He cast four rings for the four corners
of the bronze grating, as holders for the
poles.

6 And he made the poles of acacia
wood, and overlaid them with bronze.
7 Then he put the poles into the rings
on the sides of the altar, with which to
bear it. He made the altar hollow with
boards.
8 He made the laver of bronze and its
base of bronze, from the bronze mirrors
of the serving women who assembled at
the door of the tabernacle of meeting.
9 Then he made the court on the south
side; the hangings of the court were of
fine woven linen, one hundred cubits
long.
10 There were twenty pillars for them,
with twenty bronze sockets. The hooks
of the pillars and their bands were silver.
11 On the north side the hangings were
one hundred cubits long, with twenty
pillars and their twenty bronze sockets.
The hooks of the pillars and their bands
were silver.

12 And on the west side there were
hangings of fifty cubits, with ten pillars
and their ten sockets. The hooks of the
pillars and their bands were silver.
13 For the east side the hangings were
fifty cubits.
14 The hangings of one side of the gate
were fifteen cubits long, with their three
pillars and their three sockets,
15 and the same for the other side of
the court gate; on this side and that were
hangings of fifteen cubits, with their
three pillars and their three sockets.
16 All the hangings of the court all
around were of fine woven linen.
17 The sockets for the pillars were
bronze, the hooks of the pillars and
their bands were silver, and the overlay
of their capitals was silver; and all the
pillars of the court had bands of silver.
18 The screen for the gate of the court
was woven of blue, purple, and scarlet

thread, and of fine woven linen. The length was twenty cubits, and the height along its width was five cubits, corresponding to the hangings of the court.

19 And there were four pillars with their four sockets of bronze; their hooks were silver, and the overlay of their capitals and their bands was silver.

20 All the pegs of the tabernacle, and of the court all around, were bronze.

21 This is the inventory of the tabernacle, the tabernacle of the Testimony, which was counted according to the commandment of Moses, for the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, son of Aaron the priest.

22 Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD had commanded Moses.

23 And with him was Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an

engraver and designer, a weaver of blue,
purple, and scarlet thread, and of fine
linen.
24 All the gold that was used in all the
work of the holy place, that is, the gold
of the offering, was twenty–nine talents
and seven hundred and thirty shekels,
according to the shekel of the sanctuary.
25 And the silver from those who were
numbered of the congregation was
one hundred talents and one thousand
seven hundred and seventy–five shekels,
according to the shekel of the sanctuary:
26 a bekah for each man (that is, half a
shekel, according to the shekel of the
sanctuary), for everyone included in
the numbering from twenty years old
and above, for six hundred and three
thousand, five hundred and fifty men.
27 And from the hundred talents of
silver were cast the sockets of the
sanctuary and the bases of the veil:

one hundred sockets from the hundred
talents, one talent for each socket.
28 Then from the one thousand seven
hundred and seventy–five shekels he
made hooks for the pillars, overlaid their
capitals, and made bands for them.
29 The offering of bronze was seventy
talents and two thousand four hundred
shekels.
30 And with it he made the sockets for
the door of the tabernacle of meeting,
the bronze altar, the bronze grating for
it, and all the utensils for the altar,
31 the sockets for the court all around,
the bases for the court gate, all the pegs
for the tabernacle, and all the pegs for
the court all around.

39 1 Of the blue, purple, and scarlet
thread they made garments of
ministry, for ministering in the holy
place, and made the holy garments for

Aaron, as the LORD had commanded
Moses.
2 He made the ephod of gold, blue,
purple, and scarlet thread, and of fine
woven linen.
3 And they beat the gold into thin
sheets and cut it into threads, to work
it in with the blue, purple, and scarlet
thread and the fine linen, into artistic
designs.
4 They made shoulder straps for it
to couple it together; it was coupled
together at its two edges.
5 And the intricately woven band of
his ephod that was on it was of the
same workmanship, woven of gold,
blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and
of fine woven linen, as the LORD had
commanded Moses.
6 And they set onyx stones, enclosed in
settings of gold; they were engraved, as

signets are engraved, with the names of
the sons of Israel.
7 He put them on the shoulders of the
ephod as memorial stones for the sons
of Israel, as the LORD had commanded
Moses.
8 And he made the breastplate,
artistically woven like the workmanship
of the ephod, of gold, blue, purple, and
scarlet thread, and of fine woven linen.
9 They made the breastplate square by
doubling it; a span was its length and a
span its width when doubled.
10 And they set in it four rows of stones:
a row with a sardius, a topaz, and an
emerald was the first row;
11 the second row, a turquoise, a
sapphire, and a diamond;
12 the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and
an amethyst;

13 the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and
a jasper. They were enclosed in settings
of gold in their mountings.
14 There were twelve stones according
to the names of the sons of Israel:
according to their names, engraved like
a signet, each one with its own name
according to the twelve tribes.
15 And they made chains for the
breastplate at the ends, like braided
cords of pure gold.
16 They also made two settings of gold
and two gold rings, and put the two rings
on the two ends of the breastplate.
17 And they put the two braided chains
of gold in the two rings on the ends of
the breastplate.
18 The two ends of the two braided
chains they fastened in the two settings,
and put them on the shoulder straps of
the ephod in the front.

19 And they made two rings of gold
and put them on the two ends of the
breastplate, on the edge of it, which was
on the inward side of the ephod.
20 They made two other gold rings and
put them on the two shoulder straps,
underneath the ephod toward its front,
right at the seam above the intricately
woven band of the ephod.
21 And they bound the breastplate by
means of its rings to the rings of the
ephod with a blue cord, so that it would
be above the intricately woven band
of the ephod, and that the breastplate
would not come loose from the ephod,
as the LORD had commanded Moses.
22 He made the robe of the ephod of
woven work, all of blue.
23 And there was an opening in the
middle of the robe, like the opening in
a coat of mail, with a woven binding all

around the opening, so that it would not
tear.
24 They made on the hem of the robe
pomegranates of blue, purple, and
scarlet, and of fine woven linen.
25 And they made bells of pure gold, and
put the bells between the pomegranates
on the hem of the robe all around
between the pomegranates:
26 a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and
a pomegranate, all around the hem of
the robe to minister in, as the LORD had
commanded Moses.
27 They made tunics, artistically woven
of fine linen, for Aaron and his sons,
28 a turban of fine linen, exquisite
hats of fine linen, short trousers of fine
woven linen,
29 and a sash of fine woven linen with
blue, purple, and scarlet thread, made by
a weaver, as the LORD had commanded
Moses.

30 Then they made the plate of the holy
crown of pure gold, and wrote on it an
inscription like the engraving of a signet:
HOLINESS TO THE LORD.
31 And they tied to it a blue cord, to
fasten it above on the turban, as the
LORD had commanded Moses.
32 Thus all the work of the tabernacle
of the tent of meeting was finished. And
the children of Israel did according to all
that the LORD had commanded Moses;
so they did.
33 And they brought the tabernacle to
Moses, the tent and all its furnishings:
its clasps, its boards, its bars, its pillars,
and its sockets;
34 the covering of ram skins dyed red,
the covering of badger skins, and the veil
of the covering;
35 the ark of the Testimony with its
poles, and the mercy seat;

36 the table, all its utensils, and the
showbread;
37 the pure gold lampstand with its
lamps (the lamps set in order), all its
utensils, and the oil for light;
38 the gold altar, the anointing oil, and
the sweet incense; the screen for the
tabernacle door;
39 the bronze altar, its grate of bronze,
its poles, and all its utensils; the laver
with its base;
40 the hangings of the court, its pillars
and its sockets, the screen for the court
gate, its cords, and its pegs; all the
utensils for the service of the tabernacle,
for the tent of meeting;
41 and the garments of ministry, to
minister in the holy place: the holy
garments for Aaron the priest, and his
sons' garments, to minister as priests.

42 According to all that the LORD had
commanded Moses, so the children of
Israel did all the work.
43 Then Moses looked over all the work,
and indeed they had done it; as the
LORD had commanded, just so they had
done it. And Moses blessed them.
40 1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:
2 "On the first day of the first month
you shall set up the tabernacle of the
tent of meeting.
3 "You shall put in it the ark of the
Testimony, and partition off the ark with
the veil.
4 "You shall bring in the table and
arrange the things that are to be set in
order on it; and you shall bring in the
lampstand and light its lamps.
5 "You shall also set the altar of gold
for the incense before the ark of the

Testimony, and put up the screen for the
door of the tabernacle.
6 "Then you shall set the altar of the
burnt offering before the door of the
tabernacle of the tent of meeting.
7 "And you shall set the laver between
the tabernacle of meeting and the altar,
and put water in it.
8 "You shall set up the court all around,
and hang up the screen at the court
gate.
9 "And you shall take the anointing oil,
and anoint the tabernacle and all that is
in it; and you shall hallow it and all its
utensils, and it shall be holy.
10 "You shall anoint the altar of the
burnt offering and all its utensils, and
consecrate the altar. The altar shall be
most holy.
11 "And you shall anoint the laver and
its base, and consecrate it.

12 "Then you shall bring Aaron and his
sons to the door of the tabernacle of
meeting and wash them with water.
13 "You shall put the holy garments on
Aaron, and anoint him and consecrate
him, that he may minister to Me as
priest.
14 "And you shall bring his sons and
clothe them with tunics.
15 "You shall anoint them, as you
anointed their father, that they
may minister to Me as priests; for
their anointing shall surely be an
everlasting priesthood throughout their
generations."
16 Thus Moses did; according to all that
the LORD had commanded him, so he
did.
17 And it came to pass in the first month
of the second year, on the first day of the
month, that the tabernacle was raised
up.

18 So Moses raised up the tabernacle,
fastened its sockets, set up its boards,
put in its bars, and raised up its pillars.
19 And he spread out the tent over
the tabernacle and put the covering of
the tent on top of it, as the LORD had
commanded Moses.
20 He took the Testimony and put it into
the ark, inserted the poles through the
rings of the ark, and put the mercy seat
on top of the ark.
21 And he brought the ark into the
tabernacle, hung up the veil of the
covering, and partitioned off the ark
of the Testimony, as the LORD had
commanded Moses.
22 He put the table in the tabernacle
of meeting, on the north side of the
tabernacle, outside the veil;
23 and he set the bread in order upon
it before the LORD, as the LORD had
commanded Moses.

24 He put the lampstand in the
tabernacle of meeting, across from
the table, on the south side of the
tabernacle;
25 and he lit the lamps before the LORD,
as the LORD had commanded Moses.
26 He put the gold altar in the tabernacle
of meeting in front of the veil;
27 and he burned sweet incense on it,
as the LORD had commanded Moses.
28 He hung up the screen at the door of
the tabernacle.
29 And he put the altar of burnt offering
before the door of the tabernacle of the
tent of meeting, and offered upon it the
burnt offering and the grain offering, as
the LORD had commanded Moses.
30 He set the laver between the
tabernacle of meeting and the altar, and
put water there for washing;

31 and Moses, Aaron, and his sons would wash their hands and their feet with water from it.

32 Whenever they went into the tabernacle of meeting, and when they came near the altar, they washed, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

33 And he raised up the court all around the tabernacle and the altar, and hung up the screen of the court gate. So Moses finished the work.

34 Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

35 And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

36 Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would go onward in all their journeys.

37 But if the cloud was not taken up,
then they did not journey till the day
that it was taken up.
38 For the cloud of the LORD was above
the tabernacle by day, and fire was over
it by night, in the sight of all the house of
Israel, throughout all their journeys.

Leviticus

1 [1] Now the LORD called to Moses, and
spoke to him from the tabernacle of
meeting, saying,
[2] "Speak to the children of Israel, and
say to them: 'When any one of you
brings an offering to the LORD, you shall
bring your offering of the livestock—of
the herd and of the flock.
[3] 'If his offering is a burnt sacrifice of
the herd, let him offer a male without
blemish; he shall offer it of his own free
will at the door of the tabernacle of
meeting before the LORD.
[4] 'Then he shall put his hand on the
head of the burnt offering, and it will
be accepted on his behalf to make
atonement for him.

5 ‘He shall kill the bull before the LORD;
and the priests, Aaron’s sons, shall bring
the blood and sprinkle the blood all
around on the altar that is by the door of
the tabernacle of meeting.
6 ‘And he shall skin the burnt offering
and cut it into its pieces.
7 ‘The sons of Aaron the priest shall put
fire on the altar, and lay the wood in
order on the fire.
8 ‘Then the priests, Aaron’s sons, shall
lay the parts, the head, and the fat in
order on the wood that is on the fire
upon the altar;
9 ‘but he shall wash its entrails and its
legs with water. And the priest shall burn
all on the altar as a burnt sacrifice, an
offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to
the LORD.
10 ‘If his offering is of the flocks—of
the sheep or of the goats—as a burnt

sacrifice, he shall bring a male without
blemish.
11 'He shall kill it on the north side
of the altar before the LORD; and the
priests, Aaron's sons, shall sprinkle its
blood all around on the altar.
12 'And he shall cut it into its pieces,
with its head and its fat; and the priest
shall lay them in order on the wood that
is on the fire upon the altar;
13 'but he shall wash the entrails and
the legs with water. Then the priest shall
bring it all and burn it on the altar; it is a
burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire,
a sweet aroma to the LORD.
14 'And if the burnt sacrifice of his
offering to the LORD is of birds, then he
shall bring his offering of turtledoves or
young pigeons.
15 'The priest shall bring it to the altar,
wring off its head, and burn it on the

altar; its blood shall be drained out at
the side of the altar.
16 ‘And he shall remove its crop with its
feathers and cast it beside the altar on
the east side, into the place for ashes.
17 ‘Then he shall split it at its wings,
but shall not divide it completely; and
the priest shall burn it on the altar, on
the wood that is on the fire. It is a burnt
sacrifice, an offering made by fire, a
sweet aroma to the LORD.

2 1 ‘When anyone offers a grain
offering to the LORD, his offering
shall be of fine flour. And he shall pour
oil on it, and put frankincense on it.
2 ‘He shall bring it to Aaron’s sons, the
priests, one of whom shall take from it
his handful of fine flour and oil with all
the frankincense. And the priest shall
burn it as a memorial on the altar, an
offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to
the LORD.

3 'The rest of the grain offering shall be
Aaron's and his sons'. It is most holy of
the offerings to the LORD made by fire.
4 'And if you bring as an offering a grain
offering baked in the oven, it shall be
unleavened cakes of fine flour mixed
with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed
with oil.
5 'But if your offering is a grain offering
baked in a pan, it shall be of fine flour,
unleavened, mixed with oil.
6 'You shall break it in pieces and pour
oil on it; it is a grain offering.
7 'If your offering is a grain offering
baked in a covered pan, it shall be made
of fine flour with oil.
8 'You shall bring the grain offering that
is made of these things to the LORD. And
when it is presented to the priest, he
shall bring it to the altar.
9 'Then the priest shall take from the
grain offering a memorial portion, and

burn it on the altar. It is an offering made
by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD.
10 'And what is left of the grain offering
shall be Aaron's and his sons'. It is most
holy of the offerings to the LORD made
by fire.
11 'No grain offering which you bring to
the LORD shall be made with leaven, for
you shall burn no leaven nor any honey
in any offering to the LORD made by fire.
12 'As for the offering of the firstfruits,
you shall offer them to the LORD, but
they shall not be burned on the altar for
a sweet aroma.
13 'And every offering of your grain
offering you shall season with salt; you
shall not allow the salt of the covenant
of your God to be lacking from your grain
offering. With all your offerings you shall
offer salt.
14 'If you offer a grain offering of your
firstfruits to the LORD, you shall offer for

the grain offering of your firstfruits green
heads of grain roasted on the fire, grain
beaten from full heads.
15 'And you shall put oil on it, and lay
frankincense on it. It is a grain offering.
16 'Then the priest shall burn the
memorial portion: part of its beaten
grain and part of its oil, with all the
frankincense, as an offering made by fire
to the LORD.
3 1 'When his offering is a sacrifice of
a peace offering, if he offers it of
the herd, whether male or female, he
shall offer it without blemish before the
LORD.
2 'And he shall lay his hand on the head
of his offering, and kill it at the door of
the tabernacle of meeting; and Aaron's
sons, the priests, shall sprinkle the blood
all around on the altar.
3 'Then he shall offer from the sacrifice
of the peace offering an offering made

by fire to the LORD. The fat that covers
the entrails and all the fat that is on the
entrails,
4 ‘the two kidneys and the fat that is on
them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe
attached to the liver above the kidneys,
he shall remove;
5 ‘and Aaron’s sons shall burn it on the
altar upon the burnt sacrifice, which is
on the wood that is on the fire, as an
offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to
the LORD.
6 ‘If his offering as a sacrifice of a peace
offering to the LORD is of the flock,
whether male or female, he shall offer it
without blemish.
7 ‘If he offers a lamb as his offering,
then he shall offer it before the LORD.
8 ‘And he shall lay his hand on the head
of his offering, and kill it before the
tabernacle of meeting; and Aaron’s sons

shall sprinkle its blood all around on the
altar.
9 ‘Then he shall offer from the sacrifice
of the peace offering, as an offering
made by fire to the LORD, its fat and
the whole fat tail which he shall remove
close to the backbone. And the fat that
covers the entrails and all the fat that is
on the entrails,
10 ‘the two kidneys and the fat that is
on them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe
attached to the liver above the kidneys,
he shall remove;
11 ‘and the priest shall burn them on
the altar as food, an offering made by
fire to the LORD.
12 ‘And if his offering is a goat, then he
shall offer it before the LORD.
13 ‘He shall lay his hand on its head and
kill it before the tabernacle of meeting;
and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle its
blood all around on the altar.

14 ‘Then he shall offer from it his
offering, as an offering made by fire to
the LORD. The fat that covers the entrails
and all the fat that is on the entrails,
15 ‘the two kidneys and the fat that is
on them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe
attached to the liver above the kidneys,
he shall remove;
16 ‘and the priest shall burn them on
the altar as food, an offering made by
fire for a sweet aroma; all the fat is the
LORD’S.
17 ‘This shall be a perpetual statute
throughout your generations in all your
dwellings: you shall eat neither fat nor
blood.’"

4 1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
2 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying:
‘If a person sins unintentionally against
any of the commandments of the LORD

in anything which ought not to be done,
and does any of them,
3 'if the anointed priest sins, bringing
guilt on the people, then let him offer to
the LORD for his sin which he has sinned
a young bull without blemish as a sin
offering.
4 'He shall bring the bull to the door of
the tabernacle of meeting before the
LORD, lay his hand on the bull's head,
and kill the bull before the LORD.
5 'Then the anointed priest shall take
some of the bull's blood and bring it to
the tabernacle of meeting.
6 'The priest shall dip his finger in the
blood and sprinkle some of the blood
seven times before the LORD, in front of
the veil of the sanctuary.
7 'And the priest shall put some of the
blood on the horns of the altar of sweet
incense before the LORD, which is in the
tabernacle of meeting; and he shall pour

the remaining blood of the bull at the
base of the altar of the burnt offering,
which is at the door of the tabernacle of
meeting.
8 ‘He shall take from it all the fat of
the bull as the sin offering. The fat that
covers the entrails and all the fat which
is on the entrails,
9 ‘the two kidneys and the fat that is on
them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe
attached to the liver above the kidneys,
he shall remove,
10 ‘as it was taken from the bull of the
sacrifice of the peace offering; and the
priest shall burn them on the altar of the
burnt offering.
11 ‘But the bull’s hide and all its flesh,
with its head and legs, its entrails and
offal—
12 ‘the whole bull he shall carry outside
the camp to a clean place, where the
ashes are poured out, and burn it on

wood with fire; where the ashes are
poured out it shall be burned.
13 'Now if the whole congregation of
Israel sins unintentionally, and the thing
is hidden from the eyes of the assembly,
and they have done something against
any of the commandments of the LORD
in anything which should not be done,
and are guilty;
14 'when the sin which they have
committed becomes known, then the
assembly shall offer a young bull for the
sin, and bring it before the tabernacle of
meeting.
15 'And the elders of the congregation
shall lay their hands on the head of the
bull before the LORD. Then the bull shall
be killed before the LORD.
16 'The anointed priest shall bring some
of the bull's blood to the tabernacle of
meeting.

17 'Then the priest shall dip his finger
in the blood and sprinkle it seven times
before the LORD, in front of the veil.
18 'And he shall put some of the blood
on the horns of the altar which is before
the LORD, which is in the tabernacle
of meeting; and he shall pour the
remaining blood at the base of the altar
of burnt offering, which is at the door of
the tabernacle of meeting.
19 'He shall take all the fat from it and
burn it on the altar.
20 'And he shall do with the bull as he
did with the bull as a sin offering; thus
he shall do with it. So the priest shall
make atonement for them, and it shall
be forgiven them.
21 'Then he shall carry the bull outside
the camp, and burn it as he burned
the first bull. It is a sin offering for the
assembly.

22 'When a ruler has sinned, and done
something unintentionally against any of
the commandments of the LORD his God
in anything which should not be done,
and is guilty,
23 'or if his sin which he has committed
comes to his knowledge, he shall bring
as his offering a kid of the goats, a male
without blemish.
24 'And he shall lay his hand on the head
of the goat, and kill it at the place where
they kill the burnt offering before the
LORD. It is a sin offering.
25 'The priest shall take some of the
blood of the sin offering with his finger,
put it on the horns of the altar of burnt
offering, and pour its blood at the base
of the altar of burnt offering.
26 'And he shall burn all its fat on the
altar, like the fat of the sacrifice of the
peace offering. So the priest shall make

atonement for him concerning his sin,
and it shall be forgiven him.
27 ‘If anyone of the common people
sins unintentionally by doing something
against any of the commandments of
the LORD in anything which ought not to
be done, and is guilty,
28 ‘or if his sin which he has committed
comes to his knowledge, then he shall
bring as his offering a kid of the goats,
a female without blemish, for his sin
which he has committed.
29 ‘And he shall lay his hand on the
head of the sin offering, and kill the
sin offering at the place of the burnt
offering.
30 ‘Then the priest shall take some of its
blood with his finger, put it on the horns
of the altar of burnt offering, and pour
all the remaining blood at the base of
the altar.

31 'He shall remove all its fat, as fat is
removed from the sacrifice of the peace
offering; and the priest shall burn it on
the altar for a sweet aroma to the LORD.
So the priest shall make atonement for
him, and it shall be forgiven him.
32 'If he brings a lamb as his sin offering,
he shall bring a female without blemish.
33 'Then he shall lay his hand on the
head of the sin offering, and kill it as a
sin offering at the place where they kill
the burnt offering.
34 'The priest shall take some of the
blood of the sin offering with his finger,
put it on the horns of the altar of burnt
offering, and pour all the remaining
blood at the base of the altar.
35 'He shall remove all its fat, as the fat
of the lamb is removed from the sacrifice
of the peace offering. Then the priest
shall burn it on the altar, according to
the offerings made by fire to the LORD.

So the priest shall make atonement for
his sin that he has committed, and it
shall be forgiven him.
5 1 'If a person sins in hearing the
utterance of an oath, and is a
witness, whether he has seen or known
of the matter —if he does not tell it, he
bears guilt.
2 'Or if a person touches any unclean
thing, whether it is the carcass of an
unclean beast, or the carcass of unclean
livestock, or the carcass of unclean
creeping things, and he is unaware of it,
he also shall be unclean and guilty.
3 'Or if he touches human uncleanness–
–whatever uncleanness with which a
man may be defiled, and he is unaware
of it—when he realizes it, then he shall
be guilty.
4 'Or if a person swears, speaking
thoughtlessly with his lips to do evil or
to do good, whatever it is that a man

may pronounce by an oath, and he is
unaware of it—when he realizes it, then
he shall be guilty in any of these matters.
5 'And it shall be, when he is guilty
in any of these matters, that he shall
confess that he has sinned in that thing;
6 'and he shall bring his trespass
offering to the LORD for his sin which
he has committed, a female from the
flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats as
a sin offering. So the priest shall make
atonement for him concerning his sin.
7 'If he is not able to bring a lamb,
then he shall bring to the LORD, for his
trespass which he has committed, two
turtledoves or two young pigeons: one
as a sin offering and the other as a burnt
offering.
8 'And he shall bring them to the priest,
who shall offer that which is for the
sin offering first, and wring off its head

from its neck, but shall not divide it
completely.
9 'Then he shall sprinkle some of the
blood of the sin offering on the side of
the altar, and the rest of the blood shall
be drained out at the base of the altar. It
is a sin offering.
10 'And he shall offer the second
as a burnt offering according to the
prescribed manner. So the priest shall
make atonement on his behalf for his sin
which he has committed, and it shall be
forgiven him.
11 'But if he is not able to bring two
turtledoves or two young pigeons, then
he who sinned shall bring for his offering
one–tenth of an ephah of fine flour as a
sin offering. He shall put no oil on it, nor
shall he put frankincense on it, for it is a
sin offering.
12 'Then he shall bring it to the priest,
and the priest shall take his handful of

it as a memorial portion, and burn it on
the altar according to the offerings made
by fire to the LORD. It is a sin offering.
13 'The priest shall make atonement for
him, for his sin that he has committed
in any of these matters; and it shall
be forgiven him. The rest shall be the
priest's as a grain offering.'"
14 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:
15 "If a person commits a trespass, and
sins unintentionally in regard to the holy
things of the LORD, then he shall bring
to the LORD as his trespass offering a
ram without blemish from the flocks,
with your valuation in shekels of silver
according to the shekel of the sanctuary,
as a trespass offering.
16 "And he shall make restitution for
the harm that he has done in regard to
the holy thing, and shall add one–fifth to
it and give it to the priest. So the priest

shall make atonement for him with the
ram of the trespass offering, and it shall
be forgiven him.
17 "If a person sins, and commits any
of these things which are forbidden to
be done by the commandments of the
LORD, though he does not know it, yet
he is guilty and shall bear his iniquity.
18 "And he shall bring to the priest a
ram without blemish from the flock, with
your valuation, as a trespass offering.
So the priest shall make atonement for
him regarding his ignorance in which he
erred and did not know it, and it shall be
forgiven him.
19 "It is a trespass offering; he has
certainly trespassed against the LORD."

6 1 And the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:
2 "If a person sins and commits a
trespass against the LORD by lying to his
neighbor about what was delivered to

him for safekeeping, or about a pledge,
or about a robbery, or if he has extorted
from his neighbor,
3 "or if he has found what was lost and
lies concerning it, and swears falsely—in
any one of these things that a man may
do in which he sins:
4 "then it shall be, because he has
sinned and is guilty, that he shall restore
what he has stolen, or the thing which
he has extorted, or what was delivered
to him for safekeeping, or the lost thing
which he found,
5 "or all that about which he has sworn
falsely. He shall restore its full value,
add one–fifth more to it, and give it to
whomever it belongs, on the day of his
trespass offering.
6 "And he shall bring his trespass
offering to the LORD, a ram without
blemish from the flock, with your

valuation, as a trespass offering, to the
priest.
7 "So the priest shall make atonement
for him before the LORD, and he shall
be forgiven for any one of these things
that he may have done in which he
trespasses."
8 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
9 "Command Aaron and his sons,
saying, 'This is the law of the burnt
offering: The burnt offering shall be on
the hearth upon the altar all night until
morning, and the fire of the altar shall
be kept burning on it.
10 'And the priest shall put on his linen
garment, and his linen trousers he shall
put on his body, and take up the ashes
of the burnt offering which the fire has
consumed on the altar, and he shall put
them beside the altar.

11 'Then he shall take off his garments,
put on other garments, and carry the
ashes outside the camp to a clean place.
12 'And the fire on the altar shall be kept
burning on it; it shall not be put out. And
the priest shall burn wood on it every
morning, and lay the burnt offering in
order on it; and he shall burn on it the
fat of the peace offerings.
13 'A fire shall always be burning on the
altar; it shall never go out.
14 'This is the law of the grain offering:
The sons of Aaron shall offer it on the
altar before the LORD.
15 'He shall take from it his handful of
the fine flour of the grain offering, with
its oil, and all the frankincense which
is on the grain offering, and shall burn
it on the altar for a sweet aroma, as a
memorial to the LORD.
16 'And the remainder of it Aaron and
his sons shall eat; with unleavened bread

it shall be eaten in a holy place; in the
court of the tabernacle of meeting they
shall eat it.
17 ‘It shall not be baked with leaven.
I have given it as their portion of My
offerings made by fire; it is most holy,
like the sin offering and the trespass
offering.
18 ‘All the males among the children of
Aaron may eat it. It shall be a statute
forever in your generations concerning
the offerings made by fire to the LORD.
Everyone who touches them must be
holy.’"
19 And the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
20 "This is the offering of Aaron and
his sons, which they shall offer to the
LORD, beginning on the day when he is
anointed: one–tenth of an ephah of fine
flour as a daily grain offering, half of it in
the morning and half of it at night.

21 "It shall be made in a pan with oil. When it is mixed, you shall bring it in. The baked pieces of the grain offering you shall offer for a sweet aroma to the LORD.

22 "The priest from among his sons, who is anointed in his place, shall offer it. It is a statute forever to the LORD. It shall be wholly burned.

23 "For every grain offering for the priest shall be wholly burned. It shall not be eaten."

24 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

25 "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'This is the law of the sin offering: In the place where the burnt offering is killed, the sin offering shall be killed before the LORD. It is most holy.

26 'The priest who offers it for sin shall eat it. In a holy place it shall be eaten, in the court of the tabernacle of meeting.

27 'Everyone who touches its flesh must
be holy. And when its blood is sprinkled
on any garment, you shall wash that on
which it was sprinkled, in a holy place.
28 'But the earthen vessel in which it is
boiled shall be broken. And if it is boiled
in a bronze pot, it shall be both scoured
and rinsed in water.
29 'All the males among the priests may
eat it. It is most holy.
30 'But no sin offering from which any of
the blood is brought into the tabernacle
of meeting, to make atonement in the
holy place, shall be eaten. It shall be
burned in the fire.
7 1 'Likewise this is the law of the
trespass offering (it is most holy):
2 'In the place where they kill the
burnt offering they shall kill the trespass
offering. And its blood he shall sprinkle
all around on the altar.

3 'And he shall offer from it all its fat.
The fat tail and the fat that covers the
entrails,
4 'the two kidneys and the fat that is on
them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe
attached to the liver above the kidneys,
he shall remove;
5 'and the priest shall burn them on the
altar as an offering made by fire to the
LORD. It is a trespass offering.
6 'Every male among the priests may
eat it. It shall be eaten in a holy place. It
is most holy.
7 'The trespass offering is like the sin
offering; there is one law for them both:
the priest who makes atonement with it
shall have it.
8 'And the priest who offers anyone's
burnt offering, that priest shall have for
himself the skin of the burnt offering
which he has offered.

9 ‘Also every grain offering that is baked
in the oven and all that is prepared in
the covered pan, or in a pan, shall be the
priest’s who offers it.
10 ‘Every grain offering, whether mixed
with oil, or dry, shall belong to all the
sons of Aaron, to one as much as the
other.
11 ‘This is the law of the sacrifice of
peace offerings which he shall offer to
the LORD:
12 ‘If he offers it for a thanksgiving,
then he shall offer, with the sacrifice of
thanksgiving, unleavened cakes mixed
with oil, unleavened wafers anointed
with oil, or cakes of blended flour mixed
with oil.
13 ‘Besides the cakes, as his offering
he shall offer leavened bread with the
sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace
offering.

14 'And from it he shall offer one cake
from each offering as a heave offering
to the LORD. It shall belong to the priest
who sprinkles the blood of the peace
offering.
15 'The flesh of the sacrifice of his peace
offering for thanksgiving shall be eaten
the same day it is offered. He shall not
leave any of it until morning.
16 'But if the sacrifice of his offering is
a vow or a voluntary offering, it shall
be eaten the same day that he offers
his sacrifice; but on the next day the
remainder of it also may be eaten;
17 'the remainder of the flesh of the
sacrifice on the third day must be burned
with fire.
18 'And if any of the flesh of the sacrifice
of his peace offering is eaten at all on
the third day, it shall not be accepted,
nor shall it be imputed to him; it shall be

an abomination to him who offers it, and
the person who eats of it shall bear guilt.
19 ‘The flesh that touches any unclean
thing shall not be eaten. It shall be
burned with fire. And as for the clean
flesh, all who are clean may eat of it.
20 ‘But the person who eats the flesh
of the sacrifice of the peace offering
that belongs to the LORD, while he is
unclean, that person shall be cut off
from his people.
21 ‘Moreover the person who touches
any unclean thing, such as human
uncleanness, an unclean animal, or any
abominable unclean thing, and who eats
the flesh of the sacrifice of the peace
offering that belongs to the LORD, that
person shall be cut off from his people.’"
22 And the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,

23 "Speak to the children of Israel,
saying: 'You shall not eat any fat, of ox or
sheep or goat.
24 'And the fat of an animal that dies
naturally, and the fat of what is torn by
wild beasts, may be used in any other
way; but you shall by no means eat it.
25 'For whoever eats the fat of the
animal of which men offer an offering
made by fire to the LORD, the person
who eats it shall be cut off from his
people.
26 'Moreover you shall not eat any
blood in any of your dwellings, whether
of bird or beast.
27 'Whoever eats any blood, that person
shall be cut off from his people.'"
28 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
29 "Speak to the children of Israel,
saying: 'He who offers the sacrifice of his
peace offering to the LORD shall bring his

offering to the LORD from the sacrifice
of his peace offering.
30 ‘His own hands shall bring the
offerings made by fire to the LORD. The
fat with the breast he shall bring, that
the breast may be waved as a wave
offering before the LORD.
31 ‘And the priest shall burn the fat on
the altar, but the breast shall be Aaron’s
and his sons’.
32 ‘Also the right thigh you shall give to
the priest as a heave offering from the
sacrifices of your peace offerings.
33 ‘He among the sons of Aaron, who
offers the blood of the peace offering
and the fat, shall have the right thigh for
his part.
34 ‘For the breast of the wave offering
and the thigh of the heave offering I have
taken from the children of Israel, from
the sacrifices of their peace offerings,
and I have given them to Aaron the

priest and to his sons from the children
of Israel by a statute forever.'"
35 This is the consecrated portion for
Aaron and his sons, from the offerings
made by fire to the LORD, on the day
when Moses presented them to minister
to the LORD as priests.
36 The LORD commanded this to be
given to them by the children of Israel,
on the day that He anointed them,
by a statute forever throughout their
generations.
37 This is the law of the burnt offering,
the grain offering, the sin offering, the
trespass offering, the consecrations, and
the sacrifice of the peace offering,
38 which the LORD commanded Moses
on Mount Sinai, on the day when He
commanded the children of Israel to
offer their offerings to the LORD in the
Wilderness of Sinai.

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1 And the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:
2 "Take Aaron and his sons with him,
and the garments, the anointing oil, a
bull as the sin offering, two rams, and a
basket of unleavened bread;
3 "and gather all the congregation
together at the door of the tabernacle of
meeting."
4 So Moses did as the LORD commanded
him. And the congregation was gathered
together at the door of the tabernacle of
meeting.
5 And Moses said to the congregation,
"This is what the LORD commanded to
be done."
6 Then Moses brought Aaron and his
sons and washed them with water.
7 And he put the tunic on him, girded
him with the sash, clothed him with the
robe, and put the ephod on him; and he
girded him with the intricately woven

band of the ephod, and with it tied the
ephod on him.
8 Then he put the breastplate on him,
and he put the Urim and the Thummim
in the breastplate.
9 And he put the turban on his head.
Also on the turban, on its front, he put
the golden plate, the holy crown, as the
LORD had commanded Moses.
10 Also Moses took the anointing oil,
and anointed the tabernacle and all that
was in it, and consecrated them.
11 He sprinkled some of it on the altar
seven times, anointed the altar and all
its utensils, and the laver and its base, to
consecrate them.
12 And he poured some of the anointing
oil on Aaron's head and anointed him, to
consecrate him.
13 Then Moses brought Aaron's sons
and put tunics on them, girded them

with sashes, and put hats on them, as
the LORD had commanded Moses.
14 And he brought the bull for the sin
offering. Then Aaron and his sons laid
their hands on the head of the bull for
the sin offering,
15 and Moses killed it. Then he took
the blood, and put some on the horns
of the altar all around with his finger,
and purified the altar. And he poured
the blood at the base of the altar, and
consecrated it, to make atonement for it.
16 Then he took all the fat that was on
the entrails, the fatty lobe attached to
the liver, and the two kidneys with their
fat, and Moses burned them on the altar.
17 But the bull, its hide, its flesh, and
its offal, he burned with fire outside the
camp, as the LORD had commanded
Moses.

18 Then he brought the ram as the
burnt offering. And Aaron and his sons
laid their hands on the head of the ram,
19 and Moses killed it. Then he sprinkled
the blood all around on the altar.
20 And he cut the ram into pieces; and
Moses burned the head, the pieces, and
the fat.
21 Then he washed the entrails and the
legs in water. And Moses burned the
whole ram on the altar. It was a burnt
sacrifice for a sweet aroma, an offering
made by fire to the LORD, as the LORD
had commanded Moses.
22 And he brought the second ram, the
ram of consecration. Then Aaron and his
sons laid their hands on the head of the
ram,
23 and Moses killed it. Also he took
some of its blood and put it on the tip
of Aaron’s right ear, on the thumb of his

right hand, and on the big toe of his right
foot.
24 Then he brought Aaron's sons. And
Moses put some of the blood on the
tips of their right ears, on the thumbs of
their right hands, and on the big toes of
their right feet. And Moses sprinkled the
blood all around on the altar.
25 Then he took the fat and the fat tail,
all the fat that was on the entrails, the
fatty lobe attached to the liver, the two
kidneys and their fat, and the right thigh;
26 and from the basket of unleavened
bread that was before the LORD he took
one unleavened cake, a cake of bread
anointed with oil, and one wafer, and
put them on the fat and on the right
thigh;
27 and he put all these in Aaron's hands
and in his sons' hands, and waved them
as a wave offering before the LORD.

28 Then Moses took them from their
hands and burned them on the altar,
on the burnt offering. They were
consecration offerings for a sweet
aroma. That was an offering made by
fire to the LORD.
29 And Moses took the breast and
waved it as a wave offering before
the LORD. It was Moses' part of the
ram of consecration, as the LORD had
commanded Moses.
30 Then Moses took some of the
anointing oil and some of the blood
which was on the altar, and sprinkled
it on Aaron, on his garments, on his
sons, and on the garments of his sons
with him; and he consecrated Aaron, his
garments, his sons, and the garments of
his sons with him.
31 And Moses said to Aaron and his
sons, "Boil the flesh at the door of the
tabernacle of meeting, and eat it there

with the bread that is in the basket of
consecration offerings, as I commanded,
saying, 'Aaron and his sons shall eat it.'
32 "What remains of the flesh and of
the bread you shall burn with fire.
33 "And you shall not go outside the
door of the tabernacle of meeting
for seven days, until the days of your
consecration are ended. For seven days
he shall consecrate you.
34 "As he has done this day, so the
LORD has commanded to do, to make
atonement for you.
35 "Therefore you shall stay at the
door of the tabernacle of meeting day
and night for seven days, and keep the
charge of the LORD, so that you may not
die; for so I have been commanded."
36 So Aaron and his sons did all the
things that the LORD had commanded
by the hand of Moses.

9 [1] It came to pass on the eighth day
that Moses called Aaron and his sons
and the elders of Israel.
[2] And he said to Aaron, "Take for
yourself a young bull as a sin offering
and a ram as a burnt offering, without
blemish, and offer them before the
LORD.
[3] "And to the children of Israel you shall
speak, saying, ‘Take a kid of the goats
as a sin offering, and a calf and a lamb,
both of the first year, without blemish,
as a burnt offering,
[4] ‘also a bull and a ram as peace
offerings, to sacrifice before the LORD,
and a grain offering mixed with oil; for
today the LORD will appear to you.’"
[5] So they brought what Moses
commanded before the tabernacle of
meeting. And all the congregation drew
near and stood before the LORD.

6 Then Moses said, "This is the thing
which the LORD commanded you to do,
and the glory of the LORD will appear to
you."
7 And Moses said to Aaron, "Go to the
altar, offer your sin offering and your
burnt offering, and make atonement
for yourself and for the people. Offer
the offering of the people, and make
atonement for them, as the LORD
commanded."
8 Aaron therefore went to the altar and
killed the calf of the sin offering, which
was for himself.
9 Then the sons of Aaron brought the
blood to him. And he dipped his finger
in the blood, put it on the horns of the
altar, and poured the blood at the base
of the altar.
10 But the fat, the kidneys, and the fatty
lobe from the liver of the sin offering he

burned on the altar, as the LORD had
commanded Moses.
11 The flesh and the hide he burned
with fire outside the camp.
12 And he killed the burnt offering;
and Aaron’s sons presented to him the
blood, which he sprinkled all around on
the altar.
13 Then they presented the burnt
offering to him, with its pieces and head,
and he burned them on the altar.
14 And he washed the entrails and the
legs, and burned them with the burnt
offering on the altar.
15 Then he brought the people’s
offering, and took the goat, which was
the sin offering for the people, and killed
it and offered it for sin, like the first one.
16 And he brought the burnt offering
and offered it according to the prescribed
manner.

17 Then he brought the grain offering, took a handful of it, and burned it on the altar, besides the burnt sacrifice of the morning.

18 He also killed the bull and the ram as sacrifices of peace offerings, which were for the people. And Aaron's sons presented to him the blood, which he sprinkled all around on the altar,

19 and the fat from the bull and the ram—the fatty tail, what covers the entrails and the kidneys, and the fatty lobe attached to the liver;

20 and they put the fat on the breasts. Then he burned the fat on the altar;

21 but the breasts and the right thigh Aaron waved as a wave offering before the LORD, as Moses had commanded.

22 Then Aaron lifted his hand toward the people, blessed them, and came down from offering the sin offering, the burnt offering, and peace offerings.

23 And Moses and Aaron went into the
tabernacle of meeting, and came out
and blessed the people. Then the glory
of the LORD appeared to all the people,
24 and fire came out from before the
LORD and consumed the burnt offering
and the fat on the altar. When all the
people saw it, they shouted and fell on
their faces.

10 1 Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons
of Aaron, each took his censer
and put fire in it, put incense on it, and
offered profane fire before the LORD,
which He had not commanded them.
2 So fire went out from the LORD and
devoured them, and they died before
the LORD.
3 And Moses said to Aaron, "This is
what the LORD spoke, saying: ‘By those
who come near Me I must be regarded
as holy; And before all the people I must
be glorified.’" So Aaron held his peace.

4 And Moses called Mishael and
Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of
Aaron, and said to them, "Come near,
carry your brethren from before the
sanctuary out of the camp."
5 So they went near and carried them
by their tunics out of the camp, as Moses
had said.
6 And Moses said to Aaron, and to
Eleazar and Ithamar, his sons, "Do
not uncover your heads nor tear your
clothes, lest you die, and wrath come
upon all the people. But let your
brethren, the whole house of Israel,
bewail the burning which the LORD has
kindled.
7 "You shall not go out from the door
of the tabernacle of meeting, lest you
die, for the anointing oil of the LORD is
upon you." And they did according to
the word of Moses.
8 Then the LORD spoke to Aaron, saying:

9 "Do not drink wine or intoxicating
drink, you, nor your sons with you, when
you go into the tabernacle of meeting,
lest you die. It shall be a statute forever
throughout your generations,
10 "that you may distinguish between
holy and unholy, and between unclean
and clean,
11 "and that you may teach the children
of Israel all the statutes which the LORD
has spoken to them by the hand of
Moses."
12 And Moses spoke to Aaron, and to
Eleazar and Ithamar, his sons who were
left: "Take the grain offering that remains
of the offerings made by fire to the
LORD, and eat it without leaven beside
the altar; for it is most holy.
13 "You shall eat it in a holy place,
because it is your due and your sons’
due, of the sacrifices made by fire to the
LORD; for so I have been commanded.

14 "The breast of the wave offering and
the thigh of the heave offering you shall
eat in a clean place, you, your sons,
and your daughters with you; for they
are your due and your sons’ due, which
are given from the sacrifices of peace
offerings of the children of Israel.
15 "The thigh of the heave offering and
the breast of the wave offering they shall
bring with the offerings of fat made by
fire, to offer as a wave offering before
the LORD. And it shall be yours and your
sons’ with you, by a statute forever, as
the LORD has commanded."
16 Then Moses made careful inquiry
about the goat of the sin offering, and
there it was—burned up. And he was
angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, the sons
of Aaron who were left, saying,
17 "Why have you not eaten the sin
offering in a holy place, since it is most
holy, and God has given it to you to bear

the guilt of the congregation, to make
atonement for them before the LORD?
18 "See! Its blood was not brought
inside the holy place; indeed you
should have eaten it in a holy place, as I
commanded."
19 And Aaron said to Moses, "Look, this
day they have offered their sin offering
and their burnt offering before the LORD,
and such things have befallen me! If I
had eaten the sin offering today, would
it have been accepted in the sight of the
LORD?"
20 So when Moses heard that, he was
content.

11 1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses
and Aaron, saying to them,
2 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying,
'These are the animals which you may
eat among all the animals that are on
the earth:

3 ‘Among the animals, whatever divides
the hoof, having cloven hooves and
chewing the cud—that you may eat.
4 ‘Nevertheless these you shall not eat
among those that chew the cud or those
that have cloven hooves: the camel,
because it chews the cud but does not
have cloven hooves, is unclean to you;
5 ‘the rock hyrax, because it chews the
cud but does not have cloven hooves, is
unclean to you;
6 ‘the hare, because it chews the cud
but does not have cloven hooves, is
unclean to you;
7 ‘and the swine, though it divides the
hoof, having cloven hooves, yet does not
chew the cud, is unclean to you.
8 ‘Their flesh you shall not eat, and their
carcasses you shall not touch. They are
unclean to you.
9 ‘These you may eat of all that are in
the water: whatever in the water has

fins and scales, whether in the seas or in
the rivers—that you may eat.
10 'But all in the seas or in the rivers that
do not have fins and scales, all that move
in the water or any living thing which is
in the water, they are an abomination to
you.
11 'They shall be an abomination to
you; you shall not eat their flesh, but
you shall regard their carcasses as an
abomination.
12 'Whatever in the water does not
have fins or scales—that shall be an
abomination to you.
13 'And these you shall regard as an
abomination among the birds; they shall
not be eaten, they are an abomination:
the eagle, the vulture, the buzzard,
14 'the kite, and the falcon after its kind;
15 'every raven after its kind,
16 'the ostrich, the short–eared owl, the
sea gull, and the hawk after its kind;

17 'the little owl, the fisher owl, and the
screech owl;
18 'the white owl, the jackdaw, and the
carrion vulture;
19 'the stork, the heron after its kind,
the hoopoe, and the bat.
20 'All flying insects that creep on all
fours shall be an abomination to you.
21 'Yet these you may eat of every flying
insect that creeps on all fours: those
which have jointed legs above their feet
with which to leap on the earth.
22 'These you may eat: the locust after
its kind, the destroying locust after its
kind, the cricket after its kind, and the
grasshopper after its kind.
23 'But all other flying insects which
have four feet shall be an abomination
to you.
24 'By these you shall become unclean;
whoever touches the carcass of any of
them shall be unclean until evening;

25 ‘whoever carries part of the carcass
of any of them shall wash his clothes and
be unclean until evening:
26 ‘The carcass of any animal which
divides the foot, but is not cloven–
hoofed or does not chew the cud, is
unclean to you. Everyone who touches it
shall be unclean.
27 ‘And whatever goes on its paws,
among all kinds of animals that go on
all fours, those are unclean to you.
Whoever touches any such carcass shall
be unclean until evening.
28 ‘Whoever carries any such carcass
shall wash his clothes and be unclean
until evening. It is unclean to you.
29 ‘These also shall be unclean to you
among the creeping things that creep on
the earth: the mole, the mouse, and the
large lizard after its kind;

30 ‘the gecko, the monitor lizard, the
sand reptile, the sand lizard, and the
chameleon.
31 ‘These are unclean to you among
all that creep. Whoever touches them
when they are dead shall be unclean
until evening.
32 ‘Anything on which any of them falls,
when they are dead shall be unclean,
whether it is any item of wood or
clothing or skin or sack, whatever item it
is, in which any work is done, it must be
put in water. And it shall be unclean until
evening; then it shall be clean.
33 ‘Any earthen vessel into which any of
them falls you shall break; and whatever
is in it shall be unclean:
34 ‘in such a vessel, any edible food
upon which water falls becomes unclean,
and any drink that may be drunk from it
becomes unclean.

35 'And everything on which a part of
any such carcass falls shall be unclean;
whether it is an oven or cooking stove,
it shall be broken down; for they are
unclean, and shall be unclean to you.
36 'Nevertheless a spring or a cistern,
in which there is plenty of water, shall
be clean, but whatever touches any such
carcass becomes unclean.
37 'And if a part of any such carcass
falls on any planting seed which is to be
sown, it remains clean.
38 'But if water is put on the seed, and
if a part of any such carcass falls on it, it
becomes unclean to you.
39 'And if any animal which you may eat
dies, he who touches its carcass shall be
unclean until evening.
40 'He who eats of its carcass shall wash
his clothes and be unclean until evening.
He also who carries its carcass shall wash
his clothes and be unclean until evening.

41 'And every creeping thing that creeps
on the earth shall be an abomination. It
shall not be eaten.
42 'Whatever crawls on its belly,
whatever goes on all fours, or whatever
has many feet among all creeping things
that creep on the earth—these you shall
not eat, for they are an abomination.
43 'You shall not make yourselves
abominable with any creeping thing that
creeps; nor shall you make yourselves
unclean with them, lest you be defiled
by them.
44 'For I am the LORD your God. You
shall therefore consecrate yourselves,
and you shall be holy; for I am holy.
Neither shall you defile yourselves with
any creeping thing that creeps on the
earth.
45 'For I am the LORD who brings you up
out of the land of Egypt, to be your God.
You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

46 'This is the law of the animals and
the birds and every living creature
that moves in the waters, and of every
creature that creeps on the earth,
47 'to distinguish between the unclean
and the clean, and between the animal
that may be eaten and the animal that
may not be eaten.'"

12

1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
2 "Speak to the children of Israel,
saying: 'If a woman has conceived, and
borne a male child, then she shall be
unclean seven days; as in the days of her
customary impurity she shall be unclean.
3 'And on the eighth day the flesh of his
foreskin shall be circumcised.
4 'She shall then continue in the blood
of her purification thirty–three days. She
shall not touch any hallowed thing, nor
come into the sanctuary until the days of
her purification are fulfilled.

5 ‘But if she bears a female child, then
she shall be unclean two weeks, as in
her customary impurity, and she shall
continue in the blood of her purification
sixty–six days.
6 ‘When the days of her purification are
fulfilled, whether for a son or a daughter,
she shall bring to the priest a lamb of
the first year as a burnt offering, and a
young pigeon or a turtledove as a sin
offering, to the door of the tabernacle of
meeting.
7 ‘Then he shall offer it before the
LORD, and make atonement for her. And
she shall be clean from the flow of her
blood. This is the law for her who has
borne a male or a female.
8 ‘And if she is not able to bring a lamb,
then she may bring two turtledoves or
two young pigeons—one as a burnt
offering and the other as a sin offering.

So the priest shall make atonement for
her, and she will be clean.'"

13

1 And the LORD spoke to Moses
and Aaron, saying:
2 "When a man has on the skin of his
body a swelling, a scab, or a bright spot,
and it becomes on the skin of his body
like a leprous sore, then he shall be
brought to Aaron the priest or to one of
his sons the priests.
3 "The priest shall examine the sore on
the skin of the body; and if the hair on
the sore has turned white, and the sore
appears to be deeper than the skin of his
body, it is a leprous sore. Then the priest
shall examine him, and pronounce him
unclean.
4 "But if the bright spot is white on the
skin of his body, and does not appear to
be deeper than the skin, and its hair has
not turned white, then the priest shall

isolate the one who has the sore seven
days.
5 "And the priest shall examine him on
the seventh day; and indeed if the sore
appears to be as it was, and the sore has
not spread on the skin, then the priest
shall isolate him another seven days.
6 "Then the priest shall examine him
again on the seventh day; and indeed if
the sore has faded, and the sore has not
spread on the skin, then the priest shall
pronounce him clean; it is only a scab,
and he shall wash his clothes and be
clean.
7 "But if the scab should at all spread
over the skin, after he has been seen by
the priest for his cleansing, he shall be
seen by the priest again.
8 "And if the priest sees that the scab
has indeed spread on the skin, then the
priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is
leprosy.

9 "When the leprous sore is on a person,
then he shall be brought to the priest.
10 "And the priest shall examine him;
and indeed if the swelling on the skin is
white, and it has turned the hair white,
and there is a spot of raw flesh in the
swelling,
11 "it is an old leprosy on the skin of his
body. The priest shall pronounce him
unclean, and shall not isolate him, for he
is unclean.
12 "And if leprosy breaks out all over
the skin, and the leprosy covers all the
skin of the one who has the sore, from
his head to his foot, wherever the priest
looks,
13 "then the priest shall consider; and
indeed if the leprosy has covered all his
body, he shall pronounce him clean who
has the sore. It has all turned white. He
is clean.

14 "But when raw flesh appears on him,
he shall be unclean.
15 "And the priest shall examine the raw
flesh and pronounce him to be unclean;
for the raw flesh is unclean. It is leprosy.
16 "Or if the raw flesh changes and turns
white again, he shall come to the priest.
17 "And the priest shall examine him;
and indeed if the sore has turned white,
then the priest shall pronounce him
clean who has the sore. He is clean.
18 "If the body develops a boil in the
skin, and it is healed,
19 "and in the place of the boil there
comes a white swelling or a bright spot,
reddish–white, then it shall be shown to
the priest;
20 "and if, when the priest sees it, it
indeed appears deeper than the skin,
and its hair has turned white, the priest
shall pronounce him unclean. It is a

leprous sore which has broken out of the
boil.
21 "But if the priest examines it, and
indeed there are no white hairs in it, and
it is not deeper than the skin, but has
faded, then the priest shall isolate him
seven days;
22 "and if it should at all spread over the
skin, then the priest shall pronounce him
unclean. It is a leprous sore.
23 "But if the bright spot stays in one
place, and has not spread, it is the scar of
the boil; and the priest shall pronounce
him clean.
24 "Or if the body receives a burn on its
skin by fire, and the raw flesh of the burn
becomes a bright spot, reddish–white or
white,
25 "then the priest shall examine it; and
indeed if the hair of the bright spot has
turned white, and it appears deeper
than the skin, it is leprosy broken out

in the burn. Therefore the priest shall
pronounce him unclean. It is a leprous
sore.
26 "But if the priest examines it, and
indeed there are no white hairs in the
bright spot, and it is not deeper than the
skin, but has faded, then the priest shall
isolate him seven days.
27 "And the priest shall examine him on
the seventh day. If it has at all spread
over the skin, then the priest shall
pronounce him unclean. It is a leprous
sore.
28 "But if the bright spot stays in one
place, and has not spread on the skin,
but has faded, it is a swelling from the
burn. The priest shall pronounce him
clean, for it is the scar from the burn.
29 "If a man or woman has a sore on the
head or the beard,
30 "then the priest shall examine
the sore; and indeed if it appears

deeper than the skin, and there is in it
thin yellow hair, then the priest shall
pronounce him unclean. It is a scaly
leprosy of the head or beard.
31 "But if the priest examines the scaly
sore, and indeed it does not appear
deeper than the skin, and there is no
black hair in it, then the priest shall
isolate the one who has the scale seven
days.
32 "And on the seventh day the priest
shall examine the sore; and indeed if
the scale has not spread, and there is no
yellow hair in it, and the scale does not
appear deeper than the skin,
33 "he shall shave himself, but the
scale he shall not shave. And the priest
shall isolate the one who has the scale
another seven days.
34 "On the seventh day the priest shall
examine the scale; and indeed if the
scale has not spread over the skin, and

does not appear deeper than the skin,
then the priest shall pronounce him
clean. He shall wash his clothes and be
clean.
35 "But if the scale should at all spread
over the skin after his cleansing,
36 "then the priest shall examine him;
and indeed if the scale has spread over
the skin, the priest need not seek for
yellow hair. He is unclean.
37 "But if the scale appears to be at a
standstill, and there is black hair grown
up in it, the scale has healed. He is clean,
and the priest shall pronounce him
clean.
38 "If a man or a woman has bright
spots on the skin of the body, specifically
white bright spots,
39 "then the priest shall look; and
indeed if the bright spots on the skin of
the body are dull white, it is a white spot
that grows on the skin. He is clean.

40 "As for the man whose hair has fallen from his head, he is bald, but he is clean.
41 "He whose hair has fallen from his forehead, he is bald on the forehead, but he is clean.
42 "And if there is on the bald head or bald forehead a reddish–white sore, it is leprosy breaking out on his bald head or his bald forehead.
43 "Then the priest shall examine it; and indeed if the swelling of the sore is reddish–white on his bald head or on his bald forehead, as the appearance of leprosy on the skin of the body,
44 "he is a leprous man. He is unclean. The priest shall surely pronounce him unclean; his sore is on his head.
45 "Now the leper on whom the sore is, his clothes shall be torn and his head bare; and he shall cover his mustache, and cry, 'Unclean! Unclean!'

46 "He shall be unclean. All the days he
has the sore he shall be unclean. He is
unclean, and he shall dwell alone; his
dwelling shall be outside the camp.
47 "Also, if a garment has a leprous
plague in it, whether it is a woolen
garment or a linen garment,
48 "whether it is in the warp or woof of
linen or wool, whether in leather or in
anything made of leather,
49 "and if the plague is greenish or
reddish in the garment or in the leather,
whether in the warp or in the woof, or in
anything made of leather, it is a leprous
plague and shall be shown to the priest.
50 "The priest shall examine the plague
and isolate that which has the plague
seven days.
51 "And he shall examine the plague on
the seventh day. If the plague has spread
in the garment, either in the warp or in
the woof, in the leather or in anything

made of leather, the plague is an active
leprosy. It is unclean.
52 "He shall therefore burn that garment
in which is the plague, whether warp or
woof, in wool or in linen, or anything of
leather, for it is an active leprosy; the
garment shall be burned in the fire.
53 "But if the priest examines it, and
indeed the plague has not spread in the
garment, either in the warp or in the
woof, or in anything made of leather,
54 "then the priest shall command that
they wash the thing in which is the
plague; and he shall isolate it another
seven days.
55 "Then the priest shall examine the
plague after it has been washed; and
indeed if the plague has not changed its
color, though the plague has not spread,
it is unclean, and you shall burn it in the
fire; it continues eating away, whether
the damage is outside or inside.

56 "If the priest examines it, and indeed
the plague has faded after washing it,
then he shall tear it out of the garment,
whether out of the warp or out of the
woof, or out of the leather.
57 "But if it appears again in the
garment, either in the warp or in the
woof, or in anything made of leather, it is
a spreading plague; you shall burn with
fire that in which is the plague.
58 "And if you wash the garment, either
warp or woof, or whatever is made of
leather, if the plague has disappeared
from it, then it shall be washed a second
time, and shall be clean.
59 "This is the law of the leprous plague
in a garment of wool or linen, either in
the warp or woof, or in anything made
of leather, to pronounce it clean or to
pronounce it unclean."

14 1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,

2 "This shall be the law of the leper
for the day of his cleansing: He shall be
brought to the priest.
3 "And the priest shall go out of the
camp, and the priest shall examine him;
and indeed, if the leprosy is healed in
the leper,
4 "then the priest shall command to
take for him who is to be cleansed two
living and clean birds, cedar wood,
scarlet, and hyssop.
5 "And the priest shall command that
one of the birds be killed in an earthen
vessel over running water.
6 "As for the living bird, he shall take it,
the cedar wood and the scarlet and the
hyssop, and dip them and the living bird
in the blood of the bird that was killed
over the running water.
7 "And he shall sprinkle it seven times
on him who is to be cleansed from the
leprosy, and shall pronounce him clean,

and shall let the living bird loose in the
open field.
8 "He who is to be cleansed shall wash
his clothes, shave off all his hair, and
wash himself in water, that he may be
clean. After that he shall come into the
camp, and shall stay outside his tent
seven days.
9 "But on the seventh day he shall shave
all the hair off his head and his beard
and his eyebrows—all his hair he shall
shave off. He shall wash his clothes and
wash his body in water, and he shall be
clean.
10 "And on the eighth day he shall
take two male lambs without blemish,
one ewe lamb of the first year without
blemish, three–tenths of an ephah
of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain
offering, and one log of oil.
11 "Then the priest who makes him
clean shall present the man who is to

be made clean, and those things, before
the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle
of meeting.
12 "And the priest shall take one male
lamb and offer it as a trespass offering,
and the log of oil, and wave them as a
wave offering before the LORD.
13 "Then he shall kill the lamb in the
place where he kills the sin offering and
the burnt offering, in a holy place; for as
the sin offering is the priest’s, so is the
trespass offering. It is most holy.
14 "The priest shall take some of the
blood of the trespass offering, and the
priest shall put it on the tip of the right
ear of him who is to be cleansed, on the
thumb of his right hand, and on the big
toe of his right foot.
15 "And the priest shall take some of
the log of oil, and pour it into the palm
of his own left hand.

16 "Then the priest shall dip his right
finger in the oil that is in his left hand,
and shall sprinkle some of the oil with
his finger seven times before the LORD.
17 "And of the rest of the oil in his
hand, the priest shall put some on the
tip of the right ear of him who is to
be cleansed, on the thumb of his right
hand, and on the big toe of his right foot,
on the blood of the trespass offering.
18 "The rest of the oil that is in the
priest's hand he shall put on the head of
him who is to be cleansed. So the priest
shall make atonement for him before
the LORD.
19 "Then the priest shall offer the
sin offering, and make atonement for
him who is to be cleansed from his
uncleanness. Afterward he shall kill the
burnt offering.
20 "And the priest shall offer the burnt
offering and the grain offering on the

altar. So the priest shall make atonement
for him, and he shall be clean.
21 "But if he is poor and cannot afford
it, then he shall take one male lamb as a
trespass offering to be waved, to make
atonement for him, one–tenth of an
ephah of fine flour mixed with oil as a
grain offering, a log of oil,
22 "and two turtledoves or two young
pigeons, such as he is able to afford: one
shall be a sin offering and the other a
burnt offering.
23 "He shall bring them to the priest
on the eighth day for his cleansing, to
the door of the tabernacle of meeting,
before the LORD.
24 "And the priest shall take the lamb of
the trespass offering and the log of oil,
and the priest shall wave them as a wave
offering before the LORD.
25 "Then he shall kill the lamb of the
trespass offering, and the priest shall

take some of the blood of the trespass
offering and put it on the tip of the right
ear of him who is to be cleansed, on the
thumb of his right hand, and on the big
toe of his right foot.
26 "And the priest shall pour some of
the oil into the palm of his own left hand.
27 "Then the priest shall sprinkle with
his right finger some of the oil that is
in his left hand seven times before the
LORD.
28 "And the priest shall put some of the
oil that is in his hand on the tip of the
right ear of him who is to be cleansed,
on the thumb of the right hand, and on
the big toe of his right foot, on the place
of the blood of the trespass offering.
29 "The rest of the oil that is in the
priest's hand he shall put on the head
of him who is to be cleansed, to make
atonement for him before the LORD.

30 "And he shall offer one of the
turtledoves or young pigeons, such as he
can afford—
31 "such as he is able to afford, the one
as a sin offering and the other as a burnt
offering, with the grain offering. So the
priest shall make atonement for him
who is to be cleansed before the LORD.
32 "This is the law for one who had a
leprous sore, who cannot afford the
usual cleansing."
33 And the LORD spoke to Moses and
Aaron, saying:
34 "When you have come into the
land of Canaan, which I give you as a
possession, and I put the leprous plague
in a house in the land of your possession,
35 "and he who owns the house comes
and tells the priest, saying, 'It seems
to me that there is some plague in the
house,'

36 "then the priest shall command that
they empty the house, before the priest
goes into it to examine the plague, that
all that is in the house may not be made
unclean; and afterward the priest shall
go in to examine the house.
37 "And he shall examine the plague;
and indeed if the plague is on the walls
of the house with ingrained streaks,
greenish or reddish, which appear to be
deep in the wall,
38 "then the priest shall go out of the
house, to the door of the house, and
shut up the house seven days.
39 "And the priest shall come again on
the seventh day and look; and indeed if
the plague has spread on the walls of
the house,
40 "then the priest shall command that
they take away the stones in which is the
plague, and they shall cast them into an
unclean place outside the city.

41 "And he shall cause the house to be
scraped inside, all around, and the dust
that they scrape off they shall pour out
in an unclean place outside the city.
42 "Then they shall take other stones
and put them in the place of those
stones, and he shall take other mortar
and plaster the house.
43 "Now if the plague comes back
and breaks out in the house, after he
has taken away the stones, after he
has scraped the house, and after it is
plastered,
44 "then the priest shall come and look;
and indeed if the plague has spread in
the house, it is an active leprosy in the
house. It is unclean.
45 "And he shall break down the house,
its stones, its timber, and all the plaster
of the house, and he shall carry them
outside the city to an unclean place.

46 "Moreover he who goes into the
house at all while it is shut up shall be
unclean until evening.
47 "And he who lies down in the house
shall wash his clothes, and he who eats
in the house shall wash his clothes.
48 "But if the priest comes in and
examines it, and indeed the plague has
not spread in the house after the house
was plastered, then the priest shall
pronounce the house clean, because the
plague is healed.
49 "And he shall take, to cleanse the
house, two birds, cedar wood, scarlet,
and hyssop.
50 "Then he shall kill one of the birds in
an earthen vessel over running water;
51 "and he shall take the cedar wood,
the hyssop, the scarlet, and the living
bird, and dip them in the blood of the
slain bird and in the running water, and
sprinkle the house seven times.

52 "And he shall cleanse the house with
the blood of the bird and the running
water and the living bird, with the cedar
wood, the hyssop, and the scarlet.
53 "Then he shall let the living bird loose
outside the city in the open field, and
make atonement for the house, and it
shall be clean.
54 "This is the law for any leprous sore
and scale,
55 "for the leprosy of a garment and of
a house,
56 "for a swelling and a scab and a
bright spot,
57 "to teach when it is unclean and
when it is clean. This is the law of
leprosy."

15 1 And the LORD spoke to Moses
and Aaron, saying,
2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and
say to them: ‘When any man has a

discharge from his body, his discharge is
unclean.
3 ‘And this shall be his uncleanness in
regard to his discharge—whether his
body runs with his discharge, or his body
is stopped up by his discharge, it is his
uncleanness.
4 ‘Every bed is unclean on which he who
has the discharge lies, and everything on
which he sits shall be unclean.
5 ‘And whoever touches his bed shall
wash his clothes and bathe in water, and
be unclean until evening.
6 ‘He who sits on anything on which he
who has the discharge sat shall wash
his clothes and bathe in water, and be
unclean until evening.
7 ‘And he who touches the body of
him who has the discharge shall wash
his clothes and bathe in water, and be
unclean until evening.

8 'If he who has the discharge spits on
him who is clean, then he shall wash
his clothes and bathe in water, and be
unclean until evening.
9 'Any saddle on which he who has the
discharge rides shall be unclean.
10 'Whoever touches anything that was
under him shall be unclean until evening.
He who carries any of those things shall
wash his clothes and bathe in water, and
be unclean until evening.
11 'And whomever the one who has the
discharge touches, and has not rinsed his
hands in water, he shall wash his clothes
and bathe in water, and be unclean until
evening.
12 'The vessel of earth that he who has
the discharge touches shall be broken,
and every vessel of wood shall be rinsed
in water.
13 'And when he who has a discharge
is cleansed of his discharge, then he

shall count for himself seven days for his
cleansing, wash his clothes, and bathe
his body in running water; then he shall
be clean.
14 'On the eighth day he shall take for
himself two turtledoves or two young
pigeons, and come before the LORD, to
the door of the tabernacle of meeting,
and give them to the priest.
15 'Then the priest shall offer them, the
one as a sin offering and the other as a
burnt offering. So the priest shall make
atonement for him before the LORD
because of his discharge.
16 'If any man has an emission of
semen, then he shall wash all his body in
water, and be unclean until evening.
17 'And any garment and any leather on
which there is semen, it shall be washed
with water, and be unclean until evening.
18 'Also, when a woman lies with a man,
and there is an emission of semen, they

shall bathe in water, and be unclean until
evening.
19 'If a woman has a discharge, and
the discharge from her body is blood,
she shall be set apart seven days; and
whoever touches her shall be unclean
until evening.
20 'Everything that she lies on during
her impurity shall be unclean; also
everything that she sits on shall be
unclean.
21 'Whoever touches her bed shall wash
his clothes and bathe in water, and be
unclean until evening.
22 'And whoever touches anything that
she sat on shall wash his clothes and
bathe in water, and be unclean until
evening.
23 'If anything is on her bed or on
anything on which she sits, when he
touches it, he shall be unclean until
evening.

24 ‘And if any man lies with her at all, so
that her impurity is on him, he shall be
unclean seven days; and every bed on
which he lies shall be unclean.
25 ‘If a woman has a discharge of blood
for many days, other than at the time
of her customary impurity, or if it runs
beyond her usual time of impurity, all the
days of her unclean discharge shall be as
the days of her customary impurity. She
shall be unclean.
26 ‘Every bed on which she lies all the
days of her discharge shall be to her as
the bed of her impurity; and whatever
she sits on shall be unclean, as the
uncleanness of her impurity.
27 ‘Whoever touches those things shall
be unclean; he shall wash his clothes
and bathe in water, and be unclean until
evening.
28 ‘But if she is cleansed of her
discharge, then she shall count for

herself seven days, and after that she
shall be clean.
29 'And on the eighth day she shall take
for herself two turtledoves or two young
pigeons, and bring them to the priest, to
the door of the tabernacle of meeting.
30 'Then the priest shall offer the one
as a sin offering and the other as a
burnt offering, and the priest shall make
atonement for her before the LORD for
the discharge of her uncleanness.
31 'Thus you shall separate the children
of Israel from their uncleanness, lest
they die in their uncleanness when they
defile My tabernacle that is among
them.
32 'This is the law for one who has a
discharge, and for him who emits semen
and is unclean thereby,
33 'and for her who is indisposed
because of her customary impurity, and
for one who has a discharge, either man

or woman, and for him who lies with her
who is unclean.’"

16

1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses
after the death of the two sons of
Aaron, when they offered profane fire
before the LORD, and died;
2 and the LORD said to Moses: "Tell
Aaron your brother not to come at just
any time into the Holy Place inside the
veil, before the mercy seat which is on
the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in
the cloud above the mercy seat.
3 "Thus Aaron shall come into the Holy
Place: with the blood of a young bull as
a sin offering, and of a ram as a burnt
offering.
4 "He shall put the holy linen tunic and
the linen trousers on his body; he shall
be girded with a linen sash, and with the
linen turban he shall be attired. These
are holy garments. Therefore he shall

wash his body in water, and put them
on.
5 "And he shall take from the
congregation of the children of Israel
two kids of the goats as a sin offering,
and one ram as a burnt offering.
6 "Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin
offering, which is for himself, and make
atonement for himself and for his house.
7 "He shall take the two goats and
present them before the LORD at the
door of the tabernacle of meeting.
8 "Then Aaron shall cast lots for the
two goats: one lot for the LORD and the
other lot for the scapegoat.
9 "And Aaron shall bring the goat on
which the LORD'S lot fell, and offer it as
a sin offering.
10 "But the goat on which the lot fell to
be the scapegoat shall be presented alive
before the LORD, to make atonement

upon it, and to let it go as the scapegoat
into the wilderness.
11 "And Aaron shall bring the bull of the
sin offering, which is for himself, and
make atonement for himself and for his
house, and shall kill the bull as the sin
offering which is for himself.
12 "Then he shall take a censer full
of burning coals of fire from the altar
before the LORD, with his hands full of
sweet incense beaten fine, and bring it
inside the veil.
13 "And he shall put the incense on the
fire before the LORD, that the cloud of
incense may cover the mercy seat that is
on the Testimony, lest he die.
14 "He shall take some of the blood of
the bull and sprinkle it with his finger
on the mercy seat on the east side; and
before the mercy seat he shall sprinkle
some of the blood with his finger seven
times.

15 "Then he shall kill the goat of the sin
offering, which is for the people, bring its
blood inside the veil, do with that blood
as he did with the blood of the bull, and
sprinkle it on the mercy seat and before
the mercy seat.
16 "So he shall make atonement for the
Holy Place, because of the uncleanness
of the children of Israel, and because of
their transgressions, for all their sins;
and so he shall do for the tabernacle of
meeting which remains among them in
the midst of their uncleanness.
17 "There shall be no man in the
tabernacle of meeting when he goes
in to make atonement in the Holy
Place, until he comes out, that he may
make atonement for himself, for his
household, and for all the assembly of
Israel.
18 "And he shall go out to the altar that
is before the LORD, and make atonement

for it, and shall take some of the blood
of the bull and some of the blood of the
goat, and put it on the horns of the altar
all around.
19 "Then he shall sprinkle some of the
blood on it with his finger seven times,
cleanse it, and consecrate it from the
uncleanness of the children of Israel.
20 "And when he has made an end
of atoning for the Holy Place, the
tabernacle of meeting, and the altar, he
shall bring the live goat.
21 "Aaron shall lay both his hands on
the head of the live goat, confess over it
all the iniquities of the children of Israel,
and all their transgressions, concerning
all their sins, putting them on the head
of the goat, and shall send it away into
the wilderness by the hand of a suitable
man.

22 "The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to an uninhabited land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness.
23 "Then Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of meeting, shall take off the linen garments which he put on when he went into the Holy Place, and shall leave them there.
24 "And he shall wash his body with water in a holy place, put on his garments, come out and offer his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people, and make atonement for himself and for the people.
25 "The fat of the sin offering he shall burn on the altar.
26 "And he who released the goat as the scapegoat shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and afterward he may come into the camp.
27 "The bull for the sin offering and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood

was brought in to make atonement in
the Holy Place, shall be carried outside
the camp. And they shall burn in the fire
their skins, their flesh, and their offal.
28 "Then he who burns them shall wash
his clothes and bathe his body in water,
and afterward he may come into the
camp.
29 "This shall be a statute forever for
you: In the seventh month, on the tenth
day of the month, you shall afflict your
souls, and do no work at all, whether a
native of your own country or a stranger
who dwells among you.
30 "For on that day the priest shall make
atonement for you, to cleanse you, that
you may be clean from all your sins
before the LORD.
31 "It is a sabbath of solemn rest for
you, and you shall afflict your souls. It is
a statute forever.

32 "And the priest, who is anointed and
consecrated to minister as priest in his
father's place, shall make atonement,
and put on the linen clothes, the holy
garments;
33 "then he shall make atonement for
the Holy Sanctuary, and he shall make
atonement for the tabernacle of meeting
and for the altar, and he shall make
atonement for the priests and for all the
people of the assembly.
34 "This shall be an everlasting statute
for you, to make atonement for the
children of Israel, for all their sins,
once a year." And he did as the LORD
commanded Moses.

17 1 And the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
2 "Speak to Aaron, to his sons, and to all
the children of Israel, and say to them,
'This is the thing which the LORD has
commanded, saying:

3 "Whatever man of the house of Israel
who kills an ox or lamb or goat in the
camp, or who kills it outside the camp,
4 "and does not bring it to the door
of the tabernacle of meeting to offer
an offering to the LORD before the
tabernacle of the LORD, the guilt of
bloodshed shall be imputed to that man.
He has shed blood; and that man shall
be cut off from among his people,
5 "to the end that the children of Israel
may bring their sacrifices which they
offer in the open field, that they may
bring them to the LORD at the door of
the tabernacle of meeting, to the priest,
and offer them as peace offerings to the
LORD.
6 "And the priest shall sprinkle the
blood on the altar of the LORD at the
door of the tabernacle of meeting, and
burn the fat for a sweet aroma to the
LORD.

7 "They shall no more offer their
sacrifices to demons, after whom they
have played the harlot. This shall be
a statute forever for them throughout
their generations."'
8 "Also you shall say to them: 'Whatever
man of the house of Israel, or of the
strangers who dwell among you, who
offers a burnt offering or sacrifice,
9 'and does not bring it to the door of
the tabernacle of meeting, to offer it to
the LORD, that man shall be cut off from
among his people.
10 'And whatever man of the house of
Israel, or of the strangers who dwell
among you, who eats any blood, I will
set My face against that person who eats
blood, and will cut him off from among
his people.
11 'For the life of the flesh is in the
blood, and I have given it to you upon
the altar to make atonement for your

souls; for it is the blood that makes
atonement for the soul.’
12 "Therefore I said to the children of
Israel, ‘No one among you shall eat
blood, nor shall any stranger who dwells
among you eat blood.’
13 "Whatever man of the children of
Israel, or of the strangers who dwell
among you, who hunts and catches any
animal or bird that may be eaten, he
shall pour out its blood and cover it with
dust;
14 "for it is the life of all flesh. Its blood
sustains its life. Therefore I said to the
children of Israel, ‘You shall not eat the
blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh
is its blood. Whoever eats it shall be cut
off.’
15 "And every person who eats what
died naturally or what was torn by
beasts, whether he is a native of your
own country or a stranger, he shall both

wash his clothes and bathe in water, and
be unclean until evening. Then he shall
be clean.
16 "But if he does not wash them or
bathe his body, then he shall bear his
guilt."

18 1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and
say to them: ‘I am the LORD your God.
3 ‘According to the doings of the land
of Egypt, where you dwelt, you shall not
do; and according to the doings of the
land of Canaan, where I am bringing you,
you shall not do; nor shall you walk in
their ordinances.
4 ‘You shall observe My judgments and
keep My ordinances, to walk in them: I
am the LORD your God.
5 ‘You shall therefore keep My statutes
and My judgments, which if a man does,
he shall live by them: I am the LORD.

6 'None of you shall approach anyone
who is near of kin to him, to uncover his
nakedness: I am the LORD.
7 'The nakedness of your father or the
nakedness of your mother you shall not
uncover. She is your mother; you shall
not uncover her nakedness.
8 'The nakedness of your father's wife
you shall not uncover; it is your father's
nakedness.
9 'The nakedness of your sister, the
daughter of your father, or the daughter
of your mother, whether born at home
or elsewhere, their nakedness you shall
not uncover.
10 'The nakedness of your son's
daughter or your daughter's daughter,
their nakedness you shall not uncover;
for theirs is your own nakedness.
11 'The nakedness of your father's wife's
daughter, begotten by your father—she

is your sister—you shall not uncover her
nakedness.
12 'You shall not uncover the nakedness
of your father's sister; she is near of kin
to your father.
13 'You shall not uncover the nakedness
of your mother's sister, for she is near of
kin to your mother.
14 'You shall not uncover the nakedness
of your father's brother. You shall not
approach his wife; she is your aunt.
15 'You shall not uncover the nakedness
of your daughter–in–law—she is your
son's wife—you shall not uncover her
nakedness.
16 'You shall not uncover the nakedness
of your brother's wife; it is your brother's
nakedness.
17 'You shall not uncover the nakedness
of a woman and her daughter, nor shall
you take her son's daughter or her
daughter's daughter, to uncover her

nakedness. They are near of kin to her. It
is wickedness.
18 ‘Nor shall you take a woman as a rival
to her sister, to uncover her nakedness
while the other is alive.
19 ‘Also you shall not approach a woman
to uncover her nakedness as long as she
is in her customary impurity.
20 ‘Moreover you shall not lie carnally
with your neighbor’s wife, to defile
yourself with her.
21 ‘And you shall not let any of your
descendants pass through the fire to
Molech, nor shall you profane the name
of your God: I am the LORD.
22 ‘You shall not lie with a male as with
a woman. It is an abomination.
23 ‘Nor shall you mate with any animal,
to defile yourself with it. Nor shall any
woman stand before an animal to mate
with it. It is perversion.

24 'Do not defile yourselves with any
of these things; for by all these the
nations are defiled, which I am casting
out before you.
25 'For the land is defiled; therefore
I visit the punishment of its iniquity
upon it, and the land vomits out its
inhabitants.
26 'You shall therefore keep My statutes
and My judgments, and shall not commit
any of these abominations, either any
of your own nation or any stranger who
dwells among you
27 '(for all these abominations the men
of the land have done, who were before
you, and thus the land is defiled),
28 'lest the land vomit you out also
when you defile it, as it vomited out the
nations that were before you.
29 'For whoever commits any of these
abominations, the persons who commit

them shall be cut off from among their
people.
30 ‘Therefore you shall keep My
ordinance, so that you do not commit
any of these abominable customs which
were committed before you, and that
you do not defile yourselves by them: I
am the LORD your God.’"

19 1 And the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
2 "Speak to all the congregation of the
children of Israel, and say to them: ‘You
shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am
holy.
3 ‘Every one of you shall revere his
mother and his father, and keep My
Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God.
4 ‘Do not turn to idols, nor make for
yourselves molded gods: I am the LORD
your God.

5 ‘And if you offer a sacrifice of a peace
offering to the LORD, you shall offer it of
your own free will.
6 ‘It shall be eaten the same day you
offer it, and on the next day. And if any
remains until the third day, it shall be
burned in the fire.
7 ‘And if it is eaten at all on the third
day, it is an abomination. It shall not be
accepted.
8 ‘Therefore everyone who eats it
shall bear his iniquity, because he has
profaned the hallowed offering of the
LORD; and that person shall be cut off
from his people.
9 ‘When you reap the harvest of your
land, you shall not wholly reap the
corners of your field, nor shall you gather
the gleanings of your harvest.
10 ‘And you shall not glean your
vineyard, nor shall you gather every
grape of your vineyard; you shall leave

them for the poor and the stranger: I am
the LORD your God.
11 ‘You shall not steal, nor deal falsely,
nor lie to one another.
12 ‘And you shall not swear by My name
falsely, nor shall you profane the name
of your God: I am the LORD.
13 ‘You shall not cheat your neighbor,
nor rob him. The wages of him who is
hired shall not remain with you all night
until morning.
14 ‘You shall not curse the deaf, nor put
a stumbling block before the blind, but
shall fear your God: I am the LORD.
15 ‘You shall do no injustice in judgment.
You shall not be partial to the poor,
nor honor the person of the mighty.
In righteousness you shall judge your
neighbor.
16 ‘You shall not go about as a talebearer
among your people; nor shall you take a

stand against the life of your neighbor: I
am the LORD.
17 'You shall not hate your brother in
your heart. You shall surely rebuke your
neighbor, and not bear sin because of
him.
18 'You shall not take vengeance, nor
bear any grudge against the children
of your people, but you shall love your
neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.
19 'You shall keep My statutes. You shall
not let your livestock breed with another
kind. You shall not sow your field with
mixed seed. Nor shall a garment of
mixed linen and wool come upon you.
20 'Whoever lies carnally with a
woman who is betrothed to a man as a
concubine, and who has not at all been
redeemed nor given her freedom, for
this there shall be scourging; but they
shall not be put to death, because she
was not free.

21 ‘And he shall bring his trespass
offering to the LORD, to the door of
the tabernacle of meeting, a ram as a
trespass offering.
22 ‘The priest shall make atonement for
him with the ram of the trespass offering
before the LORD for his sin which he has
committed. And the sin which he has
committed shall be forgiven him.
23 ‘When you come into the land,
and have planted all kinds of trees for
food, then you shall count their fruit as
uncircumcised. Three years it shall be
as uncircumcised to you. It shall not be
eaten.
24 ‘But in the fourth year all its fruit
shall be holy, a praise to the LORD.
25 ‘And in the fifth year you may eat its
fruit, that it may yield to you its increase:
I am the LORD your God.

26 ‘You shall not eat anything with the
blood, nor shall you practice divination
or soothsaying.
27 ‘You shall not shave around the sides
of your head, nor shall you disfigure the
edges of your beard.
28 ‘You shall not make any cuttings in
your flesh for the dead, nor tattoo any
marks on you: I am the LORD.
29 ‘Do not prostitute your daughter, to
cause her to be a harlot, lest the land fall
into harlotry, and the land become full
of wickedness.
30 ‘You shall keep My Sabbaths and
reverence My sanctuary: I am the LORD.
31 ‘Give no regard to mediums and
familiar spirits; do not seek after them,
to be defiled by them: I am the LORD
your God.
32 ‘You shall rise before the gray headed
and honor the presence of an old man,
and fear your God: I am the LORD.

33 ‘And if a stranger dwells with you in
your land, you shall not mistreat him.
34 ‘The stranger who dwells among you
shall be to you as one born among you,
and you shall love him as yourself; for
you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I
am the LORD your God.
35 ‘You shall do no injustice in judgment,
in measurement of length, weight, or
volume.
36 ‘You shall have honest scales, honest
weights, an honest ephah, and an honest
hin: I am the LORD your God, who
brought you out of the land of Egypt.
37 ‘Therefore you shall observe all My
statutes and all My judgments, and
perform them: I am the LORD.’"

20 1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
2 "Again, you shall say to the children of
Israel: ‘Whoever of the children of Israel,
or of the strangers who dwell in Israel,

who gives any of his descendants to
Molech, he shall surely be put to death.
The people of the land shall stone him
with stones.
3 'I will set My face against that man,
and will cut him off from his people,
because he has given some of his
descendants to Molech, to defile My
sanctuary and profane My holy name.
4 'And if the people of the land should
in any way hide their eyes from the man,
when he gives some of his descendants
to Molech, and they do not kill him,
5 'then I will set My face against that
man and against his family; and I will
cut him off from his people, and all
who prostitute themselves with him to
commit harlotry with Molech.
6 'And the person who turns to mediums
and familiar spirits, to prostitute himself
with them, I will set My face against that
person and cut him off from his people.

7 'Consecrate yourselves therefore, and
be holy, for I am the LORD your God.
8 'And you shall keep My statutes,
and perform them: I am the LORD who
sanctifies you.
9 'For everyone who curses his father or
his mother shall surely be put to death.
He has cursed his father or his mother.
His blood shall be upon him.
10 'The man who commits adultery with
another man's wife, he who commits
adultery with his neighbor's wife, the
adulterer and the adulteress, shall surely
be put to death.
11 'The man who lies with his father's
wife has uncovered his father's
nakedness; both of them shall surely be
put to death. Their blood shall be upon
them.
12 'If a man lies with his daughter–in–
law, both of them shall surely be put to

death. They have committed perversion.
Their blood shall be upon them.
13 ‘If a man lies with a male as he
lies with a woman, both of them have
committed an abomination. They shall
surely be put to death. Their blood shall
be upon them.
14 ‘If a man marries a woman and her
mother, it is wickedness. They shall be
burned with fire, both he and they, that
there may be no wickedness among you.
15 ‘If a man mates with an animal, he
shall surely be put to death, and you
shall kill the animal.
16 ‘If a woman approaches any animal
and mates with it, you shall kill the
woman and the animal. They shall surely
be put to death. Their blood is upon
them.
17 ‘If a man takes his sister, his father’s
daughter or his mother’s daughter, and
sees her nakedness and she sees his

nakedness, it is a wicked thing. And
they shall be cut off in the sight of their
people. He has uncovered his sister's
nakedness. He shall bear his guilt.
18 'If a man lies with a woman during her
sickness and uncovers her nakedness,
he has exposed her flow, and she has
uncovered the flow of her blood. Both of
them shall be cut off from their people.
19 'You shall not uncover the nakedness
of your mother's sister nor of your
father's sister, for that would uncover his
near of kin. They shall bear their guilt.
20 'If a man lies with his uncle's wife,
he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness.
They shall bear their sin; they shall die
childless.
21 'If a man takes his brother's wife, it
is an unclean thing. He has uncovered
his brother's nakedness. They shall be
childless.

22 'You shall therefore keep all My
statutes and all My judgments, and
perform them, that the land where I am
bringing you to dwell may not vomit you
out.
23 'And you shall not walk in the statutes
of the nation which I am casting out
before you; for they commit all these
things, and therefore I abhor them.
24 'But I have said to you, "You shall
inherit their land, and I will give it to you
to possess, a land flowing with milk and
honey." I am the LORD your God, who
has separated you from the peoples.
25 'You shall therefore distinguish
between clean animals and unclean,
between unclean birds and clean,
and you shall not make yourselves
abominable by beast or by bird, or by
any kind of living thing that creeps on
the ground, which I have separated from
you as unclean.

26 'And you shall be holy to Me, for I the
LORD am holy, and have separated you
from the peoples, that you should be
Mine.
27 'A man or a woman who is a medium,
or who has familiar spirits, shall surely
be put to death; they shall stone them
with stones. Their blood shall be upon
them.'"

21 1 And the LORD said to Moses,
"Speak to the priests, the sons
of Aaron, and say to them: 'None shall
defile himself for the dead among his
people,
2 'except for his relatives who are
nearest to him: his mother, his father, his
son, his daughter, and his brother;
3 'also his virgin sister who is near to
him, who has had no husband, for her
he may defile himself.

4 ‘Otherwise he shall not defile himself,
being a chief man among his people, to
profane himself.
5 ‘They shall not make any bald place
on their heads, nor shall they shave
the edges of their beards nor make any
cuttings in their flesh.
6 ‘They shall be holy to their God and
not profane the name of their God, for
they offer the offerings of the LORD
made by fire, and the bread of their God;
therefore they shall be holy.
7 ‘They shall not take a wife who is a
harlot or a defiled woman, nor shall
they take a woman divorced from her
husband; for the priest is holy to his God.
8 ‘Therefore you shall consecrate him,
for he offers the bread of your God. He
shall be holy to you, for I the LORD, who
sanctify you, am holy.
9 ‘The daughter of any priest, if she
profanes herself by playing the harlot,

she profanes her father. She shall be
burned with fire.
10 'He who is the high priest among his
brethren, on whose head the anointing
oil was poured and who is consecrated
to wear the garments, shall not uncover
his head nor tear his clothes;
11 'nor shall he go near any dead body,
nor defile himself for his father or his
mother;
12 'nor shall he go out of the sanctuary,
nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for
the consecration of the anointing oil of
his God is upon him: I am the LORD.
13 'And he shall take a wife in her
virginity.
14 'A widow or a divorced woman or a
defiled woman or a harlot—these he
shall not marry; but he shall take a virgin
of his own people as wife.

15 ‘Nor shall he profane his posterity
among his people, for I the LORD sanctify
him.’"
16 And the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
17 "Speak to Aaron, saying: ‘No man
of your descendants in succeeding
generations, who has any defect, may
approach to offer the bread of his God.
18 ‘For any man who has a defect shall
not approach: a man blind or lame, who
has a marred face or any limb too long,
19 ‘a man who has a broken foot or
broken hand,
20 ‘or is a hunchback or a dwarf, or a
man who has a defect in his eye, or
eczema or scab, or is a eunuch.
21 ‘No man of the descendants of Aaron
the priest, who has a defect, shall come
near to offer the offerings made by fire
to the LORD. He has a defect; he shall

not come near to offer the bread of his
God.
22 'He may eat the bread of his God,
both the most holy and the holy;
23 'only he shall not go near the veil or
approach the altar, because he has a
defect, lest he profane My sanctuaries;
for I the LORD sanctify them.'"
24 And Moses told it to Aaron and his
sons, and to all the children of Israel.

22

1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
2 "Speak to Aaron and his sons, that
they separate themselves from the holy
things of the children of Israel, and that
they do not profane My holy name by
what they dedicate to Me: I am the
LORD.
3 "Say to them: 'Whoever of all
your descendants throughout your
generations, who goes near the holy
things which the children of Israel

dedicate to the LORD, while he has
uncleanness upon him, that person shall
be cut off from My presence: I am the
LORD.
4 'Whatever man of the descendants of
Aaron, who is a leper or has a discharge,
shall not eat the holy offerings until he
is clean. And whoever touches anything
made unclean by a corpse, or a man who
has had an emission of semen,
5 'or whoever touches any creeping
thing by which he would be made
unclean, or any person by whom he
would become unclean, whatever his
uncleanness may be—
6 'the person who has touched any such
thing shall be unclean until evening, and
shall not eat the holy offerings unless he
washes his body with water.
7 'And when the sun goes down he shall
be clean; and afterward he may eat the
holy offerings, because it is his food.

8 'Whatever dies naturally or is torn by
beasts he shall not eat, to defile himself
with it: I am the LORD.
9 'They shall therefore keep My
ordinance, lest they bear sin for it and
die thereby, if they profane it: I the LORD
sanctify them.
10 'No outsider shall eat the holy
offering; one who dwells with the priest,
or a hired servant, shall not eat the holy
thing.
11 'But if the priest buys a person with
his money, he may eat it; and one who is
born in his house may eat his food.
12 'If the priest's daughter is married to
an outsider, she may not eat of the holy
offerings.
13 'But if the priest's daughter is a
widow or divorced, and has no child, and
has returned to her father's house as in
her youth, she may eat her father's food;
but no outsider shall eat it.

14 'And if a man eats the holy offering
unintentionally, then he shall restore
a holy offering to the priest, and add
one–fifth to it.
15 'They shall not profane the holy
offerings of the children of Israel, which
they offer to the LORD,
16 'or allow them to bear the guilt
of trespass when they eat their holy
offerings; for I the LORD sanctify them.'"
17 And the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
18 "Speak to Aaron and his sons, and to
all the children of Israel, and say to them:
'Whatever man of the house of Israel, or
of the strangers in Israel, who offers his
sacrifice for any of his vows or for any of
his freewill offerings, which they offer to
the LORD as a burnt offering—
19 'you shall offer of your own free will
a male without blemish from the cattle,
from the sheep, or from the goats.

20 ‘Whatever has a defect, you shall not
offer, for it shall not be acceptable on
your behalf.
21 ‘And whoever offers a sacrifice of a
peace offering to the LORD, to fulfill his
vow, or a freewill offering from the cattle
or the sheep, it must be perfect to be
accepted; there shall be no defect in it.
22 ‘Those that are blind or broken or
maimed, or have an ulcer or eczema or
scabs, you shall not offer to the LORD,
nor make an offering by fire of them on
the altar to the LORD.
23 ‘Either a bull or a lamb that has any
limb too long or too short you may offer
as a freewill offering, but for a vow it
shall not be accepted.
24 ‘You shall not offer to the LORD what
is bruised or crushed, or torn or cut; nor
shall you make any offering of them in
your land.

25 ‘Nor from a foreigner’s hand shall
you offer any of these as the bread of
your God, because their corruption is
in them, and defects are in them. They
shall not be accepted on your behalf.’"
26 And the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:
27 "When a bull or a sheep or a goat
is born, it shall be seven days with its
mother; and from the eighth day and
thereafter it shall be accepted as an
offering made by fire to the LORD.
28 "Whether it is a cow or ewe, do not
kill both her and her young on the same
day.
29 "And when you offer a sacrifice of
thanksgiving to the LORD, offer it of your
own free will.
30 "On the same day it shall be eaten;
you shall leave none of it until morning: I
am the LORD.

31 "Therefore you shall keep My
commandments, and perform them: I
am the LORD.
32 "You shall not profane My holy
name, but I will be hallowed among the
children of Israel. I am the LORD who
sanctifies you,
33 "who brought you out of the land of
Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD."

23 1 And the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and
say to them: 'The feasts of the LORD,
which you shall proclaim to be holy
convocations, these are My feasts.
3 'Six days shall work be done, but the
seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest,
a holy convocation. You shall do no work
on it; it is the Sabbath of the LORD in all
your dwellings.

4 'These are the feasts of the LORD, holy
convocations which you shall proclaim at
their appointed times.
5 'On the fourteenth day of the first
month at twilight is the LORD'S Passover.
6 'And on the fifteenth day of the same
month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread
to the LORD; seven days you must eat
unleavened bread.
7 'On the first day you shall have a holy
convocation; you shall do no customary
work on it.
8 'But you shall offer an offering made
by fire to the LORD for seven days. The
seventh day shall be a holy convocation;
you shall do no customary work on it.'"
9 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
10 "Speak to the children of Israel, and
say to them: 'When you come into the
land which I give to you, and reap its
harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf

of the firstfruits of your harvest to the
priest.
11 'He shall wave the sheaf before the
LORD, to be accepted on your behalf; on
the day after the Sabbath the priest shall
wave it.
12 'And you shall offer on that day, when
you wave the sheaf, a male lamb of the
first year, without blemish, as a burnt
offering to the LORD.
13 'Its grain offering shall be two–tenths
of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil,
an offering made by fire to the LORD,
for a sweet aroma; and its drink offering
shall be of wine, one–fourth of a hin.
14 'You shall eat neither bread nor
parched grain nor fresh grain until the
same day that you have brought an
offering to your God; it shall be a statute
forever throughout your generations in
all your dwellings.

15 'And you shall count for yourselves
from the day after the Sabbath, from the
day that you brought the sheaf of the
wave offering: seven Sabbaths shall be
completed.
16 'Count fifty days to the day after the
seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a
new grain offering to the LORD.
17 'You shall bring from your dwellings
two wave loaves of two–tenths of an
ephah. They shall be of fine flour; they
shall be baked with leaven. They are the
firstfruits to the LORD.
18 'And you shall offer with the bread
seven lambs of the first year, without
blemish, one young bull, and two rams.
They shall be as a burnt offering to the
LORD, with their grain offering and their
drink offerings, an offering made by fire
for a sweet aroma to the LORD.
19 'Then you shall sacrifice one kid of
the goats as a sin offering, and two male

lambs of the first year as a sacrifice of a
peace offering.
20 ‘The priest shall wave them with the
bread of the firstfruits as a wave offering
before the LORD, with the two lambs.
They shall be holy to the LORD for the
priest.
21 ‘And you shall proclaim on the same
day that it is a holy convocation to you.
You shall do no customary work on it.
It shall be a statute forever in all your
dwellings throughout your generations.
22 ‘When you reap the harvest of your
land, you shall not wholly reap the
corners of your field when you reap, nor
shall you gather any gleaning from your
harvest. You shall leave them for the
poor and for the stranger: I am the LORD
your God.’"
23 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,

24 "Speak to the children of Israel,
saying: 'In the seventh month, on the
first day of the month, you shall have a
sabbath–rest , a memorial of blowing of
trumpets, a holy convocation.
25 'You shall do no customary work on
it; and you shall offer an offering made
by fire to the LORD.'"
26 And the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:
27 "Also the tenth day of this seventh
month shall be the Day of Atonement.
It shall be a holy convocation for you;
you shall afflict your souls, and offer an
offering made by fire to the LORD.
28 "And you shall do no work on that
same day, for it is the Day of Atonement,
to make atonement for you before the
LORD your God.
29 "For any person who is not afflicted
in soul on that same day shall be cut off
from his people.

30 "And any person who does any work
on that same day, that person I will
destroy from among his people.
31 "You shall do no manner of work; it
shall be a statute forever throughout
your generations in all your dwellings.
32 "It shall be to you a sabbath of
solemn rest, and you shall afflict your
souls; on the ninth day of the month at
evening, from evening to evening, you
shall celebrate your sabbath."
33 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
34 "Speak to the children of Israel,
saying: 'The fifteenth day of this seventh
month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles
for seven days to the LORD.
35 'On the first day there shall be a holy
convocation. You shall do no customary
work on it.
36 'For seven days you shall offer an
offering made by fire to the LORD. On

the eighth day you shall have a holy
convocation, and you shall offer an
offering made by fire to the LORD. It is
a sacred assembly, and you shall do no
customary work on it.
37 'These are the feasts of the LORD
which you shall proclaim to be holy
convocations, to offer an offering made
by fire to the LORD, a burnt offering and
a grain offering, a sacrifice and drink
offerings, everything on its day—
38 'besides the Sabbaths of the LORD,
besides your gifts, besides all your vows,
and besides all your freewill offerings
which you give to the LORD.
39 'Also on the fifteenth day of the
seventh month, when you have gathered
in the fruit of the land, you shall keep the
feast of the LORD for seven days; on the
first day there shall be a sabbath–rest ,
and on the eighth day a sabbath–rest .

40 ‘And you shall take for yourselves on
the first day the fruit of beautiful trees,
branches of palm trees, the boughs of
leafy trees, and willows of the brook;
and you shall rejoice before the LORD
your God for seven days.
41 ‘You shall keep it as a feast to the
LORD for seven days in the year. It shall
be a statute forever in your generations.
You shall celebrate it in the seventh
month.
42 ‘You shall dwell in booths for seven
days. All who are native Israelites shall
dwell in booths,
43 ‘that your generations may know
that I made the children of Israel dwell in
booths when I brought them out of the
land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.’"
44 So Moses declared to the children of
Israel the feasts of the LORD.

24 1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:

2 "Command the children of Israel that
they bring to you pure oil of pressed
olives for the light, to make the lamps
burn continually.
3 "Outside the veil of the Testimony, in
the tabernacle of meeting, Aaron shall
be in charge of it from evening until
morning before the LORD continually;
it shall be a statute forever in your
generations.
4 "He shall be in charge of the lamps
on the pure gold lampstand before the
LORD continually.
5 "And you shall take fine flour and bake
twelve cakes with it. Two–tenths of an
ephah shall be in each cake.
6 "You shall set them in two rows, six in
a row, on the pure gold table before the
LORD.
7 "And you shall put pure frankincense
on each row, that it may be on the bread

for a memorial, an offering made by fire
to the LORD.
8 "Every Sabbath he shall set it in order
before the LORD continually, being
taken from the children of Israel by an
everlasting covenant.
9 "And it shall be for Aaron and his sons,
and they shall eat it in a holy place; for
it is most holy to him from the offerings
of the LORD made by fire, by a perpetual
statute."
10 Now the son of an Israelite woman,
whose father was an Egyptian, went
out among the children of Israel; and
this Israelite woman's son and a man of
Israel fought each other in the camp.
11 And the Israelite woman's son
blasphemed the name of the LORD
and cursed; and so they brought him
to Moses. (His mother's name was
Shelomith the daughter of Dibri, of the
tribe of Dan.)

12 Then they put him in custody, that
the mind of the LORD might be shown to
them.
13 And the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
14 "Take outside the camp him who has
cursed; then let all who heard him lay
their hands on his head, and let all the
congregation stone him.
15 "Then you shall speak to the children
of Israel, saying: 'Whoever curses his
God shall bear his sin.
16 'And whoever blasphemes the name
of the LORD shall surely be put to death.
All the congregation shall certainly stone
him, the stranger as well as him who is
born in the land. When he blasphemes
the name of the LORD, he shall be put to
death.
17 'Whoever kills any man shall surely
be put to death.

18 'Whoever kills an animal shall make
it good, animal for animal.
19 'If a man causes disfigurement of his
neighbor, as he has done, so shall it be
done to him—
20 'fracture for fracture, eye for eye,
tooth for tooth; as he has caused
disfigurement of a man, so shall it be
done to him.
21 'And whoever kills an animal shall
restore it; but whoever kills a man shall
be put to death.
22 'You shall have the same law for the
stranger and for one from your own
country; for I am the LORD your God.'"
23 Then Moses spoke to the children of
Israel; and they took outside the camp
him who had cursed, and stoned him
with stones. So the children of Israel did
as the LORD commanded Moses.

25 1 And the LORD spoke to Moses
on Mount Sinai, saying,

2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and
say to them: ‘When you come into the
land which I give you, then the land shall
keep a sabbath to the LORD.
3 ‘Six years you shall sow your field, and
six years you shall prune your vineyard,
and gather its fruit;
4 ‘but in the seventh year there shall be
a sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a
sabbath to the LORD. You shall neither
sow your field nor prune your vineyard.
5 ‘What grows of its own accord of your
harvest you shall not reap, nor gather
the grapes of your untended vine, for it
is a year of rest for the land.
6 ‘And the sabbath produce of the land
shall be food for you: for you, your male
and female servants, your hired man,
and the stranger who dwells with you,
7 ‘for your livestock and the beasts that
are in your land—all its produce shall be
for food.

8 'And you shall count seven sabbaths
of years for yourself, seven times
seven years; and the time of the seven
sabbaths of years shall be to you
forty–nine years.
9 'Then you shall cause the trumpet of
the Jubilee to sound on the tenth day
of the seventh month; on the Day of
Atonement you shall make the trumpet
to sound throughout all your land.
10 'And you shall consecrate the fiftieth
year, and proclaim liberty throughout all
the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be
a Jubilee for you; and each of you shall
return to his possession, and each of you
shall return to his family.
11 'That fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee to
you; in it you shall neither sow nor reap
what grows of its own accord, nor gather
the grapes of your untended vine.

12 ‘For it is the Jubilee; it shall be holy to
you; you shall eat its produce from the
field.
13 ‘In this Year of Jubilee, each of you
shall return to his possession.
14 ‘And if you sell anything to your
neighbor or buy from your neighbor’s
hand, you shall not oppress one another.
15 ‘According to the number of years
after the Jubilee you shall buy from your
neighbor, and according to the number
of years of crops he shall sell to you.
16 ‘According to the multitude of
years you shall increase its price, and
according to the fewer number of years
you shall diminish its price; for he sells
to you according to the number of the
years of the crops.
17 ‘Therefore you shall not oppress one
another, but you shall fear your God; for
I am the LORD your God.

18 ‘So you shall observe My statutes and
keep My judgments, and perform them;
and you will dwell in the land in safety.
19 ‘Then the land will yield its fruit, and
you will eat your fill, and dwell there in
safety.
20 ‘And if you say, "What shall we eat in
the seventh year, since we shall not sow
nor gather in our produce?"
21 ‘Then I will command My blessing
on you in the sixth year, and it will bring
forth produce enough for three years.
22 ‘And you shall sow in the eighth year,
and eat old produce until the ninth year;
until its produce comes in, you shall eat
of the old harvest.
23 ‘The land shall not be sold
permanently, for the land is Mine; for
you are strangers and sojourners with
Me.
24 ‘And in all the land of your possession
you shall grant redemption of the land.

25 'If one of your brethren becomes
poor, and has sold some of his
possession, and if his redeeming relative
comes to redeem it, then he may
redeem what his brother sold.
26 'Or if the man has no one to redeem
it, but he himself becomes able to
redeem it,
27 'then let him count the years since its
sale, and restore the remainder to the
man to whom he sold it, that he may
return to his possession.
28 'But if he is not able to have it
restored to himself, then what was sold
shall remain in the hand of him who
bought it until the Year of Jubilee; and in
the Jubilee it shall be released, and he
shall return to his possession.
29 'If a man sells a house in a walled city,
then he may redeem it within a whole
year after it is sold; within a full year he
may redeem it.

30 'But if it is not redeemed within the
space of a full year, then the house in
the walled city shall belong permanently
to him who bought it, throughout his
generations. It shall not be released in
the Jubilee.
31 'However the houses of villages
which have no wall around them shall
be counted as the fields of the country.
They may be redeemed, and they shall
be released in the Jubilee.
32 'Nevertheless the cities of the
Levites, and the houses in the cities
of their possession, the Levites may
redeem at any time.
33 'And if a man purchases a house
from the Levites, then the house that
was sold in the city of his possession
shall be released in the Jubilee; for the
houses in the cities of the Levites are
their possession among the children of
Israel.

34 ‘But the field of the common–land of
their cities may not be sold, for it is their
perpetual possession.
35 ‘If one of your brethren becomes
poor, and falls into poverty among you,
then you shall help him, like a stranger
or a sojourner, that he may live with you.
36 ‘Take no usury or interest from him;
but fear your God, that your brother may
live with you.
37 ‘You shall not lend him your money
for usury, nor lend him your food at a
profit.
38 ‘I am the LORD your God, who
brought you out of the land of Egypt, to
give you the land of Canaan and to be
your God.
39 ‘And if one of your brethren who
dwells by you becomes poor, and sells
himself to you, you shall not compel him
to serve as a slave.

40 'As a hired servant and a sojourner
he shall be with you, and shall serve you
until the Year of Jubilee.
41 'And then he shall depart from
you—he and his children with him—and
shall return to his own family. He shall
return to the possession of his fathers.
42 'For they are My servants, whom I
brought out of the land of Egypt; they
shall not be sold as slaves.
43 'You shall not rule over him with
rigor, but you shall fear your God.
44 'And as for your male and female
slaves whom you may have—from the
nations that are around you, from them
you may buy male and female slaves.
45 'Moreover you may buy the children
of the strangers who dwell among you,
and their families who are with you,
which they beget in your land; and they
shall become your property.

46 'And you may take them as an
inheritance for your children after you,
to inherit them as a possession; they
shall be your permanent slaves. But
regarding your brethren, the children
of Israel, you shall not rule over one
another with rigor.
47 'Now if a sojourner or stranger close
to you becomes rich, and one of your
brethren who dwells by him becomes
poor, and sells himself to the stranger or
sojourner close to you, or to a member
of the stranger's family,
48 'after he is sold he may be redeemed
again. One of his brothers may redeem
him;
49 'or his uncle or his uncle's son may
redeem him; or anyone who is near of
kin to him in his family may redeem him;
or if he is able he may redeem himself.
50 'Thus he shall reckon with him who
bought him: The price of his release

shall be according to the number of
years, from the year that he was sold to
him until the Year of Jubilee; it shall be
according to the time of a hired servant
for him.
51 'If there are still many years
remaining, according to them he shall
repay the price of his redemption from
the money with which he was bought.
52 'And if there remain but a few years
until the Year of Jubilee, then he shall
reckon with him, and according to his
years he shall repay him the price of his
redemption.
53 'He shall be with him as a yearly hired
servant, and he shall not rule with rigor
over him in your sight.
54 'And if he is not redeemed in these
years, then he shall be released in the
Year of Jubilee—he and his children with
him.

55 'For the children of Israel are servants
to Me; they are My servants whom I
brought out of the land of Egypt: I am
the LORD your God.

26 1 'You shall not make idols for
yourselves; neither a carved
image nor a sacred pillar shall you rear
up for yourselves; nor shall you set up
an engraved stone in your land, to bow
down to it; for I am the LORD your God.
2 You shall keep My Sabbaths and
reverence My sanctuary: I am the LORD.
3 'If you walk in My statutes and keep
My commandments, and perform them,
4 then I will give you rain in its season,
the land shall yield its produce, and the
trees of the field shall yield their fruit.
5 Your threshing shall last till the time of
vintage, and the vintage shall last till the
time of sowing; you shall eat your bread
to the full, and dwell in your land safely.

6 I will give peace in the land, and you
shall lie down, and none will make you
afraid; I will rid the land of evil beasts,
and the sword will not go through your
land.
7 You will chase your enemies, and they
shall fall by the sword before you.
8 Five of you shall chase a hundred, and
a hundred of you shall put ten thousand
to flight; your enemies shall fall by the
sword before you.
9 'For I will look on you favorably and
make you fruitful, multiply you and
confirm My covenant with you.
10 You shall eat the old harvest, and
clear out the old because of the new.
11 I will set My tabernacle among you,
and My soul shall not abhor you.
12 I will walk among you and be your
God, and you shall be My people.
13 I am the LORD your God, who
brought you out of the land of Egypt,

that you should not be their slaves; I
have broken the bands of your yoke and
made you walk upright.

14 'But if you do not obey Me, and do
not observe all these commandments,

15 and if you despise My statutes,
or if your soul abhors My judgments,
so that you do not perform all My
commandments, but break My
covenant,

16 I also will do this to you: I will even
appoint terror over you, wasting disease
and fever which shall consume the eyes
and cause sorrow of heart. And you shall
sow your seed in vain, for your enemies
shall eat it.

17 I will set My face against you, and
you shall be defeated by your enemies.
Those who hate you shall reign over you,
and you shall flee when no one pursues
you.

18 ‘And after all this, if you do not obey
Me, then I will punish you seven times
more for your sins.
19 I will break the pride of your power;
I will make your heavens like iron and
your earth like bronze.
20 And your strength shall be spent in
vain; for your land shall not yield its
produce, nor shall the trees of the land
yield their fruit.
21 ‘Then, if you walk contrary to Me,
and are not willing to obey Me, I will
bring on you seven times more plagues,
according to your sins.
22 I will also send wild beasts among
you, which shall rob you of your children,
destroy your livestock, and make you
few in number; and your highways shall
be desolate.
23 ‘And if by these things you are not
reformed by Me, but walk contrary to
Me,

24 then I also will walk contrary to you,
and I will punish you yet seven times for
your sins.
25 And I will bring a sword against
you that will execute the vengeance of
the covenant; when you are gathered
together within your cities I will send
pestilence among you; and you shall be
delivered into the hand of the enemy.
26 When I have cut off your supply of
bread, ten women shall bake your bread
in one oven, and they shall bring back
your bread by weight, and you shall eat
and not be satisfied.
27 'And after all this, if you do not obey
Me, but walk contrary to Me,
28 then I also will walk contrary to you
in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you
seven times for your sins.
29 You shall eat the flesh of your sons,
and you shall eat the flesh of your
daughters.

30 I will destroy your high places, cut
down your incense altars, and cast your
carcasses on the lifeless forms of your
idols; and My soul shall abhor you.
31 I will lay your cities waste and bring
your sanctuaries to desolation, and I will
not smell the fragrance of your sweet
aromas.
32 I will bring the land to desolation,
and your enemies who dwell in it shall
be astonished at it.
33 I will scatter you among the nations
and draw out a sword after you; your
land shall be desolate and your cities
waste.
34 Then the land shall enjoy its sabbaths
as long as it lies desolate and you are in
your enemies' land; then the land shall
rest and enjoy its sabbaths.
35 As long as it lies desolate it shall
rest—for the time it did not rest on your
sabbaths when you dwelt in it.

36 ‘And as for those of you who are left,
I will send faintness into their hearts in
the lands of their enemies; the sound of
a shaken leaf shall cause them to flee;
they shall flee as though fleeing from a
sword, and they shall fall when no one
pursues.
37 They shall stumble over one another,
as it were before a sword, when no one
pursues; and you shall have no power to
stand before your enemies.
38 You shall perish among the nations,
and the land of your enemies shall eat
you up.
39 And those of you who are left shall
waste away in their iniquity in your
enemies’ lands; also in their fathers’
iniquities, which are with them, they
shall waste away.
40 ‘But if they confess their iniquity
and the iniquity of their fathers, with
their unfaithfulness in which they were

unfaithful to Me, and that they also have
walked contrary to Me,
41 and that I also have walked contrary
to them and have brought them into
the land of their enemies; if their
uncircumcised hearts are humbled, and
they accept their guilt—
42 then I will remember My covenant
with Jacob, and My covenant with Isaac
and My covenant with Abraham I will
remember; I will remember the land.
43 The land also shall be left empty by
them, and will enjoy its sabbaths while
it lies desolate without them; they will
accept their guilt, because they despised
My judgments and because their soul
abhorred My statutes.
44 Yet for all that, when they are in
the land of their enemies, I will not
cast them away, nor shall I abhor them,
to utterly destroy them and break My

covenant with them; for I am the LORD
their God.
45 But for their sake I will remember
the covenant of their ancestors, whom
I brought out of the land of Egypt in the
sight of the nations, that I might be their
God: I am the LORD.’"
46 These are the statutes and judgments
and laws which the LORD made between
Himself and the children of Israel on
Mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.

27 1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and
say to them: ‘When a man consecrates
by a vow certain persons to the LORD,
according to your valuation,
3 ‘if your valuation is of a male from
twenty years old up to sixty years old,
then your valuation shall be fifty shekels
of silver, according to the shekel of the
sanctuary.

4 ‘If it is a female, then your valuation
shall be thirty shekels;
5 ‘and if from five years old up to twenty
years old, then your valuation for a male
shall be twenty shekels, and for a female
ten shekels;
6 ‘and if from a month old up to five
years old, then your valuation for a male
shall be five shekels of silver, and for
a female your valuation shall be three
shekels of silver;
7 ‘and if from sixty years old and above,
if it is a male, then your valuation shall
be fifteen shekels, and for a female ten
shekels.
8 ‘But if he is too poor to pay your
valuation, then he shall present himself
before the priest, and the priest shall set
a value for him; according to the ability
of him who vowed, the priest shall value
him.

9 'If it is an animal that men may bring
as an offering to the LORD, all that
anyone gives to the LORD shall be holy.
10 'He shall not substitute it or exchange
it, good for bad or bad for good; and if
he at all exchanges animal for animal,
then both it and the one exchanged for
it shall be holy.
11 'If it is an unclean animal which they
do not offer as a sacrifice to the LORD,
then he shall present the animal before
the priest;
12 'and the priest shall set a value for
it, whether it is good or bad; as you, the
priest, value it, so it shall be.
13 'But if he wants at all to redeem
it, then he must add one–fifth to your
valuation.
14 'And when a man dedicates his house
to be holy to the LORD, then the priest
shall set a value for it, whether it is good

or bad; as the priest values it, so it shall
stand.
15 'If he who dedicated it wants to
redeem his house, then he must add
one–fifth of the money of your valuation
to it, and it shall be his.
16 'If a man dedicates to the LORD part
of a field of his possession, then your
valuation shall be according to the seed
for it. A homer of barley seed shall be
valued at fifty shekels of silver.
17 'If he dedicates his field from the Year
of Jubilee, according to your valuation it
shall stand.
18 'But if he dedicates his field after the
Jubilee, then the priest shall reckon to
him the money due according to the
years that remain till the Year of Jubilee,
and it shall be deducted from your
valuation.
19 'And if he who dedicates the field
ever wishes to redeem it, then he must

add one–fifth of the money of your
valuation to it, and it shall belong to him.
20 'But if he does not want to redeem
the field, or if he has sold the field to
another man, it shall not be redeemed
anymore;
21 'but the field, when it is released in
the Jubilee, shall be holy to the LORD, as
a devoted field; it shall be the possession
of the priest.
22 'And if a man dedicates to the LORD
a field which he has bought, which is not
the field of his possession,
23 'then the priest shall reckon to him
the worth of your valuation, up to the
Year of Jubilee, and he shall give your
valuation on that day as a holy offering
to the LORD.
24 'In the Year of Jubilee the field shall
return to him from whom it was bought,
to the one who owned the land as a
possession.

25 'And all your valuations shall be
according to the shekel of the sanctuary:
twenty gerahs to the shekel.
26 'But the firstborn of the animals,
which should be the LORD'S firstborn,
no man shall dedicate; whether it is an
ox or sheep, it is the LORD'S.
27 'And if it is an unclean animal, then
he shall redeem it according to your
valuation, and shall add one–fifth to it;
or if it is not redeemed, then it shall be
sold according to your valuation.
28 'Nevertheless no devoted offering
that a man may devote to the LORD of
all that he has, both man and beast, or
the field of his possession, shall be sold
or redeemed; every devoted offering is
most holy to the LORD.
29 'No person under the ban, who may
become doomed to destruction among
men, shall be redeemed, but shall surely
be put to death.

30 'And all the tithe of the land, whether
of the seed of the land or of the fruit of
the tree, is the LORD'S. It is holy to the
LORD.
31 'If a man wants at all to redeem any
of his tithes, he shall add one–fifth to it.
32 'And concerning the tithe of the herd
or the flock, of whatever passes under
the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to
the LORD.
33 'He shall not inquire whether it is
good or bad, nor shall he exchange it;
and if he exchanges it at all, then both
it and the one exchanged for it shall be
holy; it shall not be redeemed.'"
34 These are the commandments which
the LORD commanded Moses for the
children of Israel on Mount Sinai.

Numbers

1 1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses
in the Wilderness of Sinai, in the
tabernacle of meeting, on the first day
of the second month, in the second year
after they had come out of the land of
Egypt, saying:
2 "Take a census of all the congregation
of the children of Israel, by their families,
by their fathers’ houses, according
to the number of names, every male
individually,
3 "from twenty years old and above—all
who are able to go to war in Israel. You
and Aaron shall number them by their
armies.
4 "And with you there shall be a man
from every tribe, each one the head of
his father’s house.

5 "These are the names of the men who
shall stand with you: from Reuben, Elizur
the son of Shedeur;
6 "from Simeon, Shelumiel the son of
Zurishaddai;
7 "from Judah, Nahshon the son of
Amminadab;
8 "from Issachar, Nethanel the son of
Zuar;
9 "from Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon;
10 "from the sons of Joseph: from
Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammihud;
from Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of
Pedahzur;
11 "from Benjamin, Abidan the son of
Gideoni;
12 "from Dan, Ahiezer the son of
Ammishaddai;
13 "from Asher, Pagiel the son of Ocran;
14 "from Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel;
15 "from Naphtali, Ahira the son of
Enan."

16 These were chosen from the
congregation, leaders of their fathers'
tribes, heads of the divisions in Israel.
17 Then Moses and Aaron took these
men who had been mentioned by name,
18 and they assembled all the
congregation together on the first day of
the second month; and they recited their
ancestry by families, by their fathers'
houses, according to the number of
names, from twenty years old and
above, each one individually.
19 As the LORD commanded Moses, so
he numbered them in the Wilderness of
Sinai.
20 Now the children of Reuben,
Israel's oldest son, their genealogies by
their families, by their fathers' house,
according to the number of names,
every male individually, from twenty
years old and above, all who were able
to go to war:

21 those who were numbered of the
tribe of Reuben were forty–six thousand
five hundred.
22 From the children of Simeon, their
genealogies by their families, by their
fathers' house, of those who were
numbered, according to the number of
names, every male individually, from
twenty years old and above, all who
were able to go to war:
23 those who were numbered of the
tribe of Simeon were fifty–nine thousand
three hundred.
24 From the children of Gad, their
genealogies by their families, by their
fathers' house, according to the number
of names, from twenty years old and
above, all who were able to go to war:
25 those who were numbered of the
tribe of Gad were forty–five thousand
six hundred and fifty.

26 From the children of Judah, their
genealogies by their families, by their
fathers' house, according to the number
of names, from twenty years old and
above, all who were able to go to war:
27 those who were numbered of
the tribe of Judah were seventy–four
thousand six hundred.
28 From the children of Issachar, their
genealogies by their families, by their
fathers' house, according to the number
of names, from twenty years old and
above, all who were able to go to war:
29 those who were numbered of
the tribe of Issachar were fifty–four
thousand four hundred.
30 From the children of Zebulun, their
genealogies by their families, by their
fathers' house, according to the number
of names, from twenty years old and
above, all who were able to go to war:

31 those who were numbered of
the tribe of Zebulun were fifty–seven
thousand four hundred.
32 From the sons of Joseph, the
children of Ephraim, their genealogies
by their families, by their fathers' house,
according to the number of names, from
twenty years old and above, all who
were able to go to war:
33 those who were numbered of the
tribe of Ephraim were forty thousand
five hundred.
34 From the children of Manasseh, their
genealogies by their families, by their
fathers' house, according to the number
of names, from twenty years old and
above, all who were able to go to war:
35 those who were numbered of the
tribe of Manasseh were thirty–two
thousand two hundred.
36 From the children of Benjamin, their
genealogies by their families, by their

fathers’ house, according to the number
of names, from twenty years old and
above, all who were able to go to war:
37 those who were numbered of the
tribe of Benjamin were thirty–five
thousand four hundred.
38 From the children of Dan, their
genealogies by their families, by their
fathers’ house, according to the number
of names, from twenty years old and
above, all who were able to go to war:
39 those who were numbered of the
tribe of Dan were sixty–two thousand
seven hundred.
40 From the children of Asher, their
genealogies by their families, by their
fathers’ house, according to the number
of names, from twenty years old and
above, all who were able to go to war:
41 those who were numbered of the
tribe of Asher were forty–one thousand
five hundred.

42 From the children of Naphtali, their
genealogies by their families, by their
fathers' house, according to the number
of names, from twenty years old and
above, all who were able to go to war:
43 those who were numbered of
the tribe of Naphtali were fifty–three
thousand four hundred.
44 These are the ones who were
numbered, whom Moses and Aaron
numbered, with the leaders of Israel,
twelve men, each one representing his
father's house.
45 So all who were numbered of the
children of Israel, by their fathers'
houses, from twenty years old and
above, all who were able to go to war in
Israel—
46 all who were numbered were six
hundred and three thousand five
hundred and fifty.

47 But the Levites were not numbered
among them by their fathers' tribe;
48 for the LORD had spoken to Moses,
saying:
49 "Only the tribe of Levi you shall not
number, nor take a census of them
among the children of Israel;
50 "but you shall appoint the Levites
over the tabernacle of the Testimony,
over all its furnishings, and over all
things that belong to it; they shall carry
the tabernacle and all its furnishings;
they shall attend to it and camp around
the tabernacle.
51 "And when the tabernacle is to go
forward, the Levites shall take it down;
and when the tabernacle is to be set up,
the Levites shall set it up. The outsider
who comes near shall be put to death.
52 "The children of Israel shall pitch
their tents, everyone by his own camp,

everyone by his own standard, according
to their armies;
53 "but the Levites shall camp around
the tabernacle of the Testimony,
that there may be no wrath on the
congregation of the children of Israel;
and the Levites shall keep charge of the
tabernacle of the Testimony."
54 Thus the children of Israel did;
according to all that the LORD
commanded Moses, so they did.

2 1 And the LORD spoke to Moses and
Aaron, saying:
2 "Everyone of the children of Israel
shall camp by his own standard, beside
the emblems of his father's house; they
shall camp some distance from the
tabernacle of meeting.
3 "On the east side, toward the rising
of the sun, those of the standard of the
forces with Judah shall camp according
to their armies; and Nahshon the son of

Amminadab shall be the leader of the
children of Judah."
4 And his army was numbered at
seventy–four thousand six hundred.
5 "Those who camp next to him shall
be the tribe of Issachar, and Nethanel
the son of Zuar shall be the leader of the
children of Issachar."
6 And his army was numbered at
fifty–four thousand four hundred.
7 "Then comes the tribe of Zebulun, and
Eliab the son of Helon shall be the leader
of the children of Zebulun."
8 And his army was numbered at
fifty–seven thousand four hundred.
9 "All who were numbered according to
their armies of the forces with Judah,
one hundred and eighty–six thousand
four hundred––these shall break camp
first.
10 "On the south side shall be the
standard of the forces with Reuben

according to their armies, and the leader
of the children of Reuben shall be Elizur
the son of Shedeur."
11 And his army was numbered at
forty–six thousand five hundred.
12 "Those who camp next to him shall
be the tribe of Simeon, and the leader
of the children of Simeon shall be
Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai."
13 And his army was numbered at
fifty–nine thousand three hundred.
14 "Then comes the tribe of Gad, and
the leader of the children of Gad shall be
Eliasaph the son of Reuel."
15 And his army was numbered at
forty–five thousand six hundred and
fifty.
16 "All who were numbered according
to their armies of the forces with
Reuben, one hundred and fifty–one
thousand four hundred and fifty—they
shall be the second to break camp.

17 "And the tabernacle of meeting shall
move out with the camp of the Levites in
the middle of the camps; as they camp,
so they shall move out, everyone in his
place, by their standards.
18 "On the west side shall be the
standard of the forces with Ephraim
according to their armies, and the leader
of the children of Ephraim shall be
Elishama the son of Ammihud."
19 And his army was numbered at forty
thousand five hundred.
20 "Next to him comes the tribe of
Manasseh, and the leader of the children
of Manasseh shall be Gamaliel the son
of Pedahzur."
21 And his army was numbered at
thirty–two thousand two hundred.
22 "Then comes the tribe of Benjamin,
and the leader of the children of
Benjamin shall be Abidan the son of
Gideoni."

23 And his army was numbered at
thirty–five thousand four hundred.
24 "All who were numbered according
to their armies of the forces with
Ephraim, one hundred and eight
thousand one hundred—they shall be
the third to break camp.
25 "The standard of the forces with Dan
shall be on the north side according
to their armies, and the leader of the
children of Dan shall be Ahiezer the son
of Ammishaddai."
26 And his army was numbered at
sixty–two thousand seven hundred.
27 "Those who camp next to him shall
be the tribe of Asher, and the leader of
the children of Asher shall be Pagiel the
son of Ocran."
28 And his army was numbered at
forty–one thousand five hundred.

29 "Then comes the tribe of Naphtali,
and the leader of the children of Naphtali
shall be Ahira the son of Enan."
30 And his army was numbered at
fifty–three thousand four hundred.
31 "All who were numbered of the
forces with Dan, one hundred and fifty–
seven thousand six hundred—they shall
break camp last, with their standards."
32 These are the ones who were
numbered of the children of Israel by
their fathers' houses. All who were
numbered according to their armies of
the forces were six hundred and three
thousand five hundred and fifty.
33 But the Levites were not numbered
among the children of Israel, just as the
LORD commanded Moses.
34 Thus the children of Israel did
according to all that the LORD
commanded Moses; so they camped by
their standards and so they broke camp,

each one by his family, according to their
fathers’ houses.

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1 Now these are the records of Aaron
and Moses when the LORD spoke
with Moses on Mount Sinai.
2 And these are the names of the sons
of Aaron: Nadab, the firstborn, and
Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
3 These are the names of the sons of
Aaron, the anointed priests, whom he
consecrated to minister as priests.
4 Nadab and Abihu had died before
the LORD when they offered profane
fire before the LORD in the Wilderness
of Sinai; and they had no children.
So Eleazar and Ithamar ministered as
priests in the presence of Aaron their
father.
5 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:
6 "Bring the tribe of Levi near, and
present them before Aaron the priest,
that they may serve him.

7 "And they shall attend to his needs
and the needs of the whole congregation
before the tabernacle of meeting, to do
the work of the tabernacle.
8 "Also they shall attend to all the
furnishings of the tabernacle of meeting,
and to the needs of the children of Israel,
to do the work of the tabernacle.
9 "And you shall give the Levites to
Aaron and his sons; they are given
entirely to him from among the children
of Israel.
10 "So you shall appoint Aaron and
his sons, and they shall attend to their
priesthood; but the outsider who comes
near shall be put to death."
11 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:
12 "Now behold, I Myself have taken the
Levites from among the children of Israel
instead of every firstborn who opens

the womb among the children of Israel.
Therefore the Levites shall be Mine,
13 "because all the firstborn are Mine.
On the day that I struck all the firstborn
in the land of Egypt, I sanctified to
Myself all the firstborn in Israel, both
man and beast. They shall be Mine: I am
the LORD."
14 Then the LORD spoke to Moses in the
Wilderness of Sinai, saying:
15 "Number the children of Levi by their
fathers' houses, by their families; you
shall number every male from a month
old and above."
16 So Moses numbered them according
to the word of the LORD, as he was
commanded.
17 These were the sons of Levi by their
names: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
18 And these are the names of the sons
of Gershon by their families: Libni and
Shimei.

19 And the sons of Kohath by their
families: Amram, Izehar, Hebron, and
Uzziel.
20 And the sons of Merari by their
families: Mahli and Mushi. These are the
families of the Levites by their fathers'
houses.
21 From Gershon came the family
of the Libnites and the family of the
Shimites; these were the families of the
Gershonites.
22 Those who were numbered,
according to the number of all the males
from a month old and above—of those
who were numbered there were seven
thousand five hundred.
23 The families of the Gershonites
were to camp behind the tabernacle
westward.
24 And the leader of the fathers' house
of the Gershonites was Eliasaph the son
of Lael.

25 The duties of the children of Gershon
in the tabernacle of meeting included
the tabernacle, the tent with its covering,
the screen for the door of the tabernacle
of meeting,
26 the screen for the door of the court,
the hangings of the court which are
around the tabernacle and the altar, and
their cords, according to all the work
relating to them.
27 From Kohath came the family of the
Amramites, the family of the Izharites,
the family of the Hebronites, and the
family of the Uzzielites; these were the
families of the Kohathites.
28 According to the number of all the
males, from a month old and above,
there were eight thousand six hundred
keeping charge of the sanctuary.
29 The families of the children of Kohath
were to camp on the south side of the
tabernacle.

30 And the leader of the fathers' house
of the families of the Kohathites was
Elizaphan the son of Uzziel.
31 Their duty included the ark, the
table, the lampstand, the altars, the
utensils of the sanctuary with which
they ministered, the screen, and all the
work relating to them.
32 And Eleazar the son of Aaron the
priest was to be chief over the leaders of
the Levites, with oversight of those who
kept charge of the sanctuary.
33 From Merari came the family of the
Mahlites and the family of the Mushites;
these were the families of Merari.
34 And those who were numbered,
according to the number of all the males
from a month old and above, were six
thousand two hundred.
35 The leader of the fathers' house of
the families of Merari was Zuriel the son

of Abihail. These were to camp on the
north side of the tabernacle.
36 And the appointed duty of the
children of Merari included the boards
of the tabernacle, its bars, its pillars, its
sockets, its utensils, all the work relating
to them,
37 and the pillars of the court all around,
with their sockets, their pegs, and their
cords.
38 Moreover those who were to camp
before the tabernacle on the east, before
the tabernacle of meeting, were Moses,
Aaron, and his sons, keeping charge of
the sanctuary, to meet the needs of the
children of Israel; but the outsider who
came near was to be put to death.
39 All who were numbered of the
Levites, whom Moses and Aaron
numbered at the commandment of the
LORD, by their families, all the males

from a month old and above, were
twenty–two thousand.
40 Then the LORD said to Moses:
"Number all the firstborn males of the
children of Israel from a month old and
above, and take the number of their
names.
41 "And you shall take the Levites for
Me—I am the LORD—instead of all the
firstborn among the children of Israel,
and the livestock of the Levites instead
of all the firstborn among the livestock
of the children of Israel."
42 So Moses numbered all the firstborn
among the children of Israel, as the
LORD commanded him.
43 And all the firstborn males, according
to the number of names from a month
old and above, of those who were
numbered of them, were twenty–
two thousand two hundred and
seventy–three.

44 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:
45 "Take the Levites instead of all the
firstborn among the children of Israel,
and the livestock of the Levites instead
of their livestock. The Levites shall be
Mine: I am the LORD.
46 "And for the redemption of the
two hundred and seventy–three of the
firstborn of the children of Israel, who
are more than the number of the Levites,
47 "you shall take five shekels for each
one individually; you shall take them
in the currency of the shekel of the
sanctuary, the shekel of twenty gerahs.
48 "And you shall give the money, with
which the excess number of them is
redeemed, to Aaron and his sons."
49 So Moses took the redemption
money from those who were over and
above those who were redeemed by the
Levites.

50 From the firstborn of the children of
Israel he took the money, one thousand
three hundred and sixty–five shekels,
according to the shekel of the sanctuary.
51 And Moses gave their redemption
money to Aaron and his sons, according
to the word of the LORD, as the LORD
commanded Moses.

4 1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and
Aaron, saying:
2 "Take a census of the sons of Kohath
from among the children of Levi, by their
families, by their fathers' house,
3 "from thirty years old and above,
even to fifty years old, all who enter the
service to do the work in the tabernacle
of meeting.
4 "This is the service of the sons of
Kohath in the tabernacle of meeting,
relating to the most holy things:
5 "When the camp prepares to journey,
Aaron and his sons shall come, and they

shall take down the covering veil and
cover the ark of the Testimony with it.
6 "Then they shall put on it a covering
of badger skins, and spread over that
a cloth entirely of blue; and they shall
insert its poles.
7 "On the table of showbread they shall
spread a blue cloth, and put on it the
dishes, the pans, the bowls, and the
pitchers for pouring; and the showbread
shall be on it.
8 "They shall spread over them a
scarlet cloth, and cover the same with a
covering of badger skins; and they shall
insert its poles.
9 "And they shall take a blue cloth and
cover the lampstand of the light, with its
lamps, its wick–trimmers, its trays, and
all its oil vessels, with which they service
it.

10 "Then they shall put it with all its utensils in a covering of badger skins, and put it on a carrying beam.

11 "Over the golden altar they shall spread a blue cloth, and cover it with a covering of badger skins; and they shall insert its poles.

12 "Then they shall take all the utensils of service with which they minister in the sanctuary, put them in a blue cloth, cover them with a covering of badger skins, and put them on a carrying beam.

13 "Also they shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a purple cloth over it.

14 "They shall put on it all its implements with which they minister there—the firepans, the forks, the shovels, the basins, and all the utensils of the altar—and they shall spread on it a covering of badger skins, and insert its poles.

15 "And when Aaron and his sons have
finished covering the sanctuary and all
the furnishings of the sanctuary, when
the camp is set to go, then the sons of
Kohath shall come to carry them; but
they shall not touch any holy thing, lest
they die. These are the things in the
tabernacle of meeting which the sons of
Kohath are to carry.
16 "The appointed duty of Eleazar the
son of Aaron the priest is the oil for the
light, the sweet incense, the daily grain
offering, the anointing oil, the oversight
of all the tabernacle, of all that is in it,
with the sanctuary and its furnishings."
17 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and
Aaron, saying:
18 "Do not cut off the tribe of the
families of the Kohathites from among
the Levites;
19 "but do this in regard to them, that
they may live and not die when they

approach the most holy things: Aaron
and his sons shall go in and appoint each
of them to his service and his task.
[20] "But they shall not go in to watch
while the holy things are being covered,
lest they die."
[21] Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:
[22] "Also take a census of the sons of
Gershon, by their fathers' house, by
their families.
[23] "From thirty years old and above,
even to fifty years old, you shall number
them, all who enter to perform the
service, to do the work in the tabernacle
of meeting.
[24] "This is the service of the families of
the Gershonites, in serving and carrying:
[25] "They shall carry the curtains of
the tabernacle and the tabernacle of
meeting with its covering, the covering
of badger skins that is on it, the screen

for the door of the tabernacle of
meeting,
26 "the screen for the door of the gate
of the court, the hangings of the court
which are around the tabernacle and
altar, and their cords, all the furnishings
for their service and all that is made for
these things: so shall they serve.
27 "Aaron and his sons shall assign
all the service of the sons of the
Gershonites, all their tasks and all their
service. And you shall appoint to them
all their tasks as their duty.
28 "This is the service of the families of
the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle
of meeting. And their duties shall be
under the authority of Ithamar the son
of Aaron the priest.
29 "As for the sons of Merari, you shall
number them by their families and by
their fathers' house.

30 "From thirty years old and above,
even to fifty years old, you shall number
them, everyone who enters the service
to do the work of the tabernacle of
meeting.
31 "And this is what they must carry as
all their service for the tabernacle of
meeting: the boards of the tabernacle,
its bars, its pillars, its sockets,
32 "and the pillars around the court
with their sockets, pegs, and cords, with
all their furnishings and all their service;
and you shall assign to each man by
name the items he must carry.
33 "This is the service of the families of
the sons of Merari, as all their service
for the tabernacle of meeting, under the
authority of Ithamar the son of Aaron
the priest."
34 And Moses, Aaron, and the leaders
of the congregation numbered the sons

of the Kohathites by their families and
by their fathers’ house,
35 from thirty years old and above, even
to fifty years old, everyone who entered
the service for work in the tabernacle of
meeting;
36 and those who were numbered by
their families were two thousand seven
hundred and fifty.
37 These were the ones who were
numbered of the families of the
Kohathites, all who might serve in the
tabernacle of meeting, whom Moses
and Aaron numbered according to the
commandment of the LORD by the hand
of Moses.
38 And those who were numbered of
the sons of Gershon, by their families
and by their fathers’ house,
39 from thirty years old and above, even
to fifty years old, everyone who entered

the service for work in the tabernacle of
meeting—
40 those who were numbered by their
families, by their fathers' house, were
two thousand six hundred and thirty.
41 These are the ones who were
numbered of the families of the sons of
Gershon, of all who might serve in the
tabernacle of meeting, whom Moses
and Aaron numbered according to the
commandment of the LORD.
42 Those of the families of the sons of
Merari who were numbered, by their
families, by their fathers' house,
43 from thirty years old and above, even
to fifty years old, everyone who entered
the service for work in the tabernacle of
meeting—
44 those who were numbered by their
families were three thousand two
hundred.

45 These are the ones who were
numbered of the families of the sons
of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron
numbered according to the word of the
LORD by the hand of Moses.
46 All who were numbered of the
Levites, whom Moses, Aaron, and the
leaders of Israel numbered, by their
families and by their fathers' houses,
47 from thirty years old and above, even
to fifty years old, everyone who came
to do the work of service and the work
of bearing burdens in the tabernacle of
meeting—
48 those who were numbered were
eight thousand five hundred and eighty.
49 According to the commandment of
the LORD they were numbered by the
hand of Moses, each according to his
service and according to his task; thus
were they numbered by him, as the
LORD commanded Moses.

5 1 And the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:
2 "Command the children of Israel that
they put out of the camp every leper,
everyone who has a discharge, and
whoever becomes defiled by a corpse.
3 "You shall put out both male and
female; you shall put them outside the
camp, that they may not defile their
camps in the midst of which I dwell."
4 And the children of Israel did so, and
put them outside the camp; as the LORD
spoke to Moses, so the children of Israel
did.
5 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
6 "Speak to the children of Israel: 'When
a man or woman commits any sin that
men commit in unfaithfulness against
the LORD, and that person is guilty,
7 'then he shall confess the sin which he
has committed. He shall make restitution

for his trespass in full, plus one–fifth of
it, and give it to the one he has wronged.
8 ‘But if the man has no relative to
whom restitution may be made for the
wrong, the restitution for the wrong
must go to the LORD for the priest, in
addition to the ram of the atonement
with which atonement is made for him.
9 ‘Every offering of all the holy things of
the children of Israel, which they bring
to the priest, shall be his.
10 ‘And every man’s holy things shall be
his; whatever any man gives the priest
shall be his.’"
11 And the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
12 "Speak to the children of Israel, and
say to them: ‘If any man’s wife goes
astray and behaves unfaithfully toward
him,
13 ‘and a man lies with her carnally,
and it is hidden from the eyes of her

husband, and it is concealed that she has
defiled herself, and there was no witness
against her, nor was she caught—
14 'if the spirit of jealousy comes upon
him and he becomes jealous of his wife,
who has defiled herself; or if the spirit
of jealousy comes upon him and he
becomes jealous of his wife, although
she has not defiled herself—
15 'then the man shall bring his wife to
the priest. He shall bring the offering
required for her, one–tenth of an ephah
of barley meal; he shall pour no oil on it
and put no frankincense on it, because it
is a grain offering of jealousy, an offering
for remembering, for bringing iniquity to
remembrance.
16 'And the priest shall bring her near,
and set her before the LORD.
17 'The priest shall take holy water in
an earthen vessel, and take some of the

dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle
and put it into the water.
18 'Then the priest shall stand the
woman before the LORD, uncover the
woman's head, and put the offering for
remembering in her hands, which is the
grain offering of jealousy. And the priest
shall have in his hand the bitter water
that brings a curse.
19 'And the priest shall put her under
oath, and say to the woman, "If no man
has lain with you, and if you have not
gone astray to uncleanness while under
your husband's authority, be free from
this bitter water that brings a curse.
20 "But if you have gone astray while
under your husband's authority, and if
you have defiled yourself and some man
other than your husband has lain with
you" —
21 'then the priest shall put the woman
under the oath of the curse, and he shall

say to the woman—"the LORD make you
a curse and an oath among your people,
when the LORD makes your thigh rot
and your belly swell;
22 "and may this water that causes the
curse go into your stomach, and make
your belly swell and your thigh rot."
Then the woman shall say, "Amen, so be
it."
23 'Then the priest shall write these
curses in a book, and he shall scrape
them off into the bitter water.
24 'And he shall make the woman drink
the bitter water that brings a curse, and
the water that brings the curse shall
enter her to become bitter.
25 'Then the priest shall take the grain
offering of jealousy from the woman's
hand, shall wave the offering before the
LORD, and bring it to the altar;
26 'and the priest shall take a handful
of the offering, as its memorial portion,

burn it on the altar, and afterward make
the woman drink the water.
27 'When he has made her drink the
water, then it shall be, if she has defiled
herself and behaved unfaithfully toward
her husband, that the water that brings
a curse will enter her and become bitter,
and her belly will swell, her thigh will
rot, and the woman will become a curse
among her people.
28 'But if the woman has not defiled
herself, and is clean, then she shall be
free and may conceive children.
29 'This is the law of jealousy, when
a wife, while under her husband's
authority, goes astray and defiles herself,
30 'or when the spirit of jealousy comes
upon a man, and he becomes jealous of
his wife; then he shall stand the woman
before the LORD, and the priest shall
execute all this law upon her.

31 ‘Then the man shall be free from
iniquity, but that woman shall bear her
guilt.’"

6 1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and
say to them: ‘When either a man or
woman consecrates an offering to take
the vow of a Nazirite, to separate himself
to the LORD,
3 ‘he shall separate himself from wine
and similar drink; he shall drink neither
vinegar made from wine nor vinegar
made from similar drink; neither shall
he drink any grape juice, nor eat fresh
grapes or raisins.
4 ‘All the days of his separation he shall
eat nothing that is produced by the
grapevine, from seed to skin.
5 ‘All the days of the vow of his
separation no razor shall come upon
his head; until the days are fulfilled for

which he separated himself to the LORD,
he shall be holy. Then he shall let the
locks of the hair of his head grow.
6 'All the days that he separates himself
to the LORD he shall not go near a dead
body.
7 'He shall not make himself unclean
even for his father or his mother, for
his brother or his sister, when they die,
because his separation to God is on his
head.
8 'All the days of his separation he shall
be holy to the LORD.
9 'And if anyone dies very suddenly
beside him, and he defiles his
consecrated head, then he shall shave
his head on the day of his cleansing; on
the seventh day he shall shave it.
10 'Then on the eighth day he shall bring
two turtledoves or two young pigeons to
the priest, to the door of the tabernacle
of meeting;

11 'and the priest shall offer one as a
sin offering and the other as a burnt
offering, and make atonement for him,
because he sinned in regard to the
corpse; and he shall sanctify his head
that same day.
12 'He shall consecrate to the LORD
the days of his separation, and bring a
male lamb in its first year as a trespass
offering; but the former days shall be
lost, because his separation was defiled.
13 'Now this is the law of the Nazirite:
When the days of his separation are
fulfilled, he shall be brought to the door
of the tabernacle of meeting.
14 'And he shall present his offering
to the LORD: one male lamb in its first
year without blemish as a burnt offering,
one ewe lamb in its first year without
blemish as a sin offering, one ram
without blemish as a peace offering,

15 'a basket of unleavened bread, cakes
of fine flour mixed with oil, unleavened
wafers anointed with oil, and their grain
offering with their drink offerings.
16 'Then the priest shall bring them
before the LORD and offer his sin offering
and his burnt offering;
17 'and he shall offer the ram as a
sacrifice of peace offering to the LORD,
with the basket of unleavened bread; the
priest shall also offer its grain offering
and its drink offering.
18 'Then the Nazirite shall shave his
consecrated head at the door of the
tabernacle of meeting, and shall take the
hair from his consecrated head and put
it on the fire which is under the sacrifice
of the peace offering.
19 'And the priest shall take the
boiled shoulder of the ram, one
unleavened cake from the basket, and
one unleavened wafer, and put them

upon the hands of the Nazirite after he
has shaved his consecrated hair,
20 ‘and the priest shall wave them as
a wave offering before the LORD; they
are holy for the priest, together with
the breast of the wave offering and the
thigh of the heave offering. After that
the Nazirite may drink wine.’
21 "This is the law of the Nazirite
who vows to the LORD the offering
for his separation, and besides that,
whatever else his hand is able to provide;
according to the vow which he takes, so
he must do according to the law of his
separation."
22 And the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:
23 "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying,
‘This is the way you shall bless the
children of Israel. Say to them:
24 "The LORD bless you and keep you;

25 The LORD make His face shine upon
you, And be gracious to you;
26 The LORD lift up His countenance
upon you, And give you peace."'
27 "So they shall put My name on the
children of Israel, and I will bless them."

7 1 Now it came to pass, when
Moses had finished setting up the
tabernacle, that he anointed it and
consecrated it and all its furnishings,
and the altar and all its utensils; so he
anointed them and consecrated them.
2 Then the leaders of Israel, the heads
of their fathers' houses, who were the
leaders of the tribes and over those who
were numbered, made an offering.
3 And they brought their offering
before the LORD, six covered carts and
twelve oxen, a cart for every two of the
leaders, and for each one an ox; and they
presented them before the tabernacle.

4 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
5 "Accept these from them, that they
may be used in doing the work of the
tabernacle of meeting; and you shall
give them to the Levites, to every man
according to his service."
6 So Moses took the carts and the oxen,
and gave them to the Levites.
7 Two carts and four oxen he gave to
the sons of Gershon, according to their
service;
8 and four carts and eight oxen he gave
to the sons of Merari, according to their
service, under the authority of Ithamar
the son of Aaron the priest.
9 But to the sons of Kohath he gave
none, because theirs was the service of
the holy things, which they carried on
their shoulders.
10 Now the leaders offered the
dedication offering for the altar when

it was anointed; so the leaders offered
their offering before the altar.
11 For the LORD said to Moses, "They
shall offer their offering, one leader each
day, for the dedication of the altar."
12 And the one who offered his offering
on the first day was Nahshon the son of
Amminadab, from the tribe of Judah.
13 His offering was one silver platter,
the weight of which was one hundred
and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of
seventy shekels, according to the shekel
of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine
flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;
14 one gold pan of ten shekels, full of
incense;
15 one young bull, one ram, and one
male lamb in its first year, as a burnt
offering;
16 one kid of the goats as a sin offering;
17 and for the sacrifice of peace
offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male

goats, and five male lambs in their first
year. This was the offering of Nahshon
the son of Amminadab.
18 On the second day Nethanel the son
of Zuar, leader of Issachar, presented an
offering.
19 For his offering he offered one silver
platter, the weight of which was one
hundred and thirty shekels, and one
silver bowl of seventy shekels, according
to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of
them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a
grain offering;
20 one gold pan of ten shekels, full of
incense;
21 one young bull, one ram, and one
male lamb in its first year, as a burnt
offering;
22 one kid of the goats as a sin offering;
23 and as the sacrifice of peace
offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male
goats, and five male lambs in their first

year. This was the offering of Nethanel
the son of Zuar.
24 On the third day Eliab the son of
Helon, leader of the children of Zebulun,
presented an offering.
25 His offering was one silver platter,
the weight of which was one hundred
and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of
seventy shekels, according to the shekel
of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine
flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;
26 one gold pan of ten shekels, full of
incense;
27 one young bull, one ram, and one
male lamb in its first year, as a burnt
offering;
28 one kid of the goats as a sin offering;
29 and for the sacrifice of peace
offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male
goats, and five male lambs in their first
year. This was the offering of Eliab the
son of Helon.

30 On the fourth day Elizur the son
of Shedeur, leader of the children of
Reuben, presented an offering.
31 His offering was one silver platter,
the weight of which was one hundred
and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of
seventy shekels, according to the shekel
of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine
flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;
32 one gold pan of ten shekels, full of
incense;
33 one young bull, one ram, and one
male lamb in its first year, as a burnt
offering;
34 one kid of the goats as a sin offering;
35 and as the sacrifice of peace
offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male
goats, and five male lambs in their first
year. This was the offering of Elizur the
son of Shedeur.

36 On the fifth day Shelumiel the son
of Zurishaddai, leader of the children of
Simeon, presented an offering.
37 His offering was one silver platter,
the weight of which was one hundred
and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of
seventy shekels, according to the shekel
of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine
flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;
38 one gold pan of ten shekels, full of
incense;
39 one young bull, one ram, and one
male lamb in its first year, as a burnt
offering;
40 one kid of the goats as a sin offering;
41 and as the sacrifice of peace
offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male
goats, and five male lambs in their first
year. This was the offering of Shelumiel
the son of Zurishaddai.

42 On the sixth day Eliasaph the son
of Deuel, leader of the children of Gad,
presented an offering.
43 His offering was one silver platter,
the weight of which was one hundred
and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of
seventy shekels, according to the shekel
of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine
flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;
44 one gold pan of ten shekels, full of
incense;
45 one young bull, one ram, and one
male lamb in its first year, as a burnt
offering;
46 one kid of the goats as a sin offering;
47 and as the sacrifice of peace
offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male
goats, and five male lambs in their first
year. This was the offering of Eliasaph
the son of Deuel.

48 On the seventh day Elishama the son
of Ammihud, leader of the children of
Ephraim, presented an offering.
49 His offering was one silver platter,
the weight of which was one hundred
and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of
seventy shekels, according to the shekel
of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine
flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;
50 one gold pan of ten shekels, full of
incense;
51 one young bull, one ram, and one
male lamb in its first year, as a burnt
offering;
52 one kid of the goats as a sin offering;
53 and as the sacrifice of peace
offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male
goats, and five male lambs in their first
year. This was the offering of Elishama
the son of Ammihud.

[54] On the eighth day Gamaliel the son
of Pedahzur, leader of the children of
Manasseh, presented an offering.
[55] His offering was one silver platter,
the weight of which was one hundred
and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of
seventy shekels, according to the shekel
of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine
flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;
[56] one gold pan of ten shekels, full of
incense;
[57] one young bull, one ram, and one
male lamb in its first year, as a burnt
offering;
[58] one kid of the goats as a sin offering;
[59] and as the sacrifice of peace
offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male
goats, and five male lambs in their first
year. This was the offering of Gamaliel
the son of Pedahzur.

60 On the ninth day Abidan the son
of Gideoni, leader of the children of
Benjamin, presented an offering.
61 His offering was one silver platter,
the weight of which was one hundred
and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of
seventy shekels, according to the shekel
of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine
flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;
62 one gold pan of ten shekels, full of
incense;
63 one young bull, one ram, and one
male lamb in its first year, as a burnt
offering;
64 one kid of the goats as a sin offering;
65 and as the sacrifice of peace
offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male
goats, and five male lambs in their first
year. This was the offering of Abidan the
son of Gideoni.

66 On the tenth day Ahiezer the son of
Ammishaddai, leader of the children of
Dan, presented an offering.
67 His offering was one silver platter,
the weight of which was one hundred
and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of
seventy shekels, according to the shekel
of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine
flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;
68 one gold pan of ten shekels, full of
incense;
69 one young bull, one ram, and one
male lamb in its first year, as a burnt
offering;
70 one kid of the goats as a sin offering;
71 and as the sacrifice of peace
offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male
goats, and five male lambs in their first
year. This was the offering of Ahiezer the
son of Ammishaddai.

72 On the eleventh day Pagiel the son of
Ocran, leader of the children of Asher,
presented an offering.
73 His offering was one silver platter,
the weight of which was one hundred
and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of
seventy shekels, according to the shekel
of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine
flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;
74 one gold pan of ten shekels, full of
incense;
75 one young bull, one ram, and one
male lamb in its first year, as a burnt
offering;
76 one kid of the goats as a sin offering;
77 and as the sacrifice of peace
offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male
goats, and five male lambs in their first
year. This was the offering of Pagiel the
son of Ocran.

78 On the twelfth day Ahira the son of
Enan, leader of the children of Naphtali,
presented an offering.
79 His offering was one silver platter,
the weight of which was one hundred
and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of
seventy shekels, according to the shekel
of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine
flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;
80 one gold pan of ten shekels, full of
incense;
81 one young bull, one ram, and one
male lamb in its first year, as a burnt
offering;
82 one kid of the goats as a sin offering;
83 and as the sacrifice of peace
offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male
goats, and five male lambs in their first
year. This was the offering of Ahira the
son of Enan.
84 This was the dedication offering for
the altar from the leaders of Israel, when

it was anointed: twelve silver platters,
twelve silver bowls, and twelve gold
pans.
85 Each silver platter weighed one
hundred and thirty shekels and each
bowl seventy shekels. All the silver of
the vessels weighed two thousand four
hundred shekels, according to the shekel
of the sanctuary.
86 The twelve gold pans full of incense
weighed ten shekels apiece, according to
the shekel of the sanctuary; all the gold
of the pans weighed one hundred and
twenty shekels.
87 All the oxen for the burnt offering
were twelve young bulls, the rams
twelve, the male lambs in their first year
twelve, with their grain offering, and the
kids of the goats as a sin offering twelve.
88 And all the oxen for the sacrifice of
peace offerings were twenty–four bulls,
the rams sixty, the male goats sixty, and

the lambs in their first year sixty. This
was the dedication offering for the altar
after it was anointed.
89 Now when Moses went into the
tabernacle of meeting to speak with
Him, he heard the voice of One speaking
to him from above the mercy seat that
was on the ark of the Testimony, from
between the two cherubim; thus He
spoke to him.

8 1 And the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:
2 "Speak to Aaron, and say to him,
'When you arrange the lamps, the seven
lamps shall give light in front of the
lampstand.'"
3 And Aaron did so; he arranged the
lamps to face toward the front of the
lampstand, as the LORD commanded
Moses.
4 Now this workmanship of the
lampstand was hammered gold; from

its shaft to its flowers it was hammered
work. According to the pattern which
the LORD had shown Moses, so he made
the lampstand.
5 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:
6 "Take the Levites from among the
children of Israel and cleanse them
ceremonially.
7 "Thus you shall do to them to cleanse
them: Sprinkle water of purification on
them, and let them shave all their body,
and let them wash their clothes, and so
make themselves clean.
8 "Then let them take a young bull with
its grain offering of fine flour mixed with
oil, and you shall take another young
bull as a sin offering.
9 "And you shall bring the Levites before
the tabernacle of meeting, and you shall
gather together the whole congregation
of the children of Israel.

10 "So you shall bring the Levites before
the LORD, and the children of Israel shall
lay their hands on the Levites;
11 "and Aaron shall offer the Levites
before the LORD, like a wave offering
from the children of Israel, that they may
perform the work of the LORD.
12 "Then the Levites shall lay their hands
on the heads of the young bulls, and you
shall offer one as a sin offering and the
other as a burnt offering to the LORD, to
make atonement for the Levites.
13 "And you shall stand the Levites
before Aaron and his sons, and then
offer them like a wave offering to the
LORD.
14 "Thus you shall separate the Levites
from among the children of Israel, and
the Levites shall be Mine.
15 "After that the Levites shall go in to
service the tabernacle of meeting. So

you shall cleanse them and offer them,
like a wave offering.
16 "For they are wholly given to Me
from among the children of Israel; I have
taken them for Myself instead of all who
open the womb, the firstborn of all the
children of Israel.
17 "For all the firstborn among the
children of Israel are Mine, both man
and beast; on the day that I struck all the
firstborn in the land of Egypt I sanctified
them to Myself.
18 "I have taken the Levites instead of
all the firstborn of the children of Israel.
19 "And I have given the Levites as a
gift to Aaron and his sons from among
the children of Israel, to do the work for
the children of Israel in the tabernacle
of meeting, and to make atonement
for the children of Israel, that there be
no plague among the children of Israel

when the children of Israel come near
the sanctuary."
20 Thus Moses and Aaron and all the
congregation of the children of Israel did
to the Levites; according to all that the
LORD commanded Moses concerning
the Levites, so the children of Israel did
to them.
21 And the Levites purified themselves
and washed their clothes; then Aaron
presented them, like a wave offering
before the LORD, and Aaron made
atonement for them to cleanse them.
22 After that the Levites went in to do
their work in the tabernacle of meeting
before Aaron and his sons; as the LORD
commanded Moses concerning the
Levites, so they did to them.
23 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
24 "This is what pertains to the Levites:
From twenty–five years old and above

one may enter to perform service in the
work of the tabernacle of meeting;
25 "and at the age of fifty years they
must cease performing this work, and
shall work no more.
26 "They may minister with their
brethren in the tabernacle of meeting,
to attend to needs, but they themselves
shall do no work. Thus you shall do to
the Levites regarding their duties."

9 1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses in
the Wilderness of Sinai, in the first
month of the second year after they had
come out of the land of Egypt, saying:
2 "Let the children of Israel keep the
Passover at its appointed time.
3 "On the fourteenth day of this month,
at twilight, you shall keep it at its
appointed time. According to all its rites
and ceremonies you shall keep it."
4 So Moses told the children of Israel
that they should keep the Passover.

5 And they kept the Passover on the
fourteenth day of the first month,
at twilight, in the Wilderness of
Sinai; according to all that the LORD
commanded Moses, so the children of
Israel did.
6 Now there were certain men who
were defiled by a human corpse, so that
they could not keep the Passover on that
day; and they came before Moses and
Aaron that day.
7 And those men said to him, "We
became defiled by a human corpse. Why
are we kept from presenting the offering
of the LORD at its appointed time among
the children of Israel?"
8 And Moses said to them, "Stand still,
that I may hear what the LORD will
command concerning you."
9 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,

10 "Speak to the children of Israel,
saying: 'If anyone of you or your
posterity is unclean because of a corpse,
or is far away on a journey, he may still
keep the LORD'S Passover.
11 'On the fourteenth day of the second
month, at twilight, they may keep it.
They shall eat it with unleavened bread
and bitter herbs.
12 'They shall leave none of it until
morning, nor break one of its bones.
According to all the ordinances of the
Passover they shall keep it.
13 'But the man who is clean and is not
on a journey, and ceases to keep the
Passover, that same person shall be cut
off from among his people, because he
did not bring the offering of the LORD at
its appointed time; that man shall bear
his sin.
14 'And if a stranger dwells among you,
and would keep the LORD'S Passover, he

must do so according to the rite of the
Passover and according to its ceremony;
you shall have one ordinance, both for
the stranger and the native of the land.’"
15 Now on the day that the tabernacle
was raised up, the cloud covered the
tabernacle, the tent of the Testimony;
from evening until morning it was above
the tabernacle like the appearance of
fire.
16 So it was always: the cloud covered
it by day, and the appearance of fire by
night.
17 Whenever the cloud was taken up
from above the tabernacle, after that
the children of Israel would journey; and
in the place where the cloud settled,
there the children of Israel would pitch
their tents.
18 At the command of the LORD the
children of Israel would journey, and
at the command of the LORD they

would camp; as long as the cloud stayed
above the tabernacle they remained
encamped.
19 Even when the cloud continued long,
many days above the tabernacle, the
children of Israel kept the charge of the
LORD and did not journey.
20 So it was, when the cloud was above
the tabernacle a few days: according to
the command of the LORD they would
remain encamped, and according to
the command of the LORD they would
journey.
21 So it was, when the cloud remained
only from evening until morning: when
the cloud was taken up in the morning,
then they would journey; whether by
day or by night, whenever the cloud was
taken up, they would journey.
22 Whether it was two days, a month,
or a year that the cloud remained
above the tabernacle, the children of

Israel would remain encamped and not
journey; but when it was taken up, they
would journey.
23 At the command of the LORD
they remained encamped, and at the
command of the LORD they journeyed;
they kept the charge of the LORD, at the
command of the LORD by the hand of
Moses.

10 1 And the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:
2 "Make two silver trumpets for
yourself; you shall make them of
hammered work; you shall use them for
calling the congregation and for directing
the movement of the camps.
3 "When they blow both of them, all
the congregation shall gather before you
at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.
4 "But if they blow only one, then the
leaders, the heads of the divisions of
Israel, shall gather to you.

5 "When you sound the advance, the
camps that lie on the east side shall then
begin their journey.
6 "When you sound the advance the
second time, then the camps that lie on
the south side shall begin their journey;
they shall sound the call for them to
begin their journeys.
7 "And when the assembly is to be
gathered together, you shall blow, but
not sound the advance.
8 "The sons of Aaron, the priests, shall
blow the trumpets; and these shall be to
you as an ordinance forever throughout
your generations.
9 "When you go to war in your land
against the enemy who oppresses you,
then you shall sound an alarm with the
trumpets, and you will be remembered
before the LORD your God, and you will
be saved from your enemies.

10 "Also in the day of your gladness,
in your appointed feasts, and at the
beginning of your months, you shall blow
the trumpets over your burnt offerings
and over the sacrifices of your peace
offerings; and they shall be a memorial
for you before your God: I am the LORD
your God."
11 Now it came to pass on the twentieth
day of the second month, in the second
year, that the cloud was taken up from
above the tabernacle of the Testimony.
12 And the children of Israel set out
from the Wilderness of Sinai on their
journeys; then the cloud settled down in
the Wilderness of Paran.
13 So they started out for the first time
according to the command of the LORD
by the hand of Moses.
14 The standard of the camp of the
children of Judah set out first according

to their armies; over their army was
Nahshon the son of Amminadab.
15 Over the army of the tribe of the
children of Issachar was Nethanel the
son of Zuar.
16 And over the army of the tribe of the
children of Zebulun was Eliab the son of
Helon.
17 Then the tabernacle was taken down;
and the sons of Gershon and the sons of
Merari set out, carrying the tabernacle.
18 And the standard of the camp of
Reuben set out according to their
armies; over their army was Elizur the
son of Shedeur.
19 Over the army of the tribe of the
children of Simeon was Shelumiel the
son of Zurishaddai.
20 And over the army of the tribe of the
children of Gad was Eliasaph the son of
Deuel.

21 Then the Kohathites set out, carrying the holy things. (The tabernacle would be prepared for their arrival.)

22 And the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set out according to their armies; over their army was Elishama the son of Ammihud.

23 Over the army of the tribe of the children of Manasseh was Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

24 And over the army of the tribe of the children of Benjamin was Abidan the son of Gideoni.

25 Then the standard of the camp of the children of Dan (the rear guard of all the camps) set out according to their armies; over their army was Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

26 Over the army of the tribe of the children of Asher was Pagiel the son of Ocran.

27 And over the army of the tribe of the
children of Naphtali was Ahira the son of
Enan.
28 Thus was the order of march of the
children of Israel, according to their
armies, when they began their journey.
29 Now Moses said to Hobab the
son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses'
father–in–law, "We are setting out for
the place of which the LORD said, 'I will
give it to you.' Come with us, and we
will treat you well; for the LORD has
promised good things to Israel."
30 And he said to him, "I will not go, but
I will depart to my own land and to my
relatives."
31 So Moses said, "Please do not leave,
inasmuch as you know how we are to
camp in the wilderness, and you can be
our eyes.
32 "And it shall be, if you go with
us—indeed it shall be—that whatever

good the LORD will do to us, the same
we will do to you."
33 So they departed from the mountain
of the LORD on a journey of three days;
and the ark of the covenant of the LORD
went before them for the three days'
journey, to search out a resting place for
them.
34 And the cloud of the LORD was above
them by day when they went out from
the camp.
35 So it was, whenever the ark set out,
that Moses said: "Rise up, O LORD! Let
Your enemies be scattered, And let those
who hate You flee before You."
36 And when it rested, he said: "Return,
O LORD, To the many thousands of
Israel."

11 1 Now when the people
complained, it displeased the
LORD; for the LORD heard it, and His
anger was aroused. So the fire of

the LORD burned among them, and
consumed some in the outskirts of the
camp.
2 Then the people cried out to Moses,
and when Moses prayed to the LORD,
the fire was quenched.
3 So he called the name of the place
Taberah, because the fire of the LORD
had burned among them.
4 Now the mixed multitude who were
among them yielded to intense craving;
so the children of Israel also wept again
and said: "Who will give us meat to eat?
5 "We remember the fish which we
ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the
melons, the leeks, the onions, and the
garlic;
6 "but now our whole being is dried up;
there is nothing at all except this manna
before our eyes!"

7 Now the manna was like coriander
seed, and its color like the color of
bdellium.
8 The people went about and gathered
it, ground it on millstones or beat it in
the mortar, cooked it in pans, and made
cakes of it; and its taste was like the taste
of pastry prepared with oil.
9 And when the dew fell on the camp in
the night, the manna fell on it.
10 Then Moses heard the people
weeping throughout their families,
everyone at the door of his tent; and the
anger of the LORD was greatly aroused;
Moses also was displeased.
11 So Moses said to the LORD, "Why
have You afflicted Your servant? And
why have I not found favor in Your sight,
that You have laid the burden of all these
people on me?
12 "Did I conceive all these people? Did
I beget them, that You should say to me,

'Carry them in your bosom, as a guardian
carries a nursing child,' to the land which
You swore to their fathers?
13 "Where am I to get meat to give to
all these people? For they weep all over
me, saying, 'Give us meat, that we may
eat.'
14 "I am not able to bear all these
people alone, because the burden is too
heavy for me.
15 "If You treat me like this, please kill
me here and now—if I have found favor
in Your sight—and do not let me see my
wretchedness!"
16 So the LORD said to Moses: "Gather
to Me seventy men of the elders of
Israel, whom you know to be the elders
of the people and officers over them;
bring them to the tabernacle of meeting,
that they may stand there with you.
17 "Then I will come down and talk with
you there. I will take of the Spirit that is

upon you and will put the same upon
them; and they shall bear the burden of
the people with you, that you may not
bear it yourself alone.
18 "Then you shall say to the people,
‘Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow,
and you shall eat meat; for you have
wept in the hearing of the LORD, saying,
"Who will give us meat to eat? For it was
well with us in Egypt." Therefore the
LORD will give you meat, and you shall
eat.
19 ‘You shall eat, not one day, nor two
days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor
twenty days,
20 ‘but for a whole month, until it
comes out of your nostrils and becomes
loathsome to you, because you have
despised the LORD who is among you,
and have wept before Him, saying, "Why
did we ever come up out of Egypt?"’"

21 And Moses said, "The people whom
I am among are six hundred thousand
men on foot; yet You have said, ‘I will
give them meat, that they may eat for a
whole month.’
22 "Shall flocks and herds be slaughtered
for them, to provide enough for them?
Or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered
together for them, to provide enough
for them?"
23 And the LORD said to Moses, "Has
the LORD’S arm been shortened? Now
you shall see whether what I say will
happen to you or not."
24 So Moses went out and told the
people the words of the LORD, and he
gathered the seventy men of the elders
of the people and placed them around
the tabernacle.
25 Then the LORD came down in the
cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the
Spirit that was upon him, and placed the

same upon the seventy elders; and it
happened, when the Spirit rested upon
them, that they prophesied, although
they never did so again.
26 But two men had remained in the
camp: the name of one was Eldad, and
the name of the other Medad. And the
Spirit rested upon them. Now they were
among those listed, but who had not
gone out to the tabernacle; yet they
prophesied in the camp.
27 And a young man ran and told
Moses, and said, "Eldad and Medad are
prophesying in the camp."
28 So Joshua the son of Nun, Moses'
assistant, one of his choice men,
answered and said, "Moses my lord,
forbid them!"
29 Then Moses said to him, "Are you
zealous for my sake? Oh, that all the
LORD'S people were prophets and that

the LORD would put His Spirit upon
them!"
30 And Moses returned to the camp,
both he and the elders of Israel.
31 Now a wind went out from the LORD,
and it brought quail from the sea and left
them fluttering near the camp, about
a day’s journey on this side and about
a day’s journey on the other side, all
around the camp, and about two cubits
above the surface of the ground.
32 And the people stayed up all that
day, all night, and all the next day, and
gathered the quail (he who gathered
least gathered ten homers); and they
spread them out for themselves all
around the camp.
33 But while the meat was still between
their teeth, before it was chewed, the
wrath of the LORD was aroused against
the people, and the LORD struck the
people with a very great plague.

34 So he called the name of that place
Kibroth Hattaavah, because there they
buried the people who had yielded to
craving.
35 From Kibroth Hattaavah the people
moved to Hazeroth, and camped at
Hazeroth.

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1 Then Miriam and Aaron spoke
against Moses because of the
Ethiopian woman whom he had married;
for he had married an Ethiopian woman.
2 So they said, "Has the LORD indeed
spoken only through Moses? Has He not
spoken through us also?" And the LORD
heard it.
3 (Now the man Moses was very
humble, more than all men who were on
the face of the earth.)
4 Suddenly the LORD said to Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam, "Come out, you
three, to the tabernacle of meeting!" So
the three came out.

5 Then the LORD came down in the
pillar of cloud and stood in the door of
the tabernacle, and called Aaron and
Miriam. And they both went forward.
6 Then He said, "Hear now My words:
If there is a prophet among you, I, the
LORD, make Myself known to him in a
vision; I speak to him in a dream.
7 Not so with My servant Moses; He is
faithful in all My house.
8 I speak with him face to face, Even
plainly, and not in dark sayings; And he
sees the form of the LORD. Why then
were you not afraid To speak against My
servant Moses?"
9 So the anger of the LORD was aroused
against them, and He departed.
10 And when the cloud departed from
above the tabernacle, suddenly Miriam
became leprous, as white as snow. Then
Aaron turned toward Miriam, and there
she was, a leper.

11 So Aaron said to Moses, "Oh, my
lord! Please do not lay this sin on us,
in which we have done foolishly and in
which we have sinned.
12 "Please do not let her be as one dead,
whose flesh is half consumed when he
comes out of his mother's womb!"
13 So Moses cried out to the LORD,
saying, "Please heal her, O God, I pray!"
14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "If her
father had but spit in her face, would
she not be shamed seven days? Let her
be shut out of the camp seven days, and
afterward she may be received again."
15 So Miriam was shut out of the camp
seven days, and the people did not
journey till Miriam was brought in again.
16 And afterward the people moved
from Hazeroth and camped in the
Wilderness of Paran.
13 1 And the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,

2 "Send men to spy out the land of
Canaan, which I am giving to the children
of Israel; from each tribe of their fathers
you shall send a man, every one a leader
among them."
3 So Moses sent them from the
Wilderness of Paran according to the
command of the LORD, all of them men
who were heads of the children of Israel.
4 Now these were their names: from
the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son
of Zaccur;
5 from the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the
son of Hori;
6 from the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son
of Jephunneh;
7 from the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son
of Joseph;
8 from the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea the
son of Nun;
9 from the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the
son of Raphu;

10 from the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel
the son of Sodi;
11 from the tribe of Joseph, that is, from
the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of
Susi;
12 from the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the
son of Gemalli;
13 from the tribe of Asher, Sethur the
son of Michael;
14 from the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the
son of Vophsi;
15 from the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son
of Machi.
16 These are the names of the men
whom Moses sent to spy out the land.
And Moses called Hoshea the son of
Nun, Joshua.
17 Then Moses sent them to spy out the
land of Canaan, and said to them, "Go
up this way into the South, and go up to
the mountains,

18 "and see what the land is like:
whether the people who dwell in it are
strong or weak, few or many;
19 "whether the land they dwell in is
good or bad; whether the cities they
inhabit are like camps or strongholds;
20 "whether the land is rich or poor;
and whether there are forests there or
not. Be of good courage. And bring some
of the fruit of the land." Now the time
was the season of the first ripe grapes.
21 So they went up and spied out the
land from the Wilderness of Zin as far as
Rehob, near the entrance of Hamath.
22 And they went up through the South
and came to Hebron; Ahiman, Sheshai,
and Talmai, the descendants of Anak,
were there. (Now Hebron was built
seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)
23 Then they came to the Valley of
Eshcol, and there cut down a branch
with one cluster of grapes; they carried

it between two of them on a pole. They
also brought some of the pomegranates
and figs.
24 The place was called the Valley of
Eshcol, because of the cluster which the
men of Israel cut down there.
25 And they returned from spying out
the land after forty days.
26 Now they departed and came
back to Moses and Aaron and all the
congregation of the children of Israel in
the Wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; they
brought back word to them and to all
the congregation, and showed them the
fruit of the land.
27 Then they told him, and said: "We
went to the land where you sent us. It
truly flows with milk and honey, and this
is its fruit.
28 "Nevertheless the people who dwell
in the land are strong; the cities are

fortified and very large; moreover we
saw the descendants of Anak there.
29 "The Amalekites dwell in the land of
the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and
the Amorites dwell in the mountains;
and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and
along the banks of the Jordan."
30 Then Caleb quieted the people
before Moses, and said, "Let us go up
at once and take possession, for we are
well able to overcome it."
31 But the men who had gone up with
him said, "We are not able to go up
against the people, for they are stronger
than we."
32 And they gave the children of Israel
a bad report of the land which they had
spied out, saying, "The land through
which we have gone as spies is a land
that devours its inhabitants, and all the
people whom we saw in it are men of
great stature.

33 "There we saw the giants (the
descendants of Anak came from the
giants); and we were like grasshoppers
in our own sight, and so we were in their
sight."

14 1 So all the congregation lifted up
their voices and cried, and the
people wept that night.
2 And all the children of Israel
complained against Moses and Aaron,
and the whole congregation said to
them, "If only we had died in the land
of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this
wilderness!
3 "Why has the LORD brought us to this
land to fall by the sword, that our wives
and children should become victims?
Would it not be better for us to return to
Egypt?"
4 So they said to one another, "Let us
select a leader and return to Egypt."

5 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their
faces before all the assembly of the
congregation of the children of Israel.
6 But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb
the son of Jephunneh, who were among
those who had spied out the land, tore
their clothes;
7 and they spoke to all the congregation
of the children of Israel, saying: "The
land we passed through to spy out is an
exceedingly good land.
8 "If the LORD delights in us, then He
will bring us into this land and give it to
us, ‘a land which flows with milk and
honey.’
9 "Only do not rebel against the LORD,
nor fear the people of the land, for
they are our bread; their protection has
departed from them, and the LORD is
with us. Do not fear them."
10 And all the congregation said to
stone them with stones. Now the glory

of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle
of meeting before all the children of
Israel.
11 Then the LORD said to Moses: "How
long will these people reject Me? And
how long will they not believe Me, with
all the signs which I have performed
among them?
12 "I will strike them with the pestilence
and disinherit them, and I will make of
you a nation greater and mightier than
they."
13 And Moses said to the LORD: "Then
the Egyptians will hear it, for by Your
might You brought these people up from
among them,
14 "and they will tell it to the inhabitants
of this land. They have heard that You,
LORD, are among these people; that You,
LORD, are seen face to face and Your
cloud stands above them, and You go

before them in a pillar of cloud by day
and in a pillar of fire by night.
15 "Now if You kill these people as one
man, then the nations which have heard
of Your fame will speak, saying,
16 ‘Because the LORD was not able to
bring this people to the land which He
swore to give them, therefore He killed
them in the wilderness.’
17 "And now, I pray, let the power of my
Lord be great, just as You have spoken,
saying,
18 ‘The LORD is longsuffering and
abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity
and transgression; but He by no means
clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of
the fathers on the children to the third
and fourth generation.’
19 "Pardon the iniquity of this people, I
pray, according to the greatness of Your
mercy, just as You have forgiven this
people, from Egypt even until now."

20 Then the LORD said: "I have
pardoned, according to your word;
21 "but truly, as I live, all the earth shall
be filled with the glory of the LORD—
22 "because all these men who have
seen My glory and the signs which I did
in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have
put Me to the test now these ten times,
and have not heeded My voice,
23 "they certainly shall not see the land
of which I swore to their fathers, nor
shall any of those who rejected Me see
it.
24 "But My servant Caleb, because
he has a different spirit in him and
has followed Me fully, I will bring
into the land where he went, and his
descendants shall inherit it.
25 "Now the Amalekites and the
Canaanites dwell in the valley; tomorrow
turn and move out into the wilderness
by the Way of the Red Sea."

26 And the LORD spoke to Moses and
Aaron, saying,
27 "How long shall I bear with this evil
congregation who complain against Me?
I have heard the complaints which the
children of Israel make against Me.
28 "Say to them, 'As I live,' says the
LORD, 'just as you have spoken in My
hearing, so I will do to you:
29 'The carcasses of you who have
complained against Me shall fall in
this wilderness, all of you who were
numbered, according to your entire
number, from twenty years old and
above.
30 'Except for Caleb the son of
Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun,
you shall by no means enter the land
which I swore I would make you dwell in.
31 'But your little ones, whom you said
would be victims, I will bring in, and

they shall know the land which you have
despised.
32 'But as for you, your carcasses shall
fall in this wilderness.
33 'And your sons shall be shepherds
in the wilderness forty years, and
bear the brunt of your infidelity, until
your carcasses are consumed in the
wilderness.
34 'According to the number of the days
in which you spied out the land, forty
days, for each day you shall bear your
guilt one year, namely forty years, and
you shall know My rejection.
35 'I the LORD have spoken this; I will
surely do so to all this evil congregation
who are gathered together against
Me. In this wilderness they shall be
consumed, and there they shall die.'"
36 Now the men whom Moses sent
to spy out the land, who returned and
made all the congregation complain

against him by bringing a bad report of
the land,
37 those very men who brought the
evil report about the land, died by the
plague before the LORD.
38 But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb
the son of Jephunneh remained alive, of
the men who went to spy out the land.
39 Then Moses told these words to all
the children of Israel, and the people
mourned greatly.
40 And they rose early in the morning
and went up to the top of the mountain,
saying, "Here we are, and we will go
up to the place which the LORD has
promised, for we have sinned!"
41 And Moses said, "Now why do you
transgress the command of the LORD?
For this will not succeed.
42 "Do not go up, lest you be defeated
by your enemies, for the LORD is not
among you.

43 "For the Amalekites and the
Canaanites are there before you, and
you shall fall by the sword; because you
have turned away from the LORD, the
LORD will not be with you."
44 But they presumed to go up to the
mountaintop; nevertheless, neither the
ark of the covenant of the LORD nor
Moses departed from the camp.
45 Then the Amalekites and the
Canaanites who dwelt in that mountain
came down and attacked them, and
drove them back as far as Hormah.

15 1 And the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and
say to them: ‘When you have come into
the land you are to inhabit, which I am
giving to you,
3 ‘and you make an offering by fire to
the LORD, a burnt offering or a sacrifice,
to fulfill a vow or as a freewill offering

or in your appointed feasts, to make a
sweet aroma to the LORD, from the herd
or the flock,
4 'then he who presents his offering
to the LORD shall bring a grain offering
of one–tenth of an ephah of fine flour
mixed with one–fourth of a hin of oil;
5 'and one–fourth of a hin of wine as a
drink offering you shall prepare with the
burnt offering or the sacrifice, for each
lamb.
6 'Or for a ram you shall prepare as a
grain offering two–tenths of an ephah of
fine flour mixed with one–third of a hin
of oil;
7 'and as a drink offering you shall offer
one–third of a hin of wine as a sweet
aroma to the LORD.
8 'And when you prepare a young bull
as a burnt offering, or as a sacrifice to
fulfill a vow, or as a peace offering to the
LORD,

9 ‘then shall be offered with the young
bull a grain offering of three–tenths of
an ephah of fine flour mixed with half a
hin of oil;
10 ‘and you shall bring as the drink
offering half a hin of wine as an offering
made by fire, a sweet aroma to the
LORD.
11 ‘Thus it shall be done for each young
bull, for each ram, or for each lamb or
young goat.
12 ‘According to the number that you
prepare, so you shall do with everyone
according to their number.
13 ‘All who are native–born shall do
these things in this manner, in presenting
an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma
to the LORD.
14 ‘And if a stranger dwells with you,
or whoever is among you throughout
your generations, and would present an

offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to
the LORD, just as you do, so shall he do.
15 'One ordinance shall be for you of
the assembly and for the stranger who
dwells with you, an ordinance forever
throughout your generations; as you are,
so shall the stranger be before the LORD.
16 'One law and one custom shall be for
you and for the stranger who dwells with
you.'"
17 Again the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
18 "Speak to the children of Israel, and
say to them: 'When you come into the
land to which I bring you,
19 'then it will be, when you eat of the
bread of the land, that you shall offer up
a heave offering to the LORD.
20 'You shall offer up a cake of the first
of your ground meal as a heave offering;
as a heave offering of the threshing floor,
so shall you offer it up.

21 'Of the first of your ground meal you
shall give to the LORD a heave offering
throughout your generations.
22 'If you sin unintentionally, and do not
observe all these commandments which
the LORD has spoken to Moses—
23 'all that the LORD has commanded
you by the hand of Moses, from the
day the LORD gave commandment and
onward throughout your generations—
24 'then it will be, if it is unintentionally
committed, without the knowledge
of the congregation, that the whole
congregation shall offer one young bull
as a burnt offering, as a sweet aroma
to the LORD, with its grain offering
and its drink offering, according to the
ordinance, and one kid of the goats as a
sin offering.
25 'So the priest shall make atonement
for the whole congregation of the
children of Israel, and it shall be forgiven

them, for it was unintentional; they shall
bring their offering, an offering made by
fire to the LORD, and their sin offering
before the LORD, for their unintended
sin.
26 'It shall be forgiven the whole
congregation of the children of Israel
and the stranger who dwells among
them, because all the people did it
unintentionally.
27 'And if a person sins unintentionally,
then he shall bring a female goat in its
first year as a sin offering.
28 'So the priest shall make atonement
for the person who sins unintentionally,
when he sins unintentionally before the
LORD, to make atonement for him; and
it shall be forgiven him.
29 'You shall have one law for him who
sins unintentionally, for him who is
native–born among the children of Israel

and for the stranger who dwells among
them.
30 ‘But the person who does anything
presumptuously, whether he is native–
born or a stranger, that one brings
reproach on the LORD, and he shall be
cut off from among his people.
31 ‘Because he has despised the
word of the LORD, and has broken His
commandment, that person shall be
completely cut off; his guilt shall be upon
him.’"
32 Now while the children of Israel were
in the wilderness, they found a man
gathering sticks on the Sabbath day.
33 And those who found him gathering
sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron,
and to all the congregation.
34 They put him under guard, because it
had not been explained what should be
done to him.

35 Then the LORD said to Moses, "The
man must surely be put to death; all the
congregation shall stone him with stones
outside the camp."
36 So, as the LORD commanded Moses,
all the congregation brought him outside
the camp and stoned him with stones,
and he died.
37 Again the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
38 "Speak to the children of Israel: Tell
them to make tassels on the corners
of their garments throughout their
generations, and to put a blue thread in
the tassels of the corners.
39 "And you shall have the tassel, that
you may look upon it and remember all
the commandments of the LORD and do
them, and that you may not follow the
harlotry to which your own heart and
your own eyes are inclined,

40 "and that you may remember and do
all My commandments, and be holy for
your God.
41 "I am the LORD your God, who
brought you out of the land of Egypt, to
be your God: I am the LORD your God."

16 1 Now Korah the son of Izhar, the
son of Kohath, the son of Levi,
with Dathan and Abiram the sons of
Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of
Reuben, took men;
2 and they rose up before Moses
with some of the children of Israel,
two hundred and fifty leaders of the
congregation, representatives of the
congregation, men of renown.
3 They gathered together against Moses
and Aaron, and said to them, "You take
too much upon yourselves, for all the
congregation is holy, every one of them,
and the LORD is among them. Why

then do you exalt yourselves above the
assembly of the LORD?"
4 So when Moses heard it, he fell on his
face;
5 and he spoke to Korah and all his
company, saying, "Tomorrow morning
the LORD will show who is His and who
is holy, and will cause him to come near
to Him. That one whom He chooses He
will cause to come near to Him.
6 "Do this: Take censers, Korah and all
your company;
7 "put fire in them and put incense
in them before the LORD tomorrow,
and it shall be that the man whom the
LORD chooses is the holy one. You take
too much upon yourselves, you sons of
Levi!"
8 Then Moses said to Korah, "Hear now,
you sons of Levi:
9 "Is it a small thing to you that the
God of Israel has separated you from

the congregation of Israel, to bring you
near to Himself, to do the work of the
tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand
before the congregation to serve them;
10 "and that He has brought you near
to Himself, you and all your brethren,
the sons of Levi, with you? And are you
seeking the priesthood also?
11 "Therefore you and all your company
are gathered together against the LORD.
And what is Aaron that you complain
against him?"
12 And Moses sent to call Dathan and
Abiram the sons of Eliab, but they said,
"We will not come up!
13 "Is it a small thing that you have
brought us up out of a land flowing
with milk and honey, to kill us in the
wilderness, that you should keep acting
like a prince over us?
14 "Moreover you have not brought us
into a land flowing with milk and honey,

nor given us inheritance of fields and
vineyards. Will you put out the eyes of
these men? We will not come up!"
15 Then Moses was very angry, and
said to the LORD, "Do not respect their
offering. I have not taken one donkey
from them, nor have I hurt one of them."
16 And Moses said to Korah, "Tomorrow,
you and all your company be present
before the LORD—you and they, as well
as Aaron.
17 "Let each take his censer and put
incense in it, and each of you bring his
censer before the LORD, two hundred
and fifty censers; both you and Aaron,
each with his censer."
18 So every man took his censer, put fire
in it, laid incense on it, and stood at the
door of the tabernacle of meeting with
Moses and Aaron.
19 And Korah gathered all the
congregation against them at the door

of the tabernacle of meeting. Then the
glory of the LORD appeared to all the
congregation.
20 And the LORD spoke to Moses and
Aaron, saying,
21 "Separate yourselves from among
this congregation, that I may consume
them in a moment."
22 Then they fell on their faces, and
said, "O God, the God of the spirits of
all flesh, shall one man sin, and You be
angry with all the congregation?"
23 So the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
24 "Speak to the congregation, saying,
'Get away from the tents of Korah,
Dathan, and Abiram.'"
25 Then Moses rose and went to Dathan
and Abiram, and the elders of Israel
followed him.
26 And he spoke to the congregation,
saying, "Depart now from the tents of
these wicked men! Touch nothing of

theirs, lest you be consumed in all their
sins."
27 So they got away from around the
tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram;
and Dathan and Abiram came out and
stood at the door of their tents, with
their wives, their sons, and their little
children.
28 And Moses said: "By this you shall
know that the LORD has sent me to do
all these works, for I have not done them
of my own will.
29 "If these men die naturally like
all men, or if they are visited by the
common fate of all men, then the LORD
has not sent me.
30 "But if the LORD creates a new thing,
and the earth opens its mouth and
swallows them up with all that belongs
to them, and they go down alive into the
pit, then you will understand that these
men have rejected the LORD."

31 Now it came to pass, as he finished
speaking all these words, that the
ground split apart under them,
32 and the earth opened its mouth
and swallowed them up, with their
households and all the men with Korah,
with all their goods.
33 So they and all those with them went
down alive into the pit; the earth closed
over them, and they perished from
among the assembly.
34 Then all Israel who were around
them fled at their cry, for they said, "Lest
the earth swallow us up also!"
35 And a fire came out from the LORD
and consumed the two hundred and fifty
men who were offering incense.
36 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:
37 "Tell Eleazar, the son of Aaron the
priest, to pick up the censers out of the

blaze, for they are holy, and scatter the
fire some distance away.
38 "The censers of these men who
sinned against their own souls, let
them be made into hammered plates
as a covering for the altar. Because
they presented them before the LORD,
therefore they are holy; and they shall
be a sign to the children of Israel."
39 So Eleazar the priest took the bronze
censers, which those who were burned
up had presented, and they were
hammered out as a covering on the altar,
40 to be a memorial to the children
of Israel that no outsider, who is not a
descendant of Aaron, should come near
to offer incense before the LORD, that
he might not become like Korah and his
companions, just as the LORD had said
to him through Moses.
41 On the next day all the congregation
of the children of Israel murmured

against Moses and Aaron, saying, "You
have killed the people of the LORD."
42 Now it happened, when the
congregation had gathered against
Moses and Aaron, that they turned
toward the tabernacle of meeting; and
suddenly the cloud covered it, and the
glory of the LORD appeared.
43 Then Moses and Aaron came before
the tabernacle of meeting.
44 And the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
45 "Get away from among this
congregation, that I may consume them
in a moment." And they fell on their
faces.
46 So Moses said to Aaron, "Take a
censer and put fire in it from the altar,
put incense on it, and take it quickly to
the congregation and make atonement
for them; for wrath has gone out from
the LORD. The plague has begun."

47 Then Aaron took it as Moses
commanded, and ran into the midst of
the assembly; and already the plague
had begun among the people. So he put
in the incense and made atonement for
the people.
48 And he stood between the dead and
the living; so the plague was stopped.
49 Now those who died in the plague
were fourteen thousand seven hundred,
besides those who died in the Korah
incident.
50 So Aaron returned to Moses at the
door of the tabernacle of meeting, for
the plague had stopped.

17 1 And the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:
2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and
get from them a rod from each father's
house, all their leaders according to their
fathers' houses—twelve rods. Write
each man's name on his rod.

3 "And you shall write Aaron’s name on
the rod of Levi. For there shall be one
rod for the head of each father’s house.
4 "Then you shall place them in the
tabernacle of meeting before the
Testimony, where I meet with you.
5 "And it shall be that the rod of the
man whom I choose will blossom; thus
I will rid Myself of the complaints of
the children of Israel, which they make
against you."
6 So Moses spoke to the children of
Israel, and each of their leaders gave him
a rod apiece, for each leader according
to their fathers’ houses, twelve rods; and
the rod of Aaron was among their rods.
7 And Moses placed the rods before the
LORD in the tabernacle of witness.
8 Now it came to pass on the next day
that Moses went into the tabernacle of
witness, and behold, the rod of Aaron,
of the house of Levi, had sprouted and

put forth buds, had produced blossoms
and yielded ripe almonds.
9 Then Moses brought out all the rods
from before the LORD to all the children
of Israel; and they looked, and each man
took his rod.
10 And the LORD said to Moses, "Bring
Aaron's rod back before the Testimony,
to be kept as a sign against the rebels,
that you may put their complaints away
from Me, lest they die."
11 Thus did Moses; just as the LORD had
commanded him, so he did.
12 So the children of Israel spoke to
Moses, saying, "Surely we die, we perish,
we all perish!
13 "Whoever even comes near the
tabernacle of the LORD must die. Shall
we all utterly die?"

18 1 Then the LORD said to Aaron:
"You and your sons and your
father's house with you shall bear the

iniquity related to the sanctuary, and you
and your sons with you shall bear the
iniquity associated with your priesthood.
2 "Also bring with you your brethren
of the tribe of Levi, the tribe of your
father, that they may be joined with you
and serve you while you and your sons
are with you before the tabernacle of
witness.
3 "They shall attend to your needs and
all the needs of the tabernacle; but
they shall not come near the articles of
the sanctuary and the altar, lest they
die—they and you also.
4 "They shall be joined with you and
attend to the needs of the tabernacle
of meeting, for all the work of the
tabernacle; but an outsider shall not
come near you.
5 "And you shall attend to the duties of
the sanctuary and the duties of the altar,

that there may be no more wrath on the
children of Israel.
6 "Behold, I Myself have taken your
brethren the Levites from among the
children of Israel; they are a gift to you,
given by the LORD, to do the work of the
tabernacle of meeting.
7 "Therefore you and your sons with
you shall attend to your priesthood for
everything at the altar and behind the
veil; and you shall serve. I give your
priesthood to you as a gift for service,
but the outsider who comes near shall
be put to death."
8 And the LORD spoke to Aaron: "Here,
I Myself have also given you charge of
My heave offerings, all the holy gifts of
the children of Israel; I have given them
as a portion to you and your sons, as an
ordinance forever.
9 "This shall be yours of the most holy
things reserved from the fire: every

offering of theirs, every grain offering
and every sin offering and every trespass
offering which they render to Me, shall
be most holy for you and your sons.
10 "In a most holy place you shall eat it;
every male shall eat it. It shall be holy to
you.
11 "This also is yours: the heave offering
of their gift, with all the wave offerings of
the children of Israel; I have given them
to you, and your sons and daughters with
you, as an ordinance forever. Everyone
who is clean in your house may eat it.
12 "All the best of the oil, all the best
of the new wine and the grain, their
firstfruits which they offer to the LORD, I
have given them to you.
13 "Whatever first ripe fruit is in their
land, which they bring to the LORD, shall
be yours. Everyone who is clean in your
house may eat it.

14 "Every devoted thing in Israel shall
be yours.
15 "Everything that first opens the
womb of all flesh, which they bring to
the LORD, whether man or beast, shall
be yours; nevertheless the firstborn of
man you shall surely redeem, and the
firstborn of unclean animals you shall
redeem.
16 "And those redeemed of the devoted
things you shall redeem when one
month old, according to your valuation,
for five shekels of silver, according to the
shekel of the sanctuary, which is twenty
gerahs.
17 "But the firstborn of a cow, the
firstborn of a sheep, or the firstborn of a
goat you shall not redeem; they are holy.
You shall sprinkle their blood on the
altar, and burn their fat as an offering
made by fire for a sweet aroma to the
LORD.

18 "And their flesh shall be yours, just as
the wave breast and the right thigh are
yours.
19 "All the heave offerings of the holy
things, which the children of Israel offer
to the LORD, I have given to you and
your sons and daughters with you as an
ordinance forever; it is a covenant of salt
forever before the LORD with you and
your descendants with you."
20 Then the LORD said to Aaron: "You
shall have no inheritance in their land,
nor shall you have any portion among
them; I am your portion and your
inheritance among the children of Israel.
21 "Behold, I have given the children
of Levi all the tithes in Israel as an
inheritance in return for the work which
they perform, the work of the tabernacle
of meeting.

22 "Hereafter the children of Israel
shall not come near the tabernacle of
meeting, lest they bear sin and die.
23 "But the Levites shall perform the
work of the tabernacle of meeting, and
they shall bear their iniquity; it shall
be a statute forever, throughout your
generations, that among the children of
Israel they shall have no inheritance.
24 "For the tithes of the children of
Israel, which they offer up as a heave
offering to the LORD, I have given to the
Levites as an inheritance; therefore I
have said to them, ‘Among the children
of Israel they shall have no inheritance.’"
25 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
26 "Speak thus to the Levites, and say to
them: ‘When you take from the children
of Israel the tithes which I have given
you from them as your inheritance, then

you shall offer up a heave offering of it
to the LORD, a tenth of the tithe.
27 'And your heave offering shall be
reckoned to you as though it were the
grain of the threshing floor and as the
fullness of the winepress.
28 'Thus you shall also offer a heave
offering to the LORD from all your tithes
which you receive from the children
of Israel, and you shall give the LORD'S
heave offering from it to Aaron the
priest.
29 'Of all your gifts you shall offer
up every heave offering due to the
LORD, from all the best of them, the
consecrated part of them.'
30 "Therefore you shall say to them:
'When you have lifted up the best of
it, then the rest shall be accounted
to the Levites as the produce of the
threshing floor and as the produce of
the winepress.

31 'You may eat it in any place, you and
your households, for it is your reward for
your work in the tabernacle of meeting.
32 'And you shall bear no sin because of
it, when you have lifted up the best of it.
But you shall not profane the holy gifts
of the children of Israel, lest you die.'"

19 1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses
and Aaron, saying,
2 "This is the ordinance of the law which
the LORD has commanded, saying:
'Speak to the children of Israel, that they
bring you a red heifer without blemish,
in which there is no defect and on which
a yoke has never come.
3 'You shall give it to Eleazar the priest,
that he may take it outside the camp,
and it shall be slaughtered before him;
4 'and Eleazar the priest shall take some
of its blood with his finger, and sprinkle
some of its blood seven times directly in
front of the tabernacle of meeting.

5 'Then the heifer shall be burned in his
sight: its hide, its flesh, its blood, and its
offal shall be burned.
6 'And the priest shall take cedar wood
and hyssop and scarlet, and cast them
into the midst of the fire burning the
heifer.
7 'Then the priest shall wash his clothes,
he shall bathe in water, and afterward
he shall come into the camp; the priest
shall be unclean until evening.
8 'And the one who burns it shall wash
his clothes in water, bathe in water, and
shall be unclean until evening.
9 'Then a man who is clean shall gather
up the ashes of the heifer, and store
them outside the camp in a clean
place; and they shall be kept for the
congregation of the children of Israel
for the water of purification; it is for
purifying from sin.

10 'And the one who gathers the ashes
of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and
be unclean until evening. It shall be a
statute forever to the children of Israel
and to the stranger who dwells among
them.
11 'He who touches the dead body of
anyone shall be unclean seven days.
12 'He shall purify himself with the
water on the third day and on the
seventh day; then he will be clean. But if
he does not purify himself on the third
day and on the seventh day, he will not
be clean.
13 'Whoever touches the body of
anyone who has died, and does not
purify himself, defiles the tabernacle
of the LORD. That person shall be cut
off from Israel. He shall be unclean,
because the water of purification was
not sprinkled on him; his uncleanness is
still on him.

14 'This is the law when a man dies in
a tent: All who come into the tent and
all who are in the tent shall be unclean
seven days;
15 'and every open vessel, which has no
cover fastened on it, is unclean.
16 'Whoever in the open field touches
one who is slain by a sword or who has
died, or a bone of a man, or a grave,
shall be unclean seven days.
17 'And for an unclean person they shall
take some of the ashes of the heifer
burnt for purification from sin, and
running water shall be put on them in a
vessel.
18 'A clean person shall take hyssop and
dip it in the water, sprinkle it on the tent,
on all the vessels, on the persons who
were there, or on the one who touched
a bone, the slain, the dead, or a grave.
19 'The clean person shall sprinkle the
unclean on the third day and on the

seventh day; and on the seventh day he
shall purify himself, wash his clothes,
and bathe in water; and at evening he
shall be clean.

20 'But the man who is unclean and
does not purify himself, that person shall
be cut off from among the assembly,
because he has defiled the sanctuary
of the LORD. The water of purification
has not been sprinkled on him; he is
unclean.

21 'It shall be a perpetual statute for
them. He who sprinkles the water of
purification shall wash his clothes; and
he who touches the water of purification
shall be unclean until evening.

22 'Whatever the unclean person
touches shall be unclean; and the person
who touches it shall be unclean until
evening.'"

20 1 Then the children of Israel, the
whole congregation, came into

the Wilderness of Zin in the first month,
and the people stayed in Kadesh; and
Miriam died there and was buried there.
2 Now there was no water for the
congregation; so they gathered together
against Moses and Aaron.
3 And the people contended with
Moses and spoke, saying: "If only we had
died when our brethren died before the
LORD!
4 "Why have you brought up the
assembly of the LORD into this
wilderness, that we and our animals
should die here?
5 "And why have you made us come
up out of Egypt, to bring us to this evil
place? It is not a place of grain or figs or
vines or pomegranates; nor is there any
water to drink."
6 So Moses and Aaron went from the
presence of the assembly to the door of
the tabernacle of meeting, and they fell

on their faces. And the glory of the LORD
appeared to them.
7 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
8 "Take the rod; you and your brother
Aaron gather the congregation together.
Speak to the rock before their eyes, and
it will yield its water; thus you shall bring
water for them out of the rock, and
give drink to the congregation and their
animals."
9 So Moses took the rod from before
the LORD as He commanded him.
10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the
assembly together before the rock; and
he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels!
Must we bring water for you out of this
rock?"
11 Then Moses lifted his hand and
struck the rock twice with his rod; and
water came out abundantly, and the
congregation and their animals drank.

12 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and
Aaron, "Because you did not believe Me,
to hallow Me in the eyes of the children
of Israel, therefore you shall not bring
this assembly into the land which I have
given them."
13 This was the water of Meribah,
because the children of Israel contended
with the LORD, and He was hallowed
among them.
14 Now Moses sent messengers from
Kadesh to the king of Edom. "Thus says
your brother Israel: ‘You know all the
hardship that has befallen us,
15 ‘how our fathers went down to
Egypt, and we dwelt in Egypt a long
time, and the Egyptians afflicted us and
our fathers.
16 ‘When we cried out to the LORD, He
heard our voice and sent the Angel and
brought us up out of Egypt; now here we

are in Kadesh, a city on the edge of your
border.
17 ‘Please let us pass through your
country. We will not pass through fields
or vineyards, nor will we drink water
from wells; we will go along the King’s
Highway; we will not turn aside to the
right hand or to the left until we have
passed through your territory.’"
18 Then Edom said to him, "You shall
not pass through my land, lest I come
out against you with the sword."
19 So the children of Israel said to him,
"We will go by the Highway, and if I or
my livestock drink any of your water,
then I will pay for it; let me only pass
through on foot, nothing more."
20 Then he said, "You shall not pass
through." So Edom came out against
them with many men and with a strong
hand.

21 Thus Edom refused to give Israel
passage through his territory; so Israel
turned away from him.
22 Then the children of Israel, the whole
congregation, journeyed from Kadesh
and came to Mount Hor.
23 And the LORD spoke to Moses and
Aaron in Mount Hor by the border of the
land of Edom, saying:
24 "Aaron shall be gathered to his
people, for he shall not enter the land
which I have given to the children of
Israel, because you rebelled against My
word at the water of Meribah.
25 "Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and
bring them up to Mount Hor;
26 "and strip Aaron of his garments and
put them on Eleazar his son; for Aaron
shall be gathered to his people and die
there."
27 So Moses did just as the LORD
commanded, and they went up to

Mount Hor in the sight of all the
congregation.
28 Moses stripped Aaron of his
garments and put them on Eleazar his
son; and Aaron died there on the top of
the mountain. Then Moses and Eleazar
came down from the mountain.
29 Now when all the congregation saw
that Aaron was dead, all the house of
Israel mourned for Aaron thirty days.

21 1 The king of Arad, the Canaanite,
who dwelt in the South, heard
that Israel was coming on the road to
Atharim, then he fought against Israel
and took some of them prisoners.
2 So Israel made a vow to the LORD,
and said, "If You will indeed deliver this
people into my hand, then I will utterly
destroy their cities."
3 And the LORD listened to the voice of
Israel and delivered up the Canaanites,
and they utterly destroyed them and

their cities. So the name of that place
was called Hormah.
4 Then they journeyed from Mount Hor
by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around
the land of Edom; and the soul of the
people became very discouraged on the
way.
5 And the people spoke against God
and against Moses: "Why have you
brought us up out of Egypt to die in
the wilderness? For there is no food
and no water, and our soul loathes this
worthless bread."
6 So the LORD sent fiery serpents
among the people, and they bit the
people; and many of the people of Israel
died.
7 Therefore the people came to Moses,
and said, "We have sinned, for we have
spoken against the LORD and against
you; pray to the LORD that He take away

the serpents from us." So Moses prayed
for the people.
8 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make
a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and
it shall be that everyone who is bitten,
when he looks at it, shall live."
9 So Moses made a bronze serpent,
and put it on a pole; and so it was, if
a serpent had bitten anyone, when he
looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.
10 Now the children of Israel moved on
and camped in Oboth.
11 And they journeyed from Oboth and
camped at Ije Abarim, in the wilderness
which is east of Moab, toward the
sunrise.
12 From there they moved and camped
in the Valley of Zered.
13 From there they moved and camped
on the other side of the Arnon, which is
in the wilderness that extends from the
border of the Amorites; for the Arnon is

the border of Moab, between Moab and
the Amorites.
14 Therefore it is said in the Book of the
Wars of the LORD: "Waheb in Suphah,
The brooks of the Arnon,
15 And the slope of the brooks That
reaches to the dwelling of Ar, And lies on
the border of Moab."
16 From there they went to Beer, which
is the well where the LORD said to
Moses, "Gather the people together,
and I will give them water."
17 Then Israel sang this song: "Spring
up, O well! All of you sing to it—
18 The well the leaders sank, Dug by the
nation’s nobles, By the lawgiver, with
their staves." And from the wilderness
they went to Mattanah,
19 from Mattanah to Nahaliel, from
Nahaliel to Bamoth,
20 and from Bamoth, in the valley that
is in the country of Moab, to the top

of Pisgah which looks down on the
wasteland.
21 Then Israel sent messengers to Sihon
king of the Amorites, saying,
22 "Let me pass through your land.
We will not turn aside into fields or
vineyards; we will not drink water from
wells. We will go by the King’s Highway
until we have passed through your
territory."
23 But Sihon would not allow Israel
to pass through his territory. So Sihon
gathered all his people together and
went out against Israel in the wilderness,
and he came to Jahaz and fought against
Israel.
24 Then Israel defeated him with the
edge of the sword, and took possession
of his land from the Arnon to the Jabbok,
as far as the people of Ammon; for the
border of the people of Ammon was
fortified.

25 So Israel took all these cities, and
Israel dwelt in all the cities of the
Amorites, in Heshbon and in all its
villages.
26 For Heshbon was the city of Sihon
king of the Amorites, who had fought
against the former king of Moab, and
had taken all his land from his hand as
far as the Arnon.
27 Therefore those who speak in
proverbs say: "Come to Heshbon, let it
be built; Let the city of Sihon be repaired.
28 "For fire went out from Heshbon, A
flame from the city of Sihon; It consumed
Ar of Moab, The lords of the heights of
the Arnon.
29 Woe to you, Moab! You have
perished, O people of Chemosh! He
has given his sons as fugitives, And his
daughters into captivity, To Sihon king of
the Amorites.

30 "But we have shot at them; Heshbon
has perished as far as Dibon. Then we
laid waste as far as Nophah, Which
reaches to Medeba."
31 Thus Israel dwelt in the land of the
Amorites.
32 Then Moses sent to spy out Jazer;
and they took its villages and drove out
the Amorites who were there.
33 And they turned and went up by the
way to Bashan. So Og king of Bashan
went out against them, he and all his
people, to battle at Edrei.
34 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Do
not fear him, for I have delivered him
into your hand, with all his people and
his land; and you shall do to him as you
did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who
dwelt at Heshbon."
35 So they defeated him, his sons, and
all his people, until there was no survivor

left him; and they took possession of his
land.

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1 Then the children of Israel
moved, and camped in the plains
of Moab on the side of the Jordan across
from Jericho.
2 Now Balak the son of Zippor saw all
that Israel had done to the Amorites.
3 And Moab was exceedingly afraid of
the people because they were many,
and Moab was sick with dread because
of the children of Israel.
4 So Moab said to the elders of
Midian, "Now this company will lick up
everything around us, as an ox licks up
the grass of the field." And Balak the son
of Zippor was king of the Moabites at
that time.
5 Then he sent messengers to Balaam
the son of Beor at Pethor, which is near
the River in the land of the sons of his
people, to call him, saying: "Look, a

people has come from Egypt. See, they
cover the face of the earth, and are
settling next to me!
6 "Therefore please come at once, curse
this people for me, for they are too
mighty for me. Perhaps I shall be able to
defeat them and drive them out of the
land, for I know that he whom you bless
is blessed, and he whom you curse is
cursed."
7 So the elders of Moab and the elders
of Midian departed with the diviner's fee
in their hand, and they came to Balaam
and spoke to him the words of Balak.
8 And he said to them, "Lodge here
tonight, and I will bring back word to
you, as the LORD speaks to me." So the
princes of Moab stayed with Balaam.
9 Then God came to Balaam and said,
"Who are these men with you?"

10 So Balaam said to God, "Balak the
son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent to
me, saying,
11 'Look, a people has come out of
Egypt, and they cover the face of the
earth. Come now, curse them for me;
perhaps I shall be able to overpower
them and drive them out.'"
12 And God said to Balaam, "You shall
not go with them; you shall not curse
the people, for they are blessed."
13 So Balaam rose in the morning and
said to the princes of Balak, "Go back to
your land, for the LORD has refused to
give me permission to go with you."
14 And the princes of Moab rose and
went to Balak, and said, "Balaam refuses
to come with us."
15 Then Balak again sent princes, more
numerous and more honorable than
they.

16 And they came to Balaam and said to
him, "Thus says Balak the son of Zippor:
‘Please let nothing hinder you from
coming to me;
17 ‘for I will certainly honor you greatly,
and I will do whatever you say to me.
Therefore please come, curse this people
for me.’"
18 Then Balaam answered and said to
the servants of Balak, "Though Balak
were to give me his house full of silver
and gold, I could not go beyond the word
of the LORD my God, to do less or more.
19 "Now therefore, please, you also stay
here tonight, that I may know what more
the LORD will say to me."
20 And God came to Balaam at night
and said to him, "If the men come to call
you, rise and go with them; but only the
word which I speak to you—that you
shall do."

21 So Balaam rose in the morning,
saddled his donkey, and went with the
princes of Moab.
22 Then God's anger was aroused
because he went, and the Angel of the
LORD took His stand in the way as an
adversary against him. And he was riding
on his donkey, and his two servants were
with him.
23 Now the donkey saw the Angel of
the LORD standing in the way with
His drawn sword in His hand, and the
donkey turned aside out of the way and
went into the field. So Balaam struck the
donkey to turn her back onto the road.
24 Then the Angel of the LORD stood in
a narrow path between the vineyards,
with a wall on this side and a wall on
that side.
25 And when the donkey saw the Angel
of the LORD, she pushed herself against

the wall and crushed Balaam's foot
against the wall; so he struck her again.
26 Then the Angel of the LORD went
further, and stood in a narrow place
where there was no way to turn either
to the right hand or to the left.
27 And when the donkey saw the Angel
of the LORD, she lay down under Balaam;
so Balaam's anger was aroused, and he
struck the donkey with his staff.
28 Then the LORD opened the mouth
of the donkey, and she said to Balaam,
"What have I done to you, that you have
struck me these three times?"
29 And Balaam said to the donkey,
"Because you have abused me. I wish
there were a sword in my hand, for now
I would kill you!"
30 So the donkey said to Balaam, "Am
I not your donkey on which you have
ridden, ever since I became yours, to this

day? Was I ever disposed to do this to
you?" And he said, "No."
31 Then the LORD opened Balaam’s
eyes, and he saw the Angel of the LORD
standing in the way with His drawn
sword in His hand; and he bowed his
head and fell flat on his face.
32 And the Angel of the LORD said to
him, "Why have you struck your donkey
these three times? Behold, I have come
out to stand against you, because your
way is perverse before Me.
33 "The donkey saw Me and turned
aside from Me these three times. If she
had not turned aside from Me, surely I
would also have killed you by now, and
let her live."
34 And Balaam said to the Angel of the
LORD, "I have sinned, for I did not know
You stood in the way against me. Now
therefore, if it displeases You, I will turn
back."

35 Then the Angel of the LORD said to
Balaam, "Go with the men, but only the
word that I speak to you, that you shall
speak." So Balaam went with the princes
of Balak.
36 Now when Balak heard that Balaam
was coming, he went out to meet him
at the city of Moab, which is on the
border at the Arnon, the boundary of
the territory.
37 Then Balak said to Balaam, "Did I not
earnestly send to you, calling for you?
Why did you not come to me? Am I not
able to honor you?"
38 And Balaam said to Balak, "Look,
I have come to you! Now, have I any
power at all to say anything? The word
that God puts in my mouth, that I must
speak."
39 So Balaam went with Balak, and they
came to Kirjath Huzoth.

40 Then Balak offered oxen and sheep,
and he sent some to Balaam and to the
princes who were with him.
41 So it was the next day, that Balak
took Balaam and brought him up to the
high places of Baal, that from there he
might observe the extent of the people.

23 1 Then Balaam said to Balak,
"Build seven altars for me here,
and prepare for me here seven bulls and
seven rams."
2 And Balak did just as Balaam had
spoken, and Balak and Balaam offered a
bull and a ram on each altar.
3 Then Balaam said to Balak, "Stand
by your burnt offering, and I will go;
perhaps the LORD will come to meet
me, and whatever He shows me I will tell
you." So he went to a desolate height.
4 And God met Balaam, and he said to
Him, "I have prepared the seven altars,

and I have offered on each altar a bull
and a ram."
5 Then the LORD put a word in Balaam’s
mouth, and said, "Return to Balak, and
thus you shall speak."
6 So he returned to him, and there he
was, standing by his burnt offering, he
and all the princes of Moab.
7 And he took up his oracle and said:
"Balak the king of Moab has brought me
from Aram, From the mountains of the
east. ‘Come, curse Jacob for me, And
come, denounce Israel!’
8 "How shall I curse whom God has not
cursed? And how shall I denounce whom
the LORD has not denounced?
9 For from the top of the rocks I see
him, And from the hills I behold him;
There! A people dwelling alone, Not
reckoning itself among the nations.
10 "Who can count the dust of Jacob, Or
number one–fourth of Israel? Let me die

the death of the righteous, And let my
end be like his!"
11 Then Balak said to Balaam, "What
have you done to me? I took you to curse
my enemies, and look, you have blessed
them bountifully!"
12 So he answered and said, "Must I not
take heed to speak what the LORD has
put in my mouth?"
13 Then Balak said to him, "Please come
with me to another place from which
you may see them; you shall see only
the outer part of them, and shall not see
them all; curse them for me from there."
14 So he brought him to the field of
Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built
seven altars, and offered a bull and a
ram on each altar.
15 And he said to Balak, "Stand here
by your burnt offering while I meet the
LORD over there."

16 Then the LORD met Balaam, and put
a word in his mouth, and said, "Go back
to Balak, and thus you shall speak."
17 So he came to him, and there he was,
standing by his burnt offering, and the
princes of Moab were with him. And
Balak said to him, "What has the LORD
spoken?"
18 Then he took up his oracle and said:
"Rise up, Balak, and hear! Listen to me,
son of Zippor!
19 "God is not a man, that He should
lie, Nor a son of man, that He should
repent. Has He said, and will He not do?
Or has He spoken, and will He not make
it good?
20 Behold, I have received a command
to bless; He has blessed, and I cannot
reverse it.
21 "He has not observed iniquity in
Jacob, Nor has He seen wickedness in

Israel. The LORD his God is with him, And
the shout of a King is among them.
22 God brings them out of Egypt; He has
strength like a wild ox.
23 "For there is no sorcery against Jacob,
Nor any divination against Israel. It now
must be said of Jacob And of Israel, ‘Oh,
what God has done!’
24 Look, a people rises like a lioness,
And lifts itself up like a lion; It shall not
lie down until it devours the prey, And
drinks the blood of the slain."
25 Then Balak said to Balaam, "Neither
curse them at all, nor bless them at all!"
26 So Balaam answered and said to
Balak, "Did I not tell you, saying, ‘All that
the LORD speaks, that I must do’?"
27 Then Balak said to Balaam, "Please
come, I will take you to another place;
perhaps it will please God that you may
curse them for me from there."

28 So Balak took Balaam to the top of
Peor, that overlooks the wasteland.
29 Then Balaam said to Balak, "Build for
me here seven altars, and prepare for
me here seven bulls and seven rams."
30 And Balak did as Balaam had said,
and offered a bull and a ram on every
altar.

24 1 Now when Balaam saw that it
pleased the LORD to bless Israel,
he did not go as at other times, to seek
to use sorcery, but he set his face toward
the wilderness.
2 And Balaam raised his eyes, and saw
Israel encamped according to their
tribes; and the Spirit of God came upon
him.
3 Then he took up his oracle and said:
"The utterance of Balaam the son of
Beor, The utterance of the man whose
eyes are opened,

4 The utterance of him who hears the
words of God, Who sees the vision of
the Almighty, Who falls down, with eyes
wide open:
5 "How lovely are your tents, O Jacob!
Your dwellings, O Israel!
6 Like valleys that stretch out, Like
gardens by the riverside, Like aloes
planted by the LORD, Like cedars beside
the waters.
7 He shall pour water from his buckets,
And his seed shall be in many waters.
"His king shall be higher than Agag, And
his kingdom shall be exalted.
8 "God brings him out of Egypt; He has
strength like a wild ox; He shall consume
the nations, his enemies; He shall break
their bones And pierce them with his
arrows.
9 'He bows down, he lies down as a
lion; And as a lion, who shall rouse him?'

"Blessed is he who blesses you, And
cursed is he who curses you."
10 Then Balak's anger was aroused
against Balaam, and he struck his hands
together; and Balak said to Balaam, "I
called you to curse my enemies, and
look, you have bountifully blessed them
these three times!
11 "Now therefore, flee to your place.
I said I would greatly honor you, but in
fact, the LORD has kept you back from
honor."
12 So Balaam said to Balak, "Did I not
also speak to your messengers whom
you sent to me, saying,
13 'If Balak were to give me his house
full of silver and gold, I could not go
beyond the word of the LORD, to do
good or bad of my own will. What the
LORD says, that I must speak'?
14 "And now, indeed, I am going to my
people. Come, I will advise you what

this people will do to your people in the
latter days."
15 So he took up his oracle and said:
"The utterance of Balaam the son of
Beor, And the utterance of the man
whose eyes are opened;
16 The utterance of him who hears the
words of God, And has the knowledge of
the Most High, Who sees the vision of
the Almighty, Who falls down, with eyes
wide open:
17 "I see Him, but not now; I behold
Him, but not near; A Star shall come
out of Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of
Israel, And batter the brow of Moab,
And destroy all the sons of tumult.
18 "And Edom shall be a possession; Seir
also, his enemies, shall be a possession,
While Israel does valiantly.
19 Out of Jacob One shall have
dominion, And destroy the remains of
the city."

[20] Then he looked on Amalek, and he
took up his oracle and said: "Amalek was
first among the nations, But shall be last
until he perishes."
[21] Then he looked on the Kenites, and
he took up his oracle and said: "Firm is
your dwelling place, And your nest is set
in the rock;
[22] Nevertheless Kain shall be burned.
How long until Asshur carries you away
captive?"
[23] Then he took up his oracle and said:
"Alas! Who shall live when God does
this?
[24] But ships shall come from the coasts
of Cyprus, And they shall afflict Asshur
and afflict Eber, And so shall Amalek,
until he perishes."
[25] So Balaam rose and departed and
returned to his place; Balak also went his
way.

25 [1] Now Israel remained in Acacia
Grove, and the people began to
commit harlotry with the women of
Moab.
[2] They invited the people to the
sacrifices of their gods, and the people
ate and bowed down to their gods.
[3] So Israel was joined to Baal of Peor,
and the anger of the LORD was aroused
against Israel.
[4] Then the LORD said to Moses, "Take
all the leaders of the people and hang
the offenders before the LORD, out in
the sun, that the fierce anger of the
LORD may turn away from Israel."
[5] So Moses said to the judges of Israel,
"Every one of you kill his men who were
joined to Baal of Peor."
[6] And indeed, one of the children
of Israel came and presented to his
brethren a Midianite woman in the sight
of Moses and in the sight of all the

congregation of the children of Israel,
who were weeping at the door of the
tabernacle of meeting.
7 Now when Phinehas the son of
Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw
it, he rose from among the congregation
and took a javelin in his hand;
8 and he went after the man of Israel
into the tent and thrust both of them
through, the man of Israel, and the
woman through her body. So the plague
was stopped among the children of
Israel.
9 And those who died in the plague
were twenty–four thousand.
10 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:
11 "Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son
of Aaron the priest, has turned back
My wrath from the children of Israel,
because he was zealous with My zeal

among them, so that I did not consume
the children of Israel in My zeal.
12 "Therefore say, 'Behold, I give to him
My covenant of peace;
13 'and it shall be to him and his
descendants after him a covenant of
an everlasting priesthood, because he
was zealous for his God, and made
atonement for the children of Israel.'"
14 Now the name of the Israelite who
was killed, who was killed with the
Midianite woman, was Zimri the son of
Salu, a leader of a father's house among
the Simeonites.
15 And the name of the Midianite
woman who was killed was Cozbi the
daughter of Zur; he was head of the
people of a father's house in Midian.
16 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:
17 "Harass the Midianites, and attack
them;

18 "for they harassed you with their
schemes by which they seduced you in
the matter of Peor and in the matter
of Cozbi, the daughter of a leader of
Midian, their sister, who was killed in the
day of the plague because of Peor."

26 1 And it came to pass, after the
plague, that the LORD spoke to
Moses and Eleazar the son of Aaron the
priest, saying:
2 "Take a census of all the congregation
of the children of Israel from twenty
years old and above, by their fathers'
houses, all who are able to go to war in
Israel."
3 So Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke
with them in the plains of Moab by the
Jordan, across from Jericho, saying:
4 "Take a census of the people from
twenty years old and above, just as
the LORD commanded Moses and the

children of Israel who came out of the
land of Egypt."
5 Reuben was the firstborn of Israel.
The children of Reuben were: of Hanoch,
the family of the Hanochites; of Pallu,
the family of the Palluites;
6 of Hezron, the family of the
Hezronites; of Carmi, the family of the
Carmites.
7 These are the families of the
Reubenites: those who were numbered
of them were forty–three thousand
seven hundred and thirty.
8 And the son of Pallu was Eliab.
9 The sons of Eliab were Nemuel,
Dathan, and Abiram. These are the
Dathan and Abiram, representatives
of the congregation, who contended
against Moses and Aaron in the company
of Korah, when they contended against
the LORD;

10 and the earth opened its mouth and
swallowed them up together with Korah
when that company died, when the fire
devoured two hundred and fifty men;
and they became a sign.
11 Nevertheless the children of Korah
did not die.
12 The sons of Simeon according to their
families were: of Nemuel, the family of
the Nemuelites; of Jamin, the family of
the Jaminites; of Jachin, the family of the
Jachinites;
13 of Zerah, the family of the Zarhites;
of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites.
14 These are the families of the
Simeonites: twenty–two thousand two
hundred.
15 The sons of Gad according to their
families were: of Zephon, the family of
the Zephonites; of Haggi, the family of
the Haggites; of Shuni, the family of the
Shunites;

16 of Ozni, the family of the Oznites; of
Eri, the family of the Erites;
17 of Arod, the family of the Arodites; of
Areli, the family of the Arelites.
18 These are the families of the sons
of Gad according to those who were
numbered of them: forty thousand five
hundred.
19 The sons of Judah were Er and Onan;
and Er and Onan died in the land of
Canaan.
20 And the sons of Judah according to
their families were: of Shelah, the family
of the Shelanites; of Perez, the family of
the Parzites; of Zerah, the family of the
Zarhites.
21 And the sons of Perez were: of
Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of
Hamul, the family of the Hamulites.
22 These are the families of Judah
according to those who were numbered

of them: seventy–six thousand five
hundred.
23 The sons of Issachar according to
their families were: of Tola, the family of
the Tolaites; of Puah, the family of the
Punites;
24 of Jashub, the family of the
Jashubites; of Shimron, the family of the
Shimronites.
25 These are the families of Issachar
according to those who were numbered
of them: sixty–four thousand three
hundred.
26 The sons of Zebulun according to
their families were: of Sered, the family
of the Sardites; of Elon, the family of
the Elonites; of Jahleel, the family of the
Jahleelites.
27 These are the families of the
Zebulunites according to those who
were numbered of them: sixty thousand
five hundred.

28 The sons of Joseph according to their
families, by Manasseh and Ephraim,
were:
29 The sons of Manasseh: of Machir,
the family of the Machirites; and Machir
begot Gilead; of Gilead, the family of the
Gileadites.
30 These are the sons of Gilead: of
Jeezer, the family of the Jeezerites; of
Helek, the family of the Helekites;
31 of Asriel, the family of the Asrielites;
of Shechem, the family of the
Shechemites;
32 of Shemida, the family of the
Shemidaites; of Hepher, the family of
the Hepherites.
33 Now Zelophehad the son of Hepher
had no sons, but daughters; and the
names of the daughters of Zelophehad
were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and
Tirzah.

34 These are the families of Manasseh;
and those who were numbered of them
were fifty–two thousand seven hundred.
35 These are the sons of Ephraim
according to their families: of Shuthelah,
the family of the Shuthalhites; of Becher,
the family of the Bachrites; of Tahan, the
family of the Tahanites.
36 And these are the sons of Shuthelah:
of Eran, the family of the Eranites.
37 These are the families of the sons of
Ephraim according to those who were
numbered of them: thirty–two thousand
five hundred. These are the sons of
Joseph according to their families.
38 The sons of Benjamin according to
their families were: of Bela, the family of
the Belaites; of Ashbel, the family of the
Ashbelites; of Ahiram, the family of the
Ahiramites;

39 of Shupham, the family of the
Shuphamites; of Hupham, the family of
the Huphamites.
40 And the sons of Bela were Ard
and Naaman: of Ard, the family of the
Ardites; of Naaman, the family of the
Naamites.
41 These are the sons of Benjamin
according to their families; and those
who were numbered of them were
forty–five thousand six hundred.
42 These are the sons of Dan according
to their families: of Shuham, the family
of the Shuhamites. These are the families
of Dan according to their families.
43 All the families of the Shuhamites,
according to those who were numbered
of them, were sixty–four thousand four
hundred.
44 The sons of Asher according to their
families were: of Jimna, the family of
the Jimnites; of Jesui, the family of the

Jesuites; of Beriah, the family of the
Beriites.
45 Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the
family of the Heberites; of Malchiel, the
family of the Malchielites.
46 And the name of the daughter of
Asher was Serah.
47 These are the families of the sons
of Asher according to those who were
numbered of them: fifty–three thousand
four hundred.
48 The sons of Naphtali according to
their families were: of Jahzeel, the family
of the Jahzeelites; of Guni, the family of
the Gunites;
49 of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites; of
Shillem, the family of the Shillemites.
50 These are the families of Naphtali
according to their families; and those
who were numbered of them were
forty–five thousand four hundred.

51 These are those who were numbered
of the children of Israel: six hundred and
one thousand seven hundred and thirty.
52 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:
53 "To these the land shall be divided as
an inheritance, according to the number
of names.
54 "To a large tribe you shall give a
larger inheritance, and to a small tribe
you shall give a smaller inheritance. Each
shall be given its inheritance according
to those who were numbered of them.
55 "But the land shall be divided by lot;
they shall inherit according to the names
of the tribes of their fathers.
56 "According to the lot their inheritance
shall be divided between the larger and
the smaller."
57 And these are those who were
numbered of the Levites according to
their families: of Gershon, the family of

the Gershonites; of Kohath, the family of
the Kohathites; of Merari, the family of
the Merarites.
58 These are the families of the Levites:
the family of the Libnites, the family
of the Hebronites, the family of the
Mahlites, the family of the Mushites,
and the family of the Korathites. And
Kohath begot Amram.
59 The name of Amram's wife was
Jochebed the daughter of Levi, who was
born to Levi in Egypt; and to Amram she
bore Aaron and Moses and their sister
Miriam.
60 To Aaron were born Nadab and
Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.
61 And Nadab and Abihu died when
they offered profane fire before the
LORD.
62 Now those who were numbered
of them were twenty–three thousand,
every male from a month old and above;

for they were not numbered among the
other children of Israel, because there
was no inheritance given to them among
the children of Israel.
63 These are those who were numbered
by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who
numbered the children of Israel in the
plains of Moab by the Jordan, across
from Jericho.
64 But among these there was not a
man of those who were numbered by
Moses and Aaron the priest when they
numbered the children of Israel in the
Wilderness of Sinai.
65 For the LORD had said of them, "They
shall surely die in the wilderness." So
there was not left a man of them, except
Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua
the son of Nun.

27 1 Then came the daughters of
Zelophehad the son of Hepher,
the son of Gilead, the son of Machir,

the son of Manasseh, from the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph; and these were the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.
2 And they stood before Moses, before Eleazar the priest, and before the leaders and all the congregation, by the doorway of the tabernacle of meeting, saying:
3 "Our father died in the wilderness; but he was not in the company of those who gathered together against the LORD, in company with Korah, but he died in his own sin; and he had no sons.
4 "Why should the name of our father be removed from among his family because he had no son? Give us a possession among our father's brothers."
5 So Moses brought their case before the LORD.
6 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

7 "The daughters of Zelophehad speak
what is right; you shall surely give them
a possession of inheritance among
their father's brothers, and cause the
inheritance of their father to pass to
them.
8 "And you shall speak to the children of
Israel, saying: 'If a man dies and has no
son, then you shall cause his inheritance
to pass to his daughter.
9 'If he has no daughter, then you shall
give his inheritance to his brothers.
10 'If he has no brothers, then you
shall give his inheritance to his father's
brothers.
11 'And if his father has no brothers,
then you shall give his inheritance to the
relative closest him in his family, and he
shall possess it.'" And it shall be to the
children of Israel a statute of judgment,
just as the LORD commanded Moses.

12 Now the LORD said to Moses: "Go
up into this Mount Abarim, and see the
land which I have given to the children
of Israel.
13 "And when you have seen it, you
also shall be gathered to your people, as
Aaron your brother was gathered.
14 "For in the Wilderness of Zin, during
the strife of the congregation, you
rebelled against My command to hallow
Me at the waters before their eyes."
(These are the waters of Meribah, at
Kadesh in the Wilderness of Zin.)
15 Then Moses spoke to the LORD,
saying:
16 "Let the LORD, the God of the
spirits of all flesh, set a man over the
congregation,
17 "who may go out before them and go
in before them, who may lead them out
and bring them in, that the congregation

of the LORD may not be like sheep which
have no shepherd."
18 And the LORD said to Moses: "Take
Joshua the son of Nun with you, a man
in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand
on him;
19 "set him before Eleazar the priest
and before all the congregation, and
inaugurate him in their sight.
20 "And you shall give some of
your authority to him, that all the
congregation of the children of Israel
may be obedient.
21 "He shall stand before Eleazar the
priest, who shall inquire before the LORD
for him by the judgment of the Urim.
At his word they shall go out, and at
his word they shall come in, he and all
the children of Israel with him—all the
congregation."
22 So Moses did as the LORD
commanded him. He took Joshua and

set him before Eleazar the priest and
before all the congregation.
23 And he laid his hands on him and
inaugurated him, just as the LORD
commanded by the hand of Moses.

28 1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
2 "Command the children of Israel, and
say to them, 'My offering, My food for
My offerings made by fire as a sweet
aroma to Me, you shall be careful to
offer to Me at their appointed time.'
3 "And you shall say to them, 'This is
the offering made by fire which you shall
offer to the LORD: two male lambs in
their first year without blemish, day by
day, as a regular burnt offering.
4 'The one lamb you shall offer in the
morning, the other lamb you shall offer
in the evening,

5 'and one–tenth of an ephah of fine
flour as a grain offering mixed with
one–fourth of a hin of pressed oil.
6 'It is a regular burnt offering which
was ordained at Mount Sinai for a sweet
aroma, an offering made by fire to the
LORD.
7 'And its drink offering shall be
one–fourth of a hin for each lamb; in a
holy place you shall pour out the drink
to the LORD as an offering.
8 'The other lamb you shall offer in the
evening; as the morning grain offering
and its drink offering, you shall offer it as
an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma
to the LORD.
9 'And on the Sabbath day two lambs
in their first year, without blemish, and
two–tenths of an ephah of fine flour as
a grain offering, mixed with oil, with its
drink offering—

10 'this is the burnt offering for every
Sabbath, besides the regular burnt
offering with its drink offering.
11 'At the beginnings of your months
you shall present a burnt offering to the
LORD: two young bulls, one ram, and
seven lambs in their first year, without
blemish;
12 'three–tenths of an ephah of fine
flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil,
for each bull; two–tenths of an ephah of
fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with
oil, for the one ram;
13 'and one–tenth of an ephah of fine
flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering
for each lamb, as a burnt offering of
sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to
the LORD.
14 'Their drink offering shall be half a
hin of wine for a bull, one–third of a hin
for a ram, and one–fourth of a hin for a
lamb; this is the burnt offering for each

month throughout the months of the
year.
15 'Also one kid of the goats as a sin
offering to the LORD shall be offered,
besides the regular burnt offering and its
drink offering.
16 'On the fourteenth day of the first
month is the Passover of the LORD.
17 'And on the fifteenth day of this
month is the feast; unleavened bread
shall be eaten for seven days.
18 'On the first day you shall have a holy
convocation. You shall do no customary
work.
19 'And you shall present an offering
made by fire as a burnt offering to the
LORD: two young bulls, one ram, and
seven lambs in their first year. Be sure
they are without blemish.
20 'Their grain offering shall be of fine
flour mixed with oil: three–tenths of

an ephah you shall offer for a bull, and
two–tenths for a ram;
21 'you shall offer one–tenth of an
ephah for each of the seven lambs;
22 'also one goat as a sin offering, to
make atonement for you.
23 'You shall offer these besides the
burnt offering of the morning, which is
for a regular burnt offering.
24 'In this manner you shall offer the
food of the offering made by fire daily
for seven days, as a sweet aroma to
the LORD; it shall be offered besides
the regular burnt offering and its drink
offering.
25 'And on the seventh day you shall
have a holy convocation. You shall do no
customary work.
26 'Also on the day of the firstfruits,
when you bring a new grain offering to
the LORD at your Feast of Weeks, you

shall have a holy convocation. You shall
do no customary work.
[27] 'You shall present a burnt offering as
a sweet aroma to the LORD: two young
bulls, one ram, and seven lambs in their
first year,
[28] 'with their grain offering of fine flour
mixed with oil: three–tenths of an ephah
for each bull, two–tenths for the one
ram,
[29] 'and one–tenth for each of the seven
lambs;
[30] 'also one kid of the goats, to make
atonement for you.
[31] 'Be sure they are without blemish.
You shall present them with their drink
offerings, besides the regular burnt
offering with its grain offering.

29 [1] 'And in the seventh month, on
the first day of the month, you
shall have a holy convocation. You shall

do no customary work. For you it is a day
of blowing the trumpets.
2 'You shall offer a burnt offering as a
sweet aroma to the LORD: one young
bull, one ram, and seven lambs in their
first year, without blemish.
3 'Their grain offering shall be fine flour
mixed with oil: three–tenths of an ephah
for the bull, two–tenths for the ram,
4 'and one–tenth for each of the seven
lambs;
5 'also one kid of the goats as a sin
offering, to make atonement for you;
6 'besides the burnt offering with its
grain offering for the New Moon, the
regular burnt offering with its grain
offering, and their drink offerings,
according to their ordinance, as a sweet
aroma, an offering made by fire to the
LORD.
7 'On the tenth day of this seventh
month you shall have a holy convocation.

You shall afflict your souls; you shall not
do any work.
8 'You shall present a burnt offering
to the LORD as a sweet aroma: one
young bull, one ram, and seven lambs in
their first year. Be sure they are without
blemish.
9 'Their grain offering shall be of fine
flour mixed with oil: three–tenths of an
ephah for the bull, two–tenths for the
one ram,
10 'and one–tenth for each of the seven
lambs;
11 'also one kid of the goats as a sin
offering, besides the sin offering for
atonement, the regular burnt offering
with its grain offering, and their drink
offerings.
12 'On the fifteenth day of the seventh
month you shall have a holy convocation.
You shall do no customary work, and

you shall keep a feast to the LORD seven
days.
13 'You shall present a burnt offering, an
offering made by fire as a sweet aroma
to the LORD: thirteen young bulls, two
rams, and fourteen lambs in their first
year. They shall be without blemish.
14 'Their grain offering shall be of fine
flour mixed with oil: three–tenths of
an ephah for each of the thirteen bulls,
two–tenths for each of the two rams,
15 'and one–tenth for each of the
fourteen lambs;
16 'also one kid of the goats as a sin
offering, besides the regular burnt
offering, its grain offering, and its drink
offering.
17 'On the second day present twelve
young bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs in
their first year without blemish,
18 'and their grain offering and their
drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams,

and for the lambs, by their number,
according to the ordinance;
19 ‘also one kid of the goats as a sin
offering, besides the regular burnt
offering with its grain offering, and their
drink offerings.
20 ‘On the third day present eleven
bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs in their
first year without blemish,
21 ‘and their grain offering and their
drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams,
and for the lambs, by their number,
according to the ordinance;
22 ‘also one goat as a sin offering,
besides the regular burnt offering, its
grain offering, and its drink offering.
23 ‘On the fourth day present ten bulls,
two rams, and fourteen lambs in their
first year, without blemish,
24 ‘and their grain offering and their
drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams,

and for the lambs, by their number,
according to the ordinance;
25 'also one kid of the goats as a sin
offering, besides the regular burnt
offering, its grain offering, and its drink
offering.
26 'On the fifth day present nine bulls,
two rams, and fourteen lambs in their
first year without blemish,
27 'and their grain offering and their
drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams,
and for the lambs, by their number,
according to the ordinance;
28 'also one goat as a sin offering,
besides the regular burnt offering, its
grain offering, and its drink offering.
29 'On the sixth day present eight bulls,
two rams, and fourteen lambs in their
first year without blemish,
30 'and their grain offering and their
drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams,

and for the lambs, by their number,
according to the ordinance;
31 'also one goat as a sin offering,
besides the regular burnt offering, its
grain offering, and its drink offering.
32 'On the seventh day present seven
bulls, two rams, and fourteen lambs in
their first year without blemish,
33 'and their grain offering and their
drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams,
and for the lambs, by their number,
according to the ordinance;
34 'also one goat as a sin offering,
besides the regular burnt offering, its
grain offering, and its drink offering.
35 'On the eighth day you shall have
a sacred assembly. You shall do no
customary work.
36 'You shall present a burnt offering, an
offering made by fire as a sweet aroma
to the LORD: one bull, one ram, seven
lambs in their first year without blemish,

37 ‘and their grain offering and their
drink offerings for the bull, for the ram,
and for the lambs, by their number,
according to the ordinance;
38 ‘also one goat as a sin offering,
besides the regular burnt offering, its
grain offering, and its drink offering.
39 ‘These you shall present to the
LORD at your appointed feasts (besides
your vowed offerings and your freewill
offerings) as your burnt offerings and
your grain offerings, as your drink
offerings and your peace offerings.’"
40 So Moses told the children of
Israel everything, just as the LORD
commanded Moses.
30 1 Then Moses spoke to the heads
of the tribes concerning the
children of Israel, saying, "This is the
thing which the LORD has commanded:
2 "If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or
swears an oath to bind himself by some

agreement, he shall not break his word;
he shall do according to all that proceeds
out of his mouth.
3 "Or if a woman makes a vow to
the LORD, and binds herself by some
agreement while in her father's house in
her youth,
4 "and her father hears her vow and
the agreement by which she has bound
herself, and her father holds his peace,
then all her vows shall stand, and every
agreement with which she has bound
herself shall stand.
5 "But if her father overrules her on
the day that he hears, then none of her
vows nor her agreements by which she
has bound herself shall stand; and the
LORD will release her, because her father
overruled her.
6 "If indeed she takes a husband, while
bound by her vows or by a rash utterance
from her lips by which she bound herself,

7 "and her husband hears it, and makes
no response to her on the day that he
hears, then her vows shall stand, and her
agreements by which she bound herself
shall stand.
8 "But if her husband overrules her on
the day that he hears it, he shall make
void her vow which she took and what
she uttered with her lips, by which she
bound herself, and the LORD will release
her.
9 "Also any vow of a widow or a
divorced woman, by which she has
bound herself, shall stand against her.
10 "If she vowed in her husband's house,
or bound herself by an agreement with
an oath,
11 "and her husband heard it, and made
no response to her and did not overrule
her, then all her vows shall stand, and
every agreement by which she bound
herself shall stand.

12 "But if her husband truly made
them void on the day he heard them,
then whatever proceeded from her lips
concerning her vows or concerning the
agreement binding her, it shall not stand;
her husband has made them void, and
the LORD will release her.
13 "Every vow and every binding oath to
afflict her soul, her husband may confirm
it, or her husband may make it void.
14 "Now if her husband makes no
response whatever to her from day to
day, then he confirms all her vows or
all the agreements that bind her; he
confirms them, because he made no
response to her on the day that he heard
them.
15 "But if he does make them void after
he has heard them, then he shall bear
her guilt."
16 These are the statutes which the
LORD commanded Moses, between a

man and his wife, and between a father
and his daughter in her youth in her
father's house.

31

1 And the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:
2 "Take vengeance on the Midianites
for the children of Israel. Afterward you
shall be gathered to your people."
3 So Moses spoke to the people, saying,
"Arm some of yourselves for war, and let
them go against the Midianites to take
vengeance for the LORD on Midian.
4 "A thousand from each tribe of all
the tribes of Israel you shall send to the
war."
5 So there were recruited from the
divisions of Israel one thousand from
each tribe, twelve thousand armed for
war.
6 Then Moses sent them to the war, one
thousand from each tribe; he sent them
to the war with Phinehas the son of

Eleazar the priest, with the holy articles
and the signal trumpets in his hand.
7 And they warred against the
Midianites, just as the LORD commanded
Moses, and they killed all the males.
8 They killed the kings of Midian with
the rest of those who were killed—Evi,
Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba, the five kings
of Midian. Balaam the son of Beor they
also killed with the sword.
9 And the children of Israel took the
women of Midian captive, with their
little ones, and took as spoil all their
cattle, all their flocks, and all their goods.
10 They also burned with fire all the
cities where they dwelt, and all their
forts.
11 And they took all the spoil and all the
booty—of man and beast.
12 Then they brought the captives, the
booty, and the spoil to Moses, to Eleazar
the priest, and to the congregation of

the children of Israel, to the camp in the
plains of Moab by the Jordan, across
from Jericho.
13 And Moses, Eleazar the priest, and all
the leaders of the congregation, went to
meet them outside the camp.
14 But Moses was angry with the
officers of the army, with the captains
over thousands and captains over
hundreds, who had come from the
battle.
15 And Moses said to them: "Have you
kept all the women alive?
16 "Look, these women caused the
children of Israel, through the counsel
of Balaam, to trespass against the LORD
in the incident of Peor, and there was a
plague among the congregation of the
LORD.
17 "Now therefore, kill every male
among the little ones, and kill every
woman who has known a man intimately.

18 "But keep alive for yourselves all the
young girls who have not known a man
intimately.
19 "And as for you, remain outside the
camp seven days; whoever has killed any
person, and whoever has touched any
slain, purify yourselves and your captives
on the third day and on the seventh day.
20 "Purify every garment, everything
made of leather, everything woven of
goats' hair, and everything made of
wood."
21 Then Eleazar the priest said to the
men of war who had gone to the battle,
"This is the ordinance of the law which
the LORD commanded Moses:
22 Only the gold, the silver, the bronze,
the iron, the tin, and the lead,
23 "everything that can endure fire, you
shall put through the fire, and it shall be
clean; and it shall be purified with the

water of purification. But all that cannot
endure fire you shall put through water.
24 "And you shall wash your clothes
on the seventh day and be clean, and
afterward you may come into the camp."
25 Now the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying:
26 "Count up the plunder that was
taken—of man and beast—you and
Eleazar the priest and the chief fathers
of the congregation;
27 "and divide the plunder into two
parts, between those who took part in
the war, who went out to battle, and all
the congregation.
28 "And levy a tribute for the LORD
on the men of war who went out to
battle: one of every five hundred of the
persons, the cattle, the donkeys, and the
sheep;

29 "take it from their half, and give it to
Eleazar the priest as a heave offering to
the LORD.
30 "And from the children of Israel’s
half you shall take one of every fifty,
drawn from the persons, the cattle, the
donkeys, and the sheep, from all the
livestock, and give them to the Levites
who keep charge of the tabernacle of
the LORD."
31 So Moses and Eleazar the priest did
as the LORD commanded Moses.
32 The booty remaining from the
plunder, which the men of war had
taken, was six hundred and seventy–five
thousand sheep,
33 seventy–two thousand cattle,
34 sixty–one thousand donkeys,
35 and thirty–two thousand persons in
all, of women who had not known a man
intimately.

36 And the half, the portion for those
who had gone out to war, was in
number three hundred and thirty–seven
thousand five hundred sheep;
37 and the LORD’S tribute of the sheep
was six hundred and seventy–five.
38 The cattle were thirty–six thousand,
of which the LORD’S tribute was
seventy–two.
39 The donkeys were thirty thousand
five hundred, of which the LORD’S
tribute was sixty–one.
40 The persons were sixteen thousand,
of which the LORD’S tribute was
thirty–two persons.
41 So Moses gave the tribute which was
the LORD’S heave offering to Eleazar the
priest, as the LORD commanded Moses.
42 And from the children of Israel’s half,
which Moses separated from the men
who fought—

43 now the half belonging to the
congregation was three hundred and
thirty–seven thousand five hundred
sheep,
44 thirty–six thousand cattle,
45 thirty thousand five hundred
donkeys,
46 and sixteen thousand persons—
47 and from the children of Israel’s half
Moses took one of every fifty, drawn
from man and beast, and gave them
to the Levites, who kept charge of the
tabernacle of the LORD, as the LORD
commanded Moses.
48 Then the officers who were over
thousands of the army, the captains of
thousands and captains of hundreds,
came near to Moses;
49 and they said to Moses, "Your
servants have taken a count of the men
of war who are under our command,
and not a man of us is missing.

50 "Therefore we have brought an
offering for the LORD, what every man
found of ornaments of gold: armlets and
bracelets and signet rings and earrings
and necklaces, to make atonement for
ourselves before the LORD."
51 So Moses and Eleazar the priest
received the gold from them, all the
fashioned ornaments.
52 And all the gold of the offering that
they offered to the LORD, from the
captains of thousands and captains of
hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven
hundred and fifty shekels.
53 (The men of war had taken spoil,
every man for himself.)
54 And Moses and Eleazar the priest
received the gold from the captains of
thousands and of hundreds, and brought
it into the tabernacle of meeting as
a memorial for the children of Israel
before the LORD.

32

[1] Now the children of Reuben and
the children of Gad had a very
great multitude of livestock; and when
they saw the land of Jazer and the land
of Gilead, that indeed the region was a
place for livestock,
[2] the children of Gad and the children
of Reuben came and spoke to Moses, to
Eleazar the priest, and to the leaders of
the congregation, saying,
[3] "Ataroth, Dibon, Jazer, Nimrah,
Heshbon, Elealeh, Shebam, Nebo, and
Beon,
[4] "the country which the LORD defeated
before the congregation of Israel, is a
land for livestock, and your servants
have livestock."
[5] Therefore they said, "If we have found
favor in your sight, let this land be given
to your servants as a possession. Do not
take us over the Jordan."

6 And Moses said to the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben: "Shall your brethren go to war while you sit here?
7 "Now why will you discourage the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the LORD has given them?
8 "Thus your fathers did when I sent them away from Kadesh Barnea to see the land.
9 "For when they went up to the Valley of Eshcol and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, so that they did not go into the land which the LORD had given them.
10 "So the LORD'S anger was aroused on that day, and He swore an oath, saying,
11 'Surely none of the men who came up from Egypt, from twenty years old and above, shall see the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,

because they have not wholly followed
Me,
12 ‘except Caleb the son of Jephunneh,
the Kenizzite, and Joshua the son of Nun,
for they have wholly followed the LORD.’
13 "So the LORD’S anger was aroused
against Israel, and He made them
wander in the wilderness forty years,
until all the generation that had done
evil in the sight of the LORD was gone.
14 "And look! You have risen in your
father’s place, a brood of sinful men, to
increase still more the fierce anger of
the LORD against Israel.
15 "For if you turn away from following
Him, He will once again leave them in
the wilderness, and you will destroy all
these people."
16 Then they came near to him and said:
"We will build sheepfolds here for our
livestock, and cities for our little ones,

17 "but we ourselves will be armed,
ready to go before the children of Israel
until we have brought them to their
place; and our little ones will dwell in the
fortified cities because of the inhabitants
of the land.
18 "We will not return to our homes
until every one of the children of Israel
has received his inheritance.
19 "For we will not inherit with them on
the other side of the Jordan and beyond,
because our inheritance has fallen to us
on this eastern side of the Jordan."
20 Then Moses said to them: "If you do
this thing, if you arm yourselves before
the LORD for the war,
21 "and all your armed men cross over
the Jordan before the LORD until He has
driven out His enemies from before Him,
22 "and the land is subdued before the
LORD, then afterward you may return
and be blameless before the LORD and

before Israel; and this land shall be your
possession before the LORD.
23 "But if you do not do so, then take
note, you have sinned against the LORD;
and be sure your sin will find you out.
24 "Build cities for your little ones and
folds for your sheep, and do what has
proceeded out of your mouth."
25 And the children of Gad and the
children of Reuben spoke to Moses,
saying: "Your servants will do as my lord
commands.
26 "Our little ones, our wives, our flocks,
and all our livestock will be there in the
cities of Gilead;
27 "but your servants will cross over,
every man armed for war, before the
LORD to battle, just as my lord says."
28 So Moses gave command concerning
them to Eleazar the priest, to Joshua the
son of Nun, and to the chief fathers of
the tribes of the children of Israel.

29 And Moses said to them: "If the
children of Gad and the children of
Reuben cross over the Jordan with you,
every man armed for battle before the
LORD, and the land is subdued before
you, then you shall give them the land of
Gilead as a possession.
30 "But if they do not cross over armed
with you, they shall have possessions
among you in the land of Canaan."
31 Then the children of Gad and the
children of Reuben answered, saying:
"As the LORD has said to your servants,
so we will do.
32 "We will cross over armed before
the LORD into the land of Canaan,
but the possession of our inheritance
shall remain with us on this side of the
Jordan."
33 So Moses gave to the children of
Gad, to the children of Reuben, and to
half the tribe of Manasseh the son of

Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the
Amorites and the kingdom of Og king of
Bashan, the land with its cities within the
borders, the cities of the surrounding
country.
34 And the children of Gad built Dibon
and Ataroth and Aroer,
35 Atroth and Shophan and Jazer and
Jogbehah,
36 Beth Nimrah and Beth Haran,
fortified cities, and folds for sheep.
37 And the children of Reuben built
Heshbon and Elealeh and Kirjathaim,
38 Nebo and Baal Meon (their names
being changed) and Shibmah; and they
gave other names to the cities which
they built.
39 And the children of Machir the son
of Manasseh went to Gilead and took
it, and dispossessed the Amorites who
were in it.

40 So Moses gave Gilead to Machir the
son of Manasseh, and he dwelt in it.
41 Also Jair the son of Manasseh went
and took its small towns, and called
them Havoth Jair.
42 Then Nobah went and took Kenath
and its villages, and he called it Nobah,
after his own name.

33 1 These are the journeys of the
children of Israel, who went out
of the land of Egypt by their armies
under the hand of Moses and Aaron.
2 Now Moses wrote down the starting
points of their journeys at the command
of the LORD. And these are their journeys
according to their starting points:
3 They departed from Rameses in the
first month, on the fifteenth day of
the first month; on the day after the
Passover the children of Israel went
out with boldness in the sight of all the
Egyptians.

4 For the Egyptians were burying all
their firstborn, whom the LORD had
killed among them. Also on their gods
the LORD had executed judgments.
5 Then the children of Israel moved
from Rameses and camped at Succoth.
6 They departed from Succoth and
camped at Etham, which is on the edge
of the wilderness.
7 They moved from Etham and turned
back to Pi Hahiroth, which is east of Baal
Zephon; and they camped near Migdol.
8 They departed from before Hahiroth
and passed through the midst of the sea
into the wilderness, went three days'
journey in the Wilderness of Etham, and
camped at Marah.
9 They moved from Marah and came
to Elim. At Elim were twelve springs of
water and seventy palm trees; so they
camped there.

10 They moved from Elim and camped
by the Red Sea.
11 They moved from the Red Sea and
camped in the Wilderness of Sin.
12 They journeyed from the Wilderness
of Sin and camped at Dophkah.
13 They departed from Dophkah and
camped at Alush.
14 They moved from Alush and camped
at Rephidim, where there was no water
for the people to drink.
15 They departed from Rephidim and
camped in the Wilderness of Sinai.
16 They moved from the Wilderness of
Sinai and camped at Kibroth Hattaavah.
17 They departed from Kibroth
Hattaavah and camped at Hazeroth.
18 They departed from Hazeroth and
camped at Rithmah.
19 They departed from Rithmah and
camped at Rimmon Perez.

[20] They departed from Rimmon Perez
and camped at Libnah.
[21] They moved from Libnah and camped
at Rissah.
[22] They journeyed from Rissah and
camped at Kehelathah.
[23] They went from Kehelathah and
camped at Mount Shepher.
[24] They moved from Mount Shepher
and camped at Haradah.
[25] They moved from Haradah and
camped at Makheloth.
[26] They moved from Makheloth and
camped at Tahath.
[27] They departed from Tahath and
camped at Terah.
[28] They moved from Terah and camped
at Mithkah.
[29] They went from Mithkah and camped
at Hashmonah.
[30] They departed from Hashmonah and
camped at Moseroth.

31 They departed from Moseroth and
camped at Bene Jaakan.
32 They moved from Bene Jaakan and
camped at Hor Hagidgad.
33 They went from Hor Hagidgad and
camped at Jotbathah.
34 They moved from Jotbathah and
camped at Abronah.
35 They departed from Abronah and
camped at Ezion Geber.
36 They moved from Ezion Geber and
camped in the Wilderness of Zin, which
is Kadesh.
37 They moved from Kadesh and
camped at Mount Hor, on the boundary
of the land of Edom.
38 Then Aaron the priest went up to
Mount Hor at the command of the LORD,
and died there in the fortieth year after
the children of Israel had come out of
the land of Egypt, on the first day of the
fifth month.

39 Aaron was one hundred and twenty–
three years old when he died on Mount
Hor.
40 Now the king of Arad, the Canaanite,
who dwelt in the South in the land of
Canaan, heard of the coming of the
children of Israel.
41 So they departed from Mount Hor
and camped at Zalmonah.
42 They departed from Zalmonah and
camped at Punon.
43 They departed from Punon and
camped at Oboth.
44 They departed from Oboth and
camped at Ije Abarim, at the border of
Moab.
45 They departed from Ijim and camped
at Dibon Gad.
46 They moved from Dibon Gad and
camped at Almon Diblathaim.

47 They moved from Almon Diblathaim
and camped in the mountains of Abarim,
before Nebo.
48 They departed from the mountains
of Abarim and camped in the plains of
Moab by the Jordan, across from Jericho.
49 They camped by the Jordan, from
Beth Jesimoth as far as the Abel Acacia
Grove in the plains of Moab.
50 Now the LORD spoke to Moses in the
plains of Moab by the Jordan, across
from Jericho, saying,
51 "Speak to the children of Israel, and
say to them: ‘When you have crossed
the Jordan into the land of Canaan,
52 ‘then you shall drive out all the
inhabitants of the land from before
you, destroy all their engraved stones,
destroy all their molded images, and
demolish all their high places;

53 'you shall dispossess the inhabitants
of the land and dwell in it, for I have
given you the land to possess.
54 'And you shall divide the land by lot
as an inheritance among your families;
to the larger you shall give a larger
inheritance, and to the smaller you
shall give a smaller inheritance; there
everyone's inheritance shall be whatever
falls to him by lot. You shall inherit
according to the tribes of your fathers.
55 'But if you do not drive out the
inhabitants of the land from before you,
then it shall be that those whom you
let remain shall be irritants in your eyes
and thorns in your sides, and they shall
harass you in the land where you dwell.
56 'Moreover it shall be that I will do to
you as I thought to do to them.'"

34 1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,

2 "Command the children of Israel, and
say to them: 'When you come into the
land of Canaan, this is the land that shall
fall to you as an inheritance—the land of
Canaan to its boundaries.
3 'Your southern border shall be from
the Wilderness of Zin along the border
of Edom; then your southern border
shall extend eastward to the end of the
Salt Sea;
4 'your border shall turn from the
southern side of the Ascent of Akrabbim,
continue to Zin, and be on the south of
Kadesh Barnea; then it shall go on to
Hazar Addar, and continue to Azmon;
5 'the border shall turn from Azmon to
the Brook of Egypt, and it shall end at
the Sea.
6 'As for the western border, you shall
have the Great Sea for a border; this
shall be your western border.

7 'And this shall be your northern
border: From the Great Sea you shall
mark out your border line to Mount Hor;
8 'from Mount Hor you shall mark out
your border to the entrance of Hamath;
then the direction of the border shall be
toward Zedad;
9 'the border shall proceed to Ziphron,
and it shall end at Hazar Enan. This shall
be your northern border.
10 'You shall mark out your eastern
border from Hazar Enan to Shepham;
11 'the border shall go down from
Shepham to Riblah on the east side
of Ain; the border shall go down and
reach to the eastern side of the Sea of
Chinnereth;
12 'the border shall go down along
the Jordan, and it shall end at the Salt
Sea. This shall be your land with its
surrounding boundaries.'"

13 Then Moses commanded the
children of Israel, saying: "This is the
land which you shall inherit by lot, which
the LORD has commanded to give to the
nine tribes and to the half–tribe.
14 "For the tribe of the children of
Reuben according to the house of their
fathers, and the tribe of the children
of Gad according to the house of their
fathers, have received their inheritance;
and the half–tribe of Manasseh has
received its inheritance.
15 "The two tribes and the half–tribe
have received their inheritance on this
side of the Jordan, across from Jericho
eastward, toward the sunrise."
16 And the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
17 "These are the names of the men
who shall divide the land among you as
an inheritance: Eleazar the priest and
Joshua the son of Nun.

18 "And you shall take one leader of
every tribe to divide the land for the
inheritance.
19 "These are the names of the men:
from the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of
Jephunneh;
20 "from the tribe of the children of
Simeon, Shemuel the son of Ammihud;
21 "from the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad
the son of Chislon;
22 "a leader from the tribe of the
children of Dan, Bukki the son of Jogli;
23 "from the sons of Joseph: a leader
from the tribe of the children of
Manasseh, Hanniel the son of Ephod,
24 "and a leader from the tribe of the
children of Ephraim, Kemuel the son of
Shiphtan;
25 "a leader from the tribe of the
children of Zebulun, Elizaphan the son of
Parnach;

26 "a leader from the tribe of the
children of Issachar, Paltiel the son of
Azzan;
27 "a leader from the tribe of the
children of Asher, Ahihud the son of
Shelomi;
28 "and a leader from the tribe of the
children of Naphtali, Pedahel the son of
Ammihud."
29 These are the ones the LORD
commanded to divide the inheritance
among the children of Israel in the land
of Canaan.

35 1 And the LORD spoke to Moses in
the plains of Moab by the Jordan
across from Jericho, saying:
2 "Command the children of Israel that
they give the Levites cities to dwell in
from the inheritance of their possession,
and you shall also give the Levites
common–land around the cities.

3 "They shall have the cities to dwell
in; and their common–land shall be for
their cattle, for their herds, and for all
their animals.
4 "The common–land of the cities which
you shall give the Levites shall extend
from the wall of the city outward a
thousand cubits all around.
5 "And you shall measure outside the
city on the east side two thousand
cubits, on the south side two thousand
cubits, on the west side two thousand
cubits, and on the north side two
thousand cubits. The city shall be in the
middle. This shall belong to them as
common–land for the cities.
6 "Now among the cities which you will
give to the Levites you shall appoint six
cities of refuge, to which a manslayer
may flee. And to these you shall add
forty–two cities.

7 "So all the cities you will give to the
Levites shall be forty–eight; these you
shall give with their common–land.
8 "And the cities which you will give
shall be from the possession of the
children of Israel; from the larger tribe
you shall give many, from the smaller
you shall give few. Each shall give some
of its cities to the Levites, in proportion
to the inheritance that each receives."
9 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,
saying,
10 "Speak to the children of Israel, and
say to them: 'When you cross the Jordan
into the land of Canaan,
11 'then you shall appoint cities
to be cities of refuge for you, that
the manslayer who kills any person
accidentally may flee there.
12 'They shall be cities of refuge for you
from the avenger, that the manslayer

may not die until he stands before the
congregation in judgment.
13 'And of the cities which you give, you
shall have six cities of refuge.
14 'You shall appoint three cities on
this side of the Jordan, and three cities
you shall appoint in the land of Canaan,
which will be cities of refuge.
15 'These six cities shall be for refuge for
the children of Israel, for the stranger,
and for the sojourner among them, that
anyone who kills a person accidentally
may flee there.
16 'But if he strikes him with an iron
implement, so that he dies, he is a
murderer; the murderer shall surely be
put to death.
17 'And if he strikes him with a stone in
the hand, by which one could die, and he
does die, he is a murderer; the murderer
shall surely be put to death.

18 ‘Or if he strikes him with a wooden
hand weapon, by which one could die,
and he does die, he is a murderer; the
murderer shall surely be put to death.
19 ‘The avenger of blood himself shall
put the murderer to death; when he
meets him, he shall put him to death.
20 ‘If he pushes him out of hatred or,
while lying in wait, hurls something at
him so that he dies,
21 ‘or in enmity he strikes him with his
hand so that he dies, the one who struck
him shall surely be put to death. He is a
murderer. The avenger of blood shall put
the murderer to death when he meets
him.
22 ‘However, if he pushes him suddenly
without enmity, or throws anything at
him without lying in wait,
23 ‘or uses a stone, by which a man
could die, throwing it at him without

seeing him, so that he dies, while he was
not his enemy or seeking his harm,
24 'then the congregation shall judge
between the manslayer and the avenger
of blood according to these judgments.
25 'So the congregation shall deliver the
manslayer from the hand of the avenger
of blood, and the congregation shall
return him to the city of refuge where
he had fled, and he shall remain there
until the death of the high priest who
was anointed with the holy oil.
26 'But if the manslayer at any time goes
outside the limits of the city of refuge
where he fled,
27 'and the avenger of blood finds
him outside the limits of his city of
refuge, and the avenger of blood kills
the manslayer, he shall not be guilty of
blood,
28 'because he should have remained in
his city of refuge until the death of the

high priest. But after the death of the
high priest the manslayer may return to
the land of his possession.
29 ‘And these things shall be a statute
of judgment to you throughout your
generations in all your dwellings.
30 ‘Whoever kills a person, the murderer
shall be put to death on the testimony
of witnesses; but one witness is not
sufficient testimony against a person for
the death penalty.
31 ‘Moreover you shall take no ransom
for the life of a murderer who is guilty
of death, but he shall surely be put to
death.
32 ‘And you shall take no ransom for him
who has fled to his city of refuge, that he
may return to dwell in the land before
the death of the priest.
33 ‘So you shall not pollute the land
where you are; for blood defiles the
land, and no atonement can be made for

the land, for the blood that is shed on it,
except by the blood of him who shed it.
34 ‘Therefore do not defile the land
which you inhabit, in the midst of which
I dwell; for I the LORD dwell among the
children of Israel.’"

36

1 Now the chief fathers of the
families of the children of Gilead
the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh,
of the families of the sons of Joseph,
came near and spoke before Moses and
before the leaders, the chief fathers of
the children of Israel.
2 And they said: "The LORD commanded
my lord Moses to give the land as an
inheritance by lot to the children of
Israel, and my lord was commanded by
the LORD to give the inheritance of our
brother Zelophehad to his daughters.
3 "Now if they are married to any of
the sons of the other tribes of the
children of Israel, then their inheritance

will be taken from the inheritance of
our fathers, and it will be added to the
inheritance of the tribe into which they
marry; so it will be taken from the lot of
our inheritance.
4 "And when the Jubilee of the children
of Israel comes, then their inheritance
will be added to the inheritance of the
tribe into which they marry; so their
inheritance will be taken away from the
inheritance of the tribe of our fathers."
5 Then Moses commanded the children
of Israel according to the word of the
LORD, saying: "What the tribe of the
sons of Joseph speaks is right.
6 "This is what the LORD commands
concerning the daughters of Zelophehad,
saying, 'Let them marry whom they think
best, but they may marry only within the
family of their father's tribe.'
7 "So the inheritance of the children of
Israel shall not change hands from tribe

to tribe, for every one of the children of
Israel shall keep the inheritance of the
tribe of his fathers.
8 "And every daughter who possesses
an inheritance in any tribe of the children
of Israel shall be the wife of one of the
family of her father's tribe, so that the
children of Israel each may possess the
inheritance of his fathers.
9 "Thus no inheritance shall change
hands from one tribe to another, but
every tribe of the children of Israel shall
keep its own inheritance."
10 Just as the LORD commanded Moses,
so did the daughters of Zelophehad;
11 for Mahlah, Tirzah, Hoglah, Milcah,
and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad,
were married to the sons of their father's
brothers.
12 They were married into the families
of the children of Manasseh the son of

Joseph, and their inheritance remained in the tribe of their father's family.
13 These are the commandments and the judgments which the LORD commanded the children of Israel by the hand of Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan, across from Jericho.

Deuteronomy

1 [1] These are the words which Moses
spoke to all Israel on this side of the
Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain
opposite Suph, between Paran, Tophel,
Laban, Hazeroth, and Dizahab.
[2] It is eleven days' journey from Horeb
by way of Mount Seir to Kadesh Barnea.
[3] Now it came to pass in the fortieth
year, in the eleventh month, on the first
day of the month, that Moses spoke
to the children of Israel according to
all that the LORD had given him as
commandments to them,
[4] after he had killed Sihon king of the
Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and Og
king of Bashan, who dwelt at Ashtaroth
in Edrei.

5 On this side of the Jordan in the land
of Moab, Moses began to explain this
law, saying,
6 "The LORD our God spoke to us in
Horeb, saying: 'You have dwelt long
enough at this mountain.
7 'Turn and take your journey, and go
to the mountains of the Amorites, to all
the neighboring places in the plain, in
the mountains and in the lowland, in the
South and on the seacoast, to the land
of the Canaanites and to Lebanon, as far
as the great river, the River Euphrates.
8 'See, I have set the land before you; go
in and possess the land which the LORD
swore to your fathers—to Abraham,
Isaac, and Jacob—to give to them and
their descendants after them.'
9 "And I spoke to you at that time,
saying: 'I alone am not able to bear you.

10 ‘The LORD your God has multiplied
you, and here you are today, as the stars
of heaven in multitude.
11 ‘May the LORD God of your fathers
make you a thousand times more
numerous than you are, and bless you as
He has promised you!
12 ‘How can I alone bear your problems
and your burdens and your complaints?
13 ‘Choose wise, understanding, and
knowledgeable men from among your
tribes, and I will make them heads over
you.’
14 "And you answered me and said,
‘The thing which you have told us to do
is good.’
15 "So I took the heads of your tribes,
wise and knowledgeable men, and
made them heads over you, leaders of
thousands, leaders of hundreds, leaders
of fifties, leaders of tens, and officers for
your tribes.

16 "Then I commanded your judges
at that time, saying, ‘Hear the cases
between your brethren, and judge
righteously between a man and his
brother or the stranger who is with him.
17 ‘You shall not show partiality in
judgment; you shall hear the small as
well as the great; you shall not be afraid
in any man’s presence, for the judgment
is God’s. The case that is too hard for
you, bring to me, and I will hear it.’
18 "And I commanded you at that time
all the things which you should do.
19 "So we departed from Horeb, and
went through all that great and terrible
wilderness which you saw on the way to
the mountains of the Amorites, as the
LORD our God had commanded us. Then
we came to Kadesh Barnea.
20 "And I said to you, ‘You have come to
the mountains of the Amorites, which
the LORD our God is giving us.

21 ‘Look, the LORD your God has set the
land before you; go up and possess it, as
the LORD God of your fathers has spoken
to you; do not fear or be discouraged.’
22 "And everyone of you came near to
me and said, ‘Let us send men before us,
and let them search out the land for us,
and bring back word to us of the way by
which we should go up, and of the cities
into which we shall come.’
23 "The plan pleased me well; so I took
twelve of your men, one man from each
tribe.
24 "And they departed and went up into
the mountains, and came to the Valley
of Eshcol, and spied it out.
25 "They also took some of the fruit of
the land in their hands and brought it
down to us; and they brought back word
to us, saying, ‘It is a good land which the
LORD our God is giving us.’

26 "Nevertheless you would not go up,
but rebelled against the command of the
LORD your God;
27 "and you complained in your tents,
and said, ‘Because the LORD hates us,
He has brought us out of the land of
Egypt to deliver us into the hand of the
Amorites, to destroy us.
28 ‘Where can we go up? Our brethren
have discouraged our hearts, saying,
"The people are greater and taller than
we; the cities are great and fortified up
to heaven; moreover we have seen the
sons of the Anakim there."’
29 "Then I said to you, ‘Do not be
terrified, or afraid of them.
30 ‘The LORD your God, who goes
before you, He will fight for you,
according to all He did for you in Egypt
before your eyes,
31 ‘and in the wilderness where you saw
how the LORD your God carried you, as

a man carries his son, in all the way that
you went until you came to this place.'
32 "Yet, for all that, you did not believe
the LORD your God,
33 "who went in the way before you to
search out a place for you to pitch your
tents, to show you the way you should
go, in the fire by night and in the cloud
by day.
34 "And the LORD heard the sound of
your words, and was angry, and took an
oath, saying,
35 'Surely not one of these men of this
evil generation shall see that good land
of which I swore to give to your fathers,
36 'except Caleb the son of Jephunneh;
he shall see it, and to him and his
children I am giving the land on which
he walked, because he wholly followed
the LORD.'

37 "The LORD was also angry with me
for your sakes, saying, ‘Even you shall
not go in there;
38 ‘Joshua the son of Nun, who stands
before you, he shall go in there.
Encourage him, for he shall cause Israel
to inherit it.
39 ‘Moreover your little ones and your
children, who you say will be victims,
who today have no knowledge of good
and evil, they shall go in there; to them I
will give it, and they shall possess it.
40 ‘But as for you, turn and take your
journey into the wilderness by the Way
of the Red Sea.’
41 "Then you answered and said to me,
‘We have sinned against the LORD; we
will go up and fight, just as the LORD
our God commanded us.’ And when
everyone of you had girded on his
weapons of war, you were ready to go
up into the mountain.

42 "And the LORD said to me, ‘Tell them,
"Do not go up nor fight, for I am not
among you; lest you be defeated before
your enemies."’
43 "So I spoke to you; yet you would not
listen, but rebelled against the command
of the LORD, and presumptuously went
up into the mountain.
44 "And the Amorites who dwelt in that
mountain came out against you and
chased you as bees do, and drove you
back from Seir to Hormah.
45 "Then you returned and wept before
the LORD, but the LORD would not listen
to your voice nor give ear to you.
46 "So you remained in Kadesh many
days, according to the days that you
spent there.

2 1 "Then we turned and journeyed
into the wilderness of the Way of the
Red Sea, as the LORD spoke to me, and
we skirted Mount Seir for many days.

2 "And the LORD spoke to me, saying:
3 'You have skirted this mountain long enough; turn northward.
4 'And command the people, saying, "You are about to pass through the territory of your brethren, the descendants of Esau, who live in Seir; and they will be afraid of you. Therefore watch yourselves carefully.
5 "Do not meddle with them, for I will not give you any of their land, no, not so much as one footstep, because I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession.
6 "You shall buy food from them with money, that you may eat; and you shall also buy water from them with money, that you may drink.
7 "For the LORD your God has blessed you in all the work of your hand. He knows your trudging through this great wilderness. These forty years the LORD

your God has been with you; you have
lacked nothing."’
8 "And when we passed beyond our
brethren, the descendants of Esau who
dwell in Seir, away from the road of the
plain, away from Elath and Ezion Geber,
we turned and passed by way of the
Wilderness of Moab.
9 "Then the LORD said to me, ‘Do not
harass Moab, nor contend with them in
battle, for I will not give you any of their
land as a possession, because I have
given Ar to the descendants of Lot as a
possession.’"
10 (The Emim had dwelt there in times
past, a people as great and numerous
and tall as the Anakim.
11 They were also regarded as giants,
like the Anakim, but the Moabites call
them Emim.
12 The Horites formerly dwelt in Seir, but
the descendants of Esau dispossessed

them and destroyed them from before
them, and dwelt in their place, just as
Israel did to the land of their possession
which the LORD gave them.)
13 "‘Now rise and cross over the Valley
of the Zered.’ So we crossed over the
Valley of the Zered.
14 "And the time we took to come from
Kadesh Barnea until we crossed over
the Valley of the Zered was thirty–eight
years, until all the generation of the men
of war was consumed from the midst of
the camp, just as the LORD had sworn to
them.
15 "For indeed the hand of the LORD
was against them, to destroy them from
the midst of the camp until they were
consumed.
16 "So it was, when all the men of war
had finally perished from among the
people,
17 "that the LORD spoke to me, saying:

18 ‘This day you are to cross over at Ar,
the boundary of Moab.
19 ‘And when you come near the people
of Ammon, do not harass them or
meddle with them, for I will not give
you any of the land of the people of
Ammon as a possession, because I have
given it to the descendants of Lot as a
possession.’"
20 (That was also regarded as a land of
giants; giants formerly dwelt there. But
the Ammonites call them Zamzummim,
21 a people as great and numerous
and tall as the Anakim. But the LORD
destroyed them before them, and they
dispossessed them and dwelt in their
place,
22 just as He had done for the
descendants of Esau, who dwelt in Seir,
when He destroyed the Horites from
before them. They dispossessed them
and dwelt in their place, even to this day.

23 And the Avim, who dwelt in villages
as far as Gaza—the Caphtorim, who
came from Caphtor, destroyed them and
dwelt in their place.)
24 "'Rise, take your journey, and cross
over the River Arnon. Look, I have given
into your hand Sihon the Amorite, king
of Heshbon, and his land. Begin to
possess it, and engage him in battle.
25 'This day I will begin to put the dread
and fear of you upon the nations under
the whole heaven, who shall hear the
report of you, and shall tremble and be
in anguish because of you.'
26 "And I sent messengers from the
Wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon king of
Heshbon, with words of peace, saying,
27 'Let me pass through your land; I will
keep strictly to the road, and I will turn
neither to the right nor to the left.
28 'You shall sell me food for money,
that I may eat, and give me water for

money, that I may drink; only let me pass
through on foot,
29 'just as the descendants of Esau who
dwell in Seir and the Moabites who
dwell in Ar did for me, until I cross the
Jordan to the land which the LORD our
God is giving us.'
30 "But Sihon king of Heshbon would
not let us pass through, for the LORD
your God hardened his spirit and made
his heart obstinate, that He might deliver
him into your hand, as it is this day.
31 "And the LORD said to me, 'See, I
have begun to give Sihon and his land
over to you. Begin to possess it, that you
may inherit his land.'
32 "Then Sihon and all his people came
out against us to fight at Jahaz.
33 "And the LORD our God delivered
him over to us; so we defeated him, his
sons, and all his people.

34 "We took all his cities at that time,
and we utterly destroyed the men,
women, and little ones of every city; we
left none remaining.
35 "We took only the livestock as
plunder for ourselves, with the spoil of
the cities which we took.
36 "From Aroer, which is on the bank of
the River Arnon, and from the city that is
in the ravine, as far as Gilead, there was
not one city too strong for us; the LORD
our God delivered all to us.
37 "Only you did not go near the land of
the people of Ammon—anywhere along
the River Jabbok, or to the cities of the
mountains, or wherever the LORD our
God had forbidden us.

3

1 "Then we turned and went up
the road to Bashan; and Og king of
Bashan came out against us, he and all
his people, to battle at Edrei.

2 "And the LORD said to me, ‘Do not
fear him, for I have delivered him and
all his people and his land into your
hand; you shall do to him as you did to
Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at
Heshbon.’
3 "So the LORD our God also delivered
into our hands Og king of Bashan, with
all his people, and we attacked him until
he had no survivors remaining.
4 "And we took all his cities at that
time; there was not a city which we did
not take from them: sixty cities, all the
region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in
Bashan.
5 "All these cities were fortified with
high walls, gates, and bars, besides a
great many rural towns.
6 "And we utterly destroyed them,
as we did to Sihon king of Heshbon,
utterly destroying the men, women, and
children of every city.

7 "But all the livestock and the spoil of
the cities we took as booty for ourselves.
8 "And at that time we took the land
from the hand of the two kings of the
Amorites who were on this side of the
Jordan, from the River Arnon to Mount
Hermon
9 ‘(the Sidonians call Hermon Sirion,
and the Amorites call it Senir),
10 "all the cities of the plain, all Gilead,
and all Bashan, as far as Salcah and Edrei,
cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.
11 "For only Og king of Bashan remained
of the remnant of the giants. Indeed his
bedstead was an iron bedstead. (Is it not
in Rabbah of the people of Ammon?)
Nine cubits is its length and four cubits
its width, according to the standard
cubit.
12 "And this land, which we possessed
at that time, from Aroer, which is by the
River Arnon, and half the mountains

of Gilead and its cities, I gave to the
Reubenites and the Gadites.
13 "The rest of Gilead, and all Bashan,
the kingdom of Og, I gave to half the
tribe of Manasseh. (All the region of
Argob, with all Bashan, was called the
land of the giants.
14 "Jair the son of Manasseh took all
the region of Argob, as far as the border
of the Geshurites and the Maachathites,
and called Bashan after his own name,
Havoth Jair, to this day.)
15 "Also I gave Gilead to Machir.
16 "And to the Reubenites and the
Gadites I gave from Gilead as far as the
River Arnon, the middle of the river as
the border, as far as the River Jabbok,
the border of the people of Ammon;
17 "the plain also, with the Jordan as
the border, from Chinnereth as far as the
east side of the Sea of the Arabah (the
Salt Sea), below the slopes of Pisgah.

18 "Then I commanded you at that time,
saying: 'The LORD your God has given
you this land to possess. All you men of
valor shall cross over armed before your
brethren, the children of Israel.
19 'But your wives, your little ones, and
your livestock (I know that you have
much livestock) shall stay in your cities
which I have given you,
20 'until the LORD has given rest to your
brethren as to you, and they also possess
the land which the LORD your God is
giving them beyond the Jordan. Then
each of you may return to his possession
which I have given you.'
21 "And I commanded Joshua at that
time, saying, 'Your eyes have seen all
that the LORD your God has done to
these two kings; so will the LORD do
to all the kingdoms through which you
pass.

22 'You must not fear them, for the
LORD your God Himself fights for you.'
23 "Then I pleaded with the LORD at
that time, saying:
24 'O Lord GOD, You have begun to show
Your servant Your greatness and Your
mighty hand, for what god is there in
heaven or on earth who can do anything
like Your works and Your mighty deeds?
25 'I pray, let me cross over and see
the good land beyond the Jordan, those
pleasant mountains, and Lebanon.'
26 "But the LORD was angry with me
on your account, and would not listen
to me. So the LORD said to me: 'Enough
of that! Speak no more to Me of this
matter.
27 'Go up to the top of Pisgah, and lift
your eyes toward the west, the north,
the south, and the east; behold it with
your eyes, for you shall not cross over
this Jordan.

28 'But command Joshua, and
encourage him and strengthen him; for
he shall go over before this people, and
he shall cause them to inherit the land
which you will see.'
29 "So we stayed in the valley opposite
Beth Peor.

4

1 "Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes
and the judgments which I teach you
to observe, that you may live, and go in
and possess the land which the LORD
God of your fathers is giving you.
2 "You shall not add to the word which I
command you, nor take from it, that you
may keep the commandments of the
LORD your God which I command you.
3 "Your eyes have seen what the LORD
did at Baal Peor; for the LORD your God
has destroyed from among you all the
men who followed Baal of Peor.

4 "But you who held fast to the LORD
your God are alive today, every one of
you.
5 "Surely I have taught you statutes and
judgments, just as the LORD my God
commanded me, that you should act
according to them in the land which you
go to possess.
6 "Therefore be careful to observe
them; for this is your wisdom and your
understanding in the sight of the peoples
who will hear all these statutes, and say,
'Surely this great nation is a wise and
understanding people.'
7 "For what great nation is there that
has God so near to it, as the LORD our
God is to us, for whatever reason we
may call upon Him?
8 "And what great nation is there
that has such statutes and righteous
judgments as are in all this law which I
set before you this day?

9 "Only take heed to yourself, and
diligently keep yourself, lest you forget
the things your eyes have seen, and lest
they depart from your heart all the days
of your life. And teach them to your
children and your grandchildren,
10 "especially concerning the day you
stood before the LORD your God in
Horeb, when the LORD said to me,
‘Gather the people to Me, and I will let
them hear My words, that they may
learn to fear Me all the days they live on
the earth, and that they may teach their
children.’
11 "Then you came near and stood
at the foot of the mountain, and the
mountain burned with fire to the midst
of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and
thick darkness.
12 "And the LORD spoke to you out
of the midst of the fire. You heard the

sound of the words, but saw no form;
you only heard a voice.
13 "So He declared to you His covenant
which He commanded you to perform,
the Ten Commandments; and He wrote
them on two tablets of stone.
14 "And the LORD commanded me at
that time to teach you statutes and
judgments, that you might observe
them in the land which you cross over to
possess.
15 "Take careful heed to yourselves, for
you saw no form when the LORD spoke
to you at Horeb out of the midst of the
fire,
16 "lest you act corruptly and make for
yourselves a carved image in the form
of any figure: the likeness of male or
female,
17 "the likeness of any animal that is on
the earth or the likeness of any winged
bird that flies in the air,

18 "the likeness of anything that creeps
on the ground or the likeness of any fish
that is in the water beneath the earth.
19 "And take heed, lest you lift your eyes
to heaven, and when you see the sun,
the moon, and the stars, all the host of
heaven, you feel driven to worship them
and serve them, which the LORD your
God has given to all the peoples under
the whole heaven as a heritage.
20 "But the LORD has taken you and
brought you out of the iron furnace,
out of Egypt, to be His people, an
inheritance, as you are this day.
21 "Furthermore the LORD was angry
with me for your sakes, and swore that
I would not cross over the Jordan, and
that I would not enter the good land
which the LORD your God is giving you
as an inheritance.

22 "But I must die in this land, I must
not cross over the Jordan; but you shall
cross over and possess that good land.
23 "Take heed to yourselves, lest you
forget the covenant of the LORD your
God which He made with you, and make
for yourselves a carved image in the
form of anything which the LORD your
God has forbidden you.
24 "For the LORD your God is a
consuming fire, a jealous God.
25 "When you beget children and
grandchildren and have grown old in
the land, and act corruptly and make a
carved image in the form of anything,
and do evil in the sight of the LORD your
God to provoke Him to anger,
26 "I call heaven and earth to witness
against you this day, that you will soon
utterly perish from the land which you
cross over the Jordan to possess; you

will not prolong your days in it, but will
be utterly destroyed.
27 "And the LORD will scatter you
among the peoples, and you will be left
few in number among the nations where
the LORD will drive you.
28 "And there you will serve gods, the
work of men’s hands, wood and stone,
which neither see nor hear nor eat nor
smell.
29 "But from there you will seek the
LORD your God, and you will find Him
if you seek Him with all your heart and
with all your soul.
30 "When you are in distress, and all
these things come upon you in the latter
days, when you turn to the LORD your
God and obey His voice
31 ‘(for the LORD your God is a merciful
God), He will not forsake you nor destroy
you, nor forget the covenant of your
fathers which He swore to them.

32 "For ask now concerning the days
that are past, which were before you,
since the day that God created man
on the earth, and ask from one end of
heaven to the other, whether any great
thing like this has happened, or anything
like it has been heard.
33 "Did any people ever hear the voice
of God speaking out of the midst of the
fire, as you have heard, and live?
34 "Or did God ever try to go and take
for Himself a nation from the midst
of another nation, by trials, by signs,
by wonders, by war, by a mighty hand
and an outstretched arm, and by great
terrors, according to all that the LORD
your God did for you in Egypt before
your eyes?
35 "To you it was shown, that you might
know that the LORD Himself is God;
there is none other besides Him.

36 "Out of heaven He let you hear His
voice, that He might instruct you; on
earth He showed you His great fire, and
you heard His words out of the midst of
the fire.
37 "And because He loved your fathers,
therefore He chose their descendants
after them; and He brought you out of
Egypt with His Presence, with His mighty
power,
38 "driving out from before you nations
greater and mightier than you, to bring
you in, to give you their land as an
inheritance, as it is this day.
39 "Therefore know this day, and
consider it in your heart, that the LORD
Himself is God in heaven above and on
the earth beneath; there is no other.
40 "You shall therefore keep His
statutes and His commandments which I
command you today, that it may go well
with you and with your children after

you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which the LORD your God is giving you for all time."

41 Then Moses set apart three cities on this side of the Jordan, toward the rising of the sun,

42 that the manslayer might flee there, who kills his neighbor unintentionally, without having hated him in time past, and that by fleeing to one of these cities he might live:

43 Bezer in the wilderness on the plateau for the Reubenites, Ramoth in Gilead for the Gadites, and Golan in Bashan for the Manassites.

44 Now this is the law which Moses set before the children of Israel.

45 These are the testimonies, the statutes, and the judgments which Moses spoke to the children of Israel after they came out of Egypt,

46 on this side of the Jordan, in the
valley opposite Beth Peor, in the land of
Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at
Heshbon, whom Moses and the children
of Israel defeated after they came out of
Egypt.
47 And they took possession of his land
and the land of Og king of Bashan, two
kings of the Amorites, who were on this
side of the Jordan, toward the rising of
the sun,
48 from Aroer, which is on the bank of
the River Arnon, even to Mount Sion
(that is, Hermon),
49 and all the plain on the east side
of the Jordan as far as the Sea of the
Arabah, below the slopes of Pisgah.

5 1 And Moses called all Israel, and said
to them: "Hear, O Israel, the statutes
and judgments which I speak in your
hearing today, that you may learn them
and be careful to observe them.

2 "The LORD our God made a covenant
with us in Horeb.
3 "The LORD did not make this covenant
with our fathers, but with us, those who
are here today, all of us who are alive.
4 "The LORD talked with you face to
face on the mountain from the midst of
the fire.
5 "I stood between the LORD and you at
that time, to declare to you the word of
the LORD; for you were afraid because
of the fire, and you did not go up the
mountain. He said:
6 'I am the LORD your God who brought
you out of the land of Egypt, out of the
house of bondage.
7 'You shall have no other gods before
Me.
8 'You shall not make for yourself a
carved image—any likeness of anything
that is in heaven above, or that is in the

earth beneath, or that is in the water
under the earth;
9 you shall not bow down to them nor
serve them. For I, the LORD your God,
am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity
of the fathers upon the children to the
third and fourth generations of those
who hate Me,
10 but showing mercy to thousands,
to those who love Me and keep My
commandments.
11 'You shall not take the name of the
LORD your God in vain, for the LORD
will not hold him guiltless who takes His
name in vain.
12 'Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it
holy, as the LORD your God commanded
you.
13 Six days you shall labor and do all
your work,
14 but the seventh day is the Sabbath
of the LORD your God. In it you shall do

no work: you, nor your son, nor your
daughter, nor your male servant, nor
your female servant, nor your ox, nor
your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor
your stranger who is within your gates,
that your male servant and your female
servant may rest as well as you.
15 And remember that you were a slave
in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your
God brought you out from there by a
mighty hand and by an outstretched
arm; therefore the LORD your God
commanded you to keep the Sabbath
day.
16 ‘Honor your father and your mother,
as the LORD your God has commanded
you, that your days may be long, and
that it may be well with you in the land
which the LORD your God is giving you.
17 ‘You shall not murder.
18 ‘You shall not commit adultery.
19 ‘You shall not steal.

[20] 'You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.
[21] 'You shall not covet your neighbor's
wife; and you shall not desire your
neighbor's house, his field, his male
servant, his female servant, his ox,
his donkey, or anything that is your
neighbor's.'
[22] "These words the LORD spoke to all
your assembly, in the mountain from
the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the
thick darkness, with a loud voice; and He
added no more. And He wrote them on
two tablets of stone and gave them to
me.
[23] "So it was, when you heard the voice
from the midst of the darkness, while
the mountain was burning with fire, that
you came near to me, all the heads of
your tribes and your elders.
[24] "And you said: 'Surely the LORD our
God has shown us His glory and His

greatness, and we have heard His voice
from the midst of the fire. We have seen
this day that God speaks with man; yet
he still lives.
25 ‘Now therefore, why should we die?
For this great fire will consume us; if
we hear the voice of the LORD our God
anymore, then we shall die.
26 ‘For who is there of all flesh who
has heard the voice of the living God
speaking from the midst of the fire, as
we have, and lived?
27 ‘You go near and hear all that the
LORD our God may say, and tell us all
that the LORD our God says to you, and
we will hear and do it.’
28 "Then the LORD heard the voice of
your words when you spoke to me, and
the LORD said to me: ‘I have heard the
voice of the words of this people which
they have spoken to you. They are right
in all that they have spoken.

29 'Oh, that they had such a heart
in them that they would fear Me and
always keep all My commandments, that
it might be well with them and with their
children forever!
30 'Go and say to them, "Return to your
tents."
31 'But as for you, stand here by
Me, and I will speak to you all the
commandments, the statutes, and the
judgments which you shall teach them,
that they may observe them in the land
which I am giving them to possess.'
32 "Therefore you shall be careful to do
as the LORD your God has commanded
you; you shall not turn aside to the right
hand or to the left.
33 "You shall walk in all the ways which
the LORD your God has commanded
you, that you may live and that it may be
well with you, and that you may prolong

your days in the land which you shall
possess.

6

1 "Now this is the commandment,
and these are the statutes and
judgments which the LORD your God has
commanded to teach you, that you may
observe them in the land which you are
crossing over to possess,
2 "that you may fear the LORD your
God, to keep all His statutes and His
commandments which I command you,
you and your son and your grandson, all
the days of your life, and that your days
may be prolonged.
3 "Therefore hear, O Israel, and be
careful to observe it, that it may be well
with you, and that you may multiply
greatly as the LORD God of your fathers
has promised you—'a land flowing with
milk and honey.'
4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the
LORD is one!

5 "You shall love the LORD your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
and with all your strength.
6 "And these words which I command
you today shall be in your heart.
7 "You shall teach them diligently to
your children, and shall talk of them
when you sit in your house, when you
walk by the way, when you lie down, and
when you rise up.
8 "You shall bind them as a sign on
your hand, and they shall be as frontlets
between your eyes.
9 "You shall write them on the
doorposts of your house and on your
gates.
10 "So it shall be, when the LORD your
God brings you into the land of which
He swore to your fathers, to Abraham,
Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and
beautiful cities which you did not build,

11 "houses full of all good things, which
you did not fill, hewn–out wells which
you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees
which you did not plant—when you
have eaten and are full—
12 "then beware, lest you forget the
LORD who brought you out of the land
of Egypt, from the house of bondage.
13 "You shall fear the LORD your God
and serve Him, and shall take oaths in
His name.
14 "You shall not go after other gods,
the gods of the peoples who are all
around you
15 ‘(for the LORD your God is a jealous
God among you), lest the anger of the
LORD your God be aroused against you
and destroy you from the face of the
earth.
16 "You shall not tempt the LORD your
God as you tempted Him in Massah.

17 "You shall diligently keep the
commandments of the LORD your God,
His testimonies, and His statutes which
He has commanded you.
18 "And you shall do what is right and
good in the sight of the LORD, that it may
be well with you, and that you may go in
and possess the good land of which the
LORD swore to your fathers,
19 "to cast out all your enemies from
before you, as the LORD has spoken.
20 "When your son asks you in time to
come, saying, ‘What is the meaning of
the testimonies, the statutes, and the
judgments which the LORD our God has
commanded you?’
21 "then you shall say to your son: ‘We
were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, and the
LORD brought us out of Egypt with a
mighty hand;
22 ‘and the LORD showed signs and
wonders before our eyes, great and

severe, against Egypt, Pharaoh, and all
his household.
23 'Then He brought us out from there,
that He might bring us in, to give us the
land of which He swore to our fathers.
24 'And the LORD commanded us to
observe all these statutes, to fear the
LORD our God, for our good always, that
He might preserve us alive, as it is this
day.
25 'Then it will be righteousness for us,
if we are careful to observe all these
commandments before the LORD our
God, as He has commanded us.'

7 1 "When the LORD your God brings
you into the land which you go
to possess, and has cast out many
nations before you, the Hittites and the
Girgashites and the Amorites and the
Canaanites and the Perizzites and the
Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations
greater and mightier than you,

2 "and when the LORD your God
delivers them over to you, you shall
conquer them and utterly destroy them.
You shall make no covenant with them
nor show mercy to them.
3 "Nor shall you make marriages with
them. You shall not give your daughter
to their son, nor take their daughter for
your son.
4 "For they will turn your sons away
from following Me, to serve other gods;
so the anger of the LORD will be aroused
against you and destroy you suddenly.
5 "But thus you shall deal with them:
you shall destroy their altars, and break
down their sacred pillars, and cut down
their wooden images, and burn their
carved images with fire.
6 "For you are a holy people to the
LORD your God; the LORD your God has
chosen you to be a people for Himself, a

special treasure above all the peoples on
the face of the earth.
7 "The LORD did not set His love on you
nor choose you because you were more
in number than any other people, for
you were the least of all peoples;
8 "but because the LORD loves you, and
because He would keep the oath which
He swore to your fathers, the LORD has
brought you out with a mighty hand,
and redeemed you from the house of
bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king
of Egypt.
9 "Therefore know that the LORD
your God, He is God, the faithful God
who keeps covenant and mercy for a
thousand generations with those who
love Him and keep His commandments;
10 "and He repays those who hate Him
to their face, to destroy them. He will
not be slack with him who hates Him; He
will repay him to his face.

11 "Therefore you shall keep the
commandment, the statutes, and the
judgments which I command you today,
to observe them.
12 "Then it shall come to pass, because
you listen to these judgments, and keep
and do them, that the LORD your God
will keep with you the covenant and the
mercy which He swore to your fathers.
13 "And He will love you and bless you
and multiply you; He will also bless the
fruit of your womb and the fruit of your
land, your grain and your new wine and
your oil, the increase of your cattle and
the offspring of your flock, in the land of
which He swore to your fathers to give
you.
14 "You shall be blessed above all
peoples; there shall not be a male or
female barren among you or among
your livestock.

15 "And the LORD will take away from
you all sickness, and will afflict you with
none of the terrible diseases of Egypt
which you have known, but will lay them
on all those who hate you.
16 "And you shall destroy all the peoples
whom the LORD your God delivers over
to you; your eye shall have no pity on
them; nor shall you serve their gods, for
that will be a snare to you.
17 "If you should say in your heart,
'These nations are greater than I; how
can I dispossess them?' —
18 "you shall not be afraid of them, but
you shall remember well what the LORD
your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt:
19 "the great trials which your eyes saw,
the signs and the wonders, the mighty
hand and the outstretched arm, by
which the LORD your God brought you
out. So shall the LORD your God do to all
the peoples of whom you are afraid.

20 "Moreover the LORD your God will
send the hornet among them until those
who are left, who hide themselves from
you, are destroyed.
21 "You shall not be terrified of them;
for the LORD your God, the great and
awesome God, is among you.
22 "And the LORD your God will drive
out those nations before you little by
little; you will be unable to destroy
them at once, lest the beasts of the field
become too numerous for you.
23 "But the LORD your God will deliver
them over to you, and will inflict defeat
upon them until they are destroyed.
24 "And He will deliver their kings into
your hand, and you will destroy their
name from under heaven; no one shall
be able to stand against you until you
have destroyed them.
25 "You shall burn the carved images of
their gods with fire; you shall not covet

the silver or gold that is on them, nor
take it for yourselves, lest you be snared
by it; for it is an abomination to the
LORD your God.
26 "Nor shall you bring an abomination
into your house, lest you be doomed
to destruction like it. You shall utterly
detest it and utterly abhor it, for it is an
accursed thing.
8 1 "Every commandment which I
command you today you must be
careful to observe, that you may live and
multiply, and go in and possess the land
of which the LORD swore to your fathers.
2 "And you shall remember that the
LORD your God led you all the way these
forty years in the wilderness, to humble
you and test you, to know what was in
your heart, whether you would keep His
commandments or not.
3 "So He humbled you, allowed you to
hunger, and fed you with manna which

you did not know nor did your fathers
know, that He might make you know that
man shall not live by bread alone; but
man lives by every word that proceeds
from the mouth of the LORD.
4 "Your garments did not wear out on
you, nor did your foot swell these forty
years.
5 "You should know in your heart that
as a man chastens his son, so the LORD
your God chastens you.
6 "Therefore you shall keep the
commandments of the LORD your God,
to walk in His ways and to fear Him.
7 "For the LORD your God is bringing
you into a good land, a land of brooks
of water, of fountains and springs, that
flow out of valleys and hills;
8 "a land of wheat and barley, of vines
and fig trees and pomegranates, a land
of olive oil and honey;

9 "a land in which you will eat bread
without scarcity, in which you will lack
nothing; a land whose stones are iron
and out of whose hills you can dig
copper.
10 "When you have eaten and are full,
then you shall bless the LORD your God
for the good land which He has given
you.
11 "Beware that you do not forget
the LORD your God by not keeping His
commandments, His judgments, and His
statutes which I command you today,
12 "lest—when you have eaten and are
full, and have built beautiful houses and
dwell in them;
13 "and when your herds and your
flocks multiply, and your silver and your
gold are multiplied, and all that you have
is multiplied;
14 "when your heart is lifted up, and you
forget the LORD your God who brought

you out of the land of Egypt, from the
house of bondage;
15 "who led you through that great and
terrible wilderness, in which were fiery
serpents and scorpions and thirsty land
where there was no water; who brought
water for you out of the flinty rock;
16 "who fed you in the wilderness with
manna, which your fathers did not know,
that He might humble you and that He
might test you, to do you good in the
end—
17 "then you say in your heart, 'My
power and the might of my hand have
gained me this wealth.'
18 "And you shall remember the LORD
your God, for it is He who gives you
power to get wealth, that He may
establish His covenant which He swore
to your fathers, as it is this day.
19 "Then it shall be, if you by any means
forget the LORD your God, and follow

other gods, and serve them and worship
them, I testify against you this day that
you shall surely perish.
20 "As the nations which the LORD
destroys before you, so you shall perish,
because you would not be obedient to
the voice of the LORD your God.

9 1 "Hear, O Israel: You are to cross
over the Jordan today, and go in to
dispossess nations greater and mightier
than yourself, cities great and fortified
up to heaven,
2 "a people great and tall, the
descendants of the Anakim, whom you
know, and of whom you heard it said,
‘Who can stand before the descendants
of Anak?’
3 "Therefore understand today that the
LORD your God is He who goes over
before you as a consuming fire. He will
destroy them and bring them down
before you; so you shall drive them out

and destroy them quickly, as the LORD
has said to you.
4 "Do not think in your heart, after
the LORD your God has cast them out
before you, saying, ‘Because of my
righteousness the LORD has brought me
in to possess this land’; but it is because
of the wickedness of these nations that
the LORD is driving them out from before
you.
5 "It is not because of your
righteousness or the uprightness
of your heart that you go in to possess
their land, but because of the wickedness
of these nations that the LORD your God
drives them out from before you, and
that He may fulfill the word which the
LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham,
Isaac, and Jacob.
6 "Therefore understand that the
LORD your God is not giving you this
good land to possess because of your

righteousness, for you are a stiff–necked
people.
7 "Remember! Do not forget how you
provoked the LORD your God to wrath in
the wilderness. From the day that you
departed from the land of Egypt until
you came to this place, you have been
rebellious against the LORD.
8 "Also in Horeb you provoked the LORD
to wrath, so that the LORD was angry
enough with you to have destroyed you.
9 "When I went up into the mountain to
receive the tablets of stone, the tablets
of the covenant which the LORD made
with you, then I stayed on the mountain
forty days and forty nights. I neither ate
bread nor drank water.
10 "Then the LORD delivered to me two
tablets of stone written with the finger
of God, and on them were all the words
which the LORD had spoken to you on

the mountain from the midst of the fire
in the day of the assembly.
11 "And it came to pass, at the end
of forty days and forty nights, that the
LORD gave me the two tablets of stone,
the tablets of the covenant.
12 "Then the LORD said to me, ‘Arise, go
down quickly from here, for your people
whom you brought out of Egypt have
acted corruptly; they have quickly turned
aside from the way which I commanded
them; they have made themselves a
molded image.’
13 "Furthermore the LORD spoke to me,
saying, ‘I have seen this people, and
indeed they are a stiff–necked people.
14 ‘Let Me alone, that I may destroy
them and blot out their name from
under heaven; and I will make of you a
nation mightier and greater than they.’
15 "So I turned and came down from
the mountain, and the mountain burned

with fire; and the two tablets of the
covenant were in my two hands.
16 "And I looked, and behold, you had
sinned against the LORD your God—had
made for yourselves a molded calf! You
had turned aside quickly from the way
which the LORD had commanded you.
17 "Then I took the two tablets and
threw them out of my two hands and
broke them before your eyes.
18 "And I fell down before the LORD,
as at the first, forty days and forty
nights; I neither ate bread nor drank
water, because of all your sin which you
committed in doing wickedly in the sight
of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger.
19 "For I was afraid of the anger and hot
displeasure with which the LORD was
angry with you, to destroy you. But the
LORD listened to me at that time also.

20 "And the LORD was very angry with
Aaron and would have destroyed him; so
I prayed for Aaron also at the same time.
21 "Then I took your sin, the calf which
you had made, and burned it with fire
and crushed it and ground it very small,
until it was as fine as dust; and I threw
its dust into the brook that descended
from the mountain.
22 "Also at Taberah and Massah and
Kibroth Hattaavah you provoked the
LORD to wrath.
23 "Likewise, when the LORD sent you
from Kadesh Barnea, saying, ‘Go up and
possess the land which I have given
you,’ then you rebelled against the
commandment of the LORD your God,
and you did not believe Him nor obey
His voice.
24 "You have been rebellious against the
LORD from the day that I knew you.

[25] "Thus I prostrated myself before the
LORD; forty days and forty nights I kept
prostrating myself, because the LORD
had said He would destroy you.
[26] "Therefore I prayed to the LORD, and
said: ‘O Lord GOD, do not destroy Your
people and Your inheritance whom You
have redeemed through Your greatness,
whom You have brought out of Egypt
with a mighty hand.
[27] ‘Remember Your servants, Abraham,
Isaac, and Jacob; do not look on the
stubbornness of this people, or on their
wickedness or their sin,
[28] ‘lest the land from which You brought
us should say, "Because the LORD was
not able to bring them to the land which
He promised them, and because He
hated them, He has brought them out to
kill them in the wilderness."
[29] ‘Yet they are Your people and Your
inheritance, whom You brought out

by Your mighty power and by Your
outstretched arm.'

10 1 "At that time the LORD said to
me, 'Hew for yourself two tablets
of stone like the first, and come up to
Me on the mountain and make yourself
an ark of wood.

2 'And I will write on the tablets the
words that were on the first tablets,
which you broke; and you shall put them
in the ark.'

3 "So I made an ark of acacia wood,
hewed two tablets of stone like the first,
and went up the mountain, having the
two tablets in my hand.

4 "And He wrote on the tablets
according to the first writing, the Ten
Commandments, which the LORD had
spoken to you in the mountain from
the midst of the fire in the day of the
assembly; and the LORD gave them to
me.

5 "Then I turned and came down from
the mountain, and put the tablets in the
ark which I had made; and there they
are, just as the LORD commanded me."
6 (Now the children of Israel journeyed
from the wells of Bene Jaakan to
Moserah, where Aaron died, and where
he was buried; and Eleazar his son
ministered as priest in his stead.
7 From there they journeyed to
Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to
Jotbathah, a land of rivers of water.
8 At that time the LORD separated
the tribe of Levi to bear the ark of the
covenant of the LORD, to stand before
the LORD to minister to Him and to bless
in His name, to this day.
9 Therefore Levi has no portion nor
inheritance with his brethren; the LORD
is his inheritance, just as the LORD your
God promised him.)

10 "As at the first time, I stayed in the
mountain forty days and forty nights;
the LORD also heard me at that time,
and the LORD chose not to destroy you.
11 "Then the LORD said to me, ‘Arise,
begin your journey before the people,
that they may go in and possess the land
which I swore to their fathers to give
them.’
12 "And now, Israel, what does the LORD
your God require of you, but to fear the
LORD your God, to walk in all His ways
and to love Him, to serve the LORD your
God with all your heart and with all your
soul,
13 "and to keep the commandments
of the LORD and His statutes which I
command you today for your good?
14 "Indeed heaven and the highest
heavens belong to the LORD your God,
also the earth with all that is in it.

15 "The LORD delighted only in your
fathers, to love them; and He chose their
descendants after them, you above all
peoples, as it is this day.
16 "Therefore circumcise the foreskin
of your heart, and be stiff–necked no
longer.
17 "For the LORD your God is God of
gods and Lord of lords, the great God,
mighty and awesome, who shows no
partiality nor takes a bribe.
18 "He administers justice for the
fatherless and the widow, and loves the
stranger, giving him food and clothing.
19 "Therefore love the stranger, for you
were strangers in the land of Egypt.
20 "You shall fear the LORD your God;
you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall
hold fast, and take oaths in His name.
21 "He is your praise, and He is your
God, who has done for you these great

and awesome things which your eyes
have seen.
22 "Your fathers went down to Egypt
with seventy persons, and now the LORD
your God has made you as the stars of
heaven in multitude.
11 1 "Therefore you shall love the
LORD your God, and keep His
charge, His statutes, His judgments, and
His commandments always.
2 "Know today that I do not speak with
your children, who have not known and
who have not seen the chastening of the
LORD your God, His greatness and His
mighty hand and His outstretched arm—
3 "His signs and His acts which He did in
the midst of Egypt, to Pharaoh king of
Egypt, and to all his land;
4 "what He did to the army of Egypt, to
their horses and their chariots: how He
made the waters of the Red Sea overflow

them as they pursued you, and how the
LORD has destroyed them to this day;
5 "what He did for you in the wilderness
until you came to this place;
6 "and what He did to Dathan and
Abiram the sons of Eliab, the son of
Reuben: how the earth opened its
mouth and swallowed them up, their
households, their tents, and all the
substance that was in their possession,
in the midst of all Israel—
7 "but your eyes have seen every great
act of the LORD which He did.
8 "Therefore you shall keep every
commandment which I command you
today, that you may be strong, and go
in and possess the land which you cross
over to possess,
9 "and that you may prolong your days
in the land which the LORD swore to
give your fathers, to them and their

descendants, ‘a land flowing with milk
and honey.’
10 "For the land which you go to possess
is not like the land of Egypt from which
you have come, where you sowed
your seed and watered it by foot, as a
vegetable garden;
11 "but the land which you cross over
to possess is a land of hills and valleys,
which drinks water from the rain of
heaven,
12 "a land for which the LORD your God
cares; the eyes of the LORD your God are
always on it, from the beginning of the
year to the very end of the year.
13 ‘And it shall be that if you earnestly
obey My commandments which I
command you today, to love the LORD
your God and serve Him with all your
heart and with all your soul,
14 ‘then I will give you the rain for your
land in its season, the early rain and the

latter rain, that you may gather in your
grain, your new wine, and your oil.
15 ‘And I will send grass in your fields for
your livestock, that you may eat and be
filled.’
16 "Take heed to yourselves, lest your
heart be deceived, and you turn aside
and serve other gods and worship them,
17 "lest the LORD’S anger be aroused
against you, and He shut up the heavens
so that there be no rain, and the land
yield no produce, and you perish quickly
from the good land which the LORD is
giving you.
18 "Therefore you shall lay up these
words of mine in your heart and in your
soul, and bind them as a sign on your
hand, and they shall be as frontlets
between your eyes.
19 "You shall teach them to your
children, speaking of them when you sit
in your house, when you walk by the

way, when you lie down, and when you
rise up.
20 "And you shall write them on the
doorposts of your house and on your
gates,
21 "that your days and the days of your
children may be multiplied in the land of
which the LORD swore to your fathers to
give them, like the days of the heavens
above the earth.
22 "For if you carefully keep all these
commandments which I command you
to do—to love the LORD your God, to
walk in all His ways, and to hold fast to
Him—
23 "then the LORD will drive out all
these nations from before you, and you
will dispossess greater and mightier
nations than yourselves.
24 "Every place on which the sole of
your foot treads shall be yours: from
the wilderness and Lebanon, from the

river, the River Euphrates, even to the
Western Sea, shall be your territory.
25 "No man shall be able to stand
against you; the LORD your God will put
the dread of you and the fear of you
upon all the land where you tread, just
as He has said to you.
26 "Behold, I set before you today a
blessing and a curse:
27 "the blessing, if you obey the
commandments of the LORD your God
which I command you today;
28 "and the curse, if you do not obey
the commandments of the LORD your
God, but turn aside from the way which
I command you today, to go after other
gods which you have not known.
29 "Now it shall be, when the LORD
your God has brought you into the land
which you go to possess, that you shall
put the blessing on Mount Gerizim and
the curse on Mount Ebal.

30 "Are they not on the other side of
the Jordan, toward the setting sun, in
the land of the Canaanites who dwell
in the plain opposite Gilgal, beside the
terebinth trees of Moreh?
31 "For you will cross over the Jordan
and go in to possess the land which the
LORD your God is giving you, and you
will possess it and dwell in it.
32 "And you shall be careful to observe
all the statutes and judgments which I
set before you today.

12 1 "These are the statutes and
judgments which you shall be
careful to observe in the land which the
LORD God of your fathers is giving you to
possess, all the days that you live on the
earth.
2 "You shall utterly destroy all the
places where the nations which you shall
dispossess served their gods, on the high

mountains and on the hills and under
every green tree.
3 "And you shall destroy their altars,
break their sacred pillars, and burn their
wooden images with fire; you shall cut
down the carved images of their gods
and destroy their names from that place.
4 "You shall not worship the LORD your
God with such things.
5 "But you shall seek the place where
the LORD your God chooses, out of all
your tribes, to put His name for His
dwelling place; and there you shall go.
6 "There you shall take your burnt
offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes,
the heave offerings of your hand, your
vowed offerings, your freewill offerings,
and the firstborn of your herds and
flocks.
7 "And there you shall eat before the
LORD your God, and you shall rejoice in
all to which you have put your hand, you

and your households, in which the LORD
your God has blessed you.
8 "You shall not at all do as we are doing
here today—every man doing whatever
is right in his own eyes—
9 "for as yet you have not come to the
rest and the inheritance which the LORD
your God is giving you.
10 "But when you cross over the Jordan
and dwell in the land which the LORD
your God is giving you to inherit, and
He gives you rest from all your enemies
round about, so that you dwell in safety,
11 "then there will be the place where
the LORD your God chooses to make
His name abide. There you shall bring
all that I command you: your burnt
offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the
heave offerings of your hand, and all
your choice offerings which you vow to
the LORD.

12 "And you shall rejoice before the
LORD your God, you and your sons and
your daughters, your male and female
servants, and the Levite who is within
your gates, since he has no portion nor
inheritance with you.
13 "Take heed to yourself that you do
not offer your burnt offerings in every
place that you see;
14 "but in the place which the LORD
chooses, in one of your tribes, there
you shall offer your burnt offerings, and
there you shall do all that I command
you.
15 "However, you may slaughter and
eat meat within all your gates, whatever
your heart desires, according to the
blessing of the LORD your God which He
has given you; the unclean and the clean
may eat of it, of the gazelle and the deer
alike.

16 "Only you shall not eat the blood;
you shall pour it on the earth like water.
17 "You may not eat within your gates
the tithe of your grain or your new wine
or your oil, of the firstborn of your herd
or your flock, of any of your offerings
which you vow, of your freewill offerings,
or of the heave offering of your hand.
18 "But you must eat them before
the LORD your God in the place which
the LORD your God chooses, you and
your son and your daughter, your male
servant and your female servant, and
the Levite who is within your gates; and
you shall rejoice before the LORD your
God in all to which you put your hands.
19 "Take heed to yourself that you do
not forsake the Levite as long as you live
in your land.
20 "When the LORD your God enlarges
your border as He has promised you,
and you say, 'Let me eat meat,' because

you long to eat meat, you may eat as
much meat as your heart desires.
21 "If the place where the LORD your
God chooses to put His name is too
far from you, then you may slaughter
from your herd and from your flock
which the LORD has given you, just as I
have commanded you, and you may eat
within your gates as much as your heart
desires.
22 "Just as the gazelle and the deer are
eaten, so you may eat them; the unclean
and the clean alike may eat them.
23 "Only be sure that you do not eat the
blood, for the blood is the life; you may
not eat the life with the meat.
24 "You shall not eat it; you shall pour it
on the earth like water.
25 "You shall not eat it, that it may go
well with you and your children after
you, when you do what is right in the
sight of the LORD.

26 "Only the holy things which you have,
and your vowed offerings, you shall take
and go to the place which the LORD
chooses.
27 "And you shall offer your burnt
offerings, the meat and the blood, on
the altar of the LORD your God; and the
blood of your sacrifices shall be poured
out on the altar of the LORD your God,
and you shall eat the meat.
28 "Observe and obey all these words
which I command you, that it may go
well with you and your children after you
forever, when you do what is good and
right in the sight of the LORD your God.
29 "When the LORD your God cuts off
from before you the nations which you
go to dispossess, and you displace them
and dwell in their land,
30 "take heed to yourself that you are
not ensnared to follow them, after they
are destroyed from before you, and

that you do not inquire after their gods,
saying, ‘How did these nations serve
their gods? I also will do likewise.’
31 "You shall not worship the LORD your
God in that way; for every abomination
to the LORD which He hates they have
done to their gods; for they burn even
their sons and daughters in the fire to
their gods.
32 "Whatever I command you, be
careful to observe it; you shall not add
to it nor take away from it.

13 1 "If there arises among you a
prophet or a dreamer of dreams,
and he gives you a sign or a wonder,
2 "and the sign or the wonder comes to
pass, of which he spoke to you, saying,
‘Let us go after other gods’ —which
you have not known—‘and let us serve
them,’
3 "you shall not listen to the words of
that prophet or that dreamer of dreams,

for the LORD your God is testing you to
know whether you love the LORD your
God with all your heart and with all your
soul.
4 "You shall walk after the LORD
your God and fear Him, and keep His
commandments and obey His voice, and
you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him.
5 "But that prophet or that dreamer of
dreams shall be put to death, because
he has spoken in order to turn you
away from the LORD your God, who
brought you out of the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of
bondage, to entice you from the way in
which the LORD your God commanded
you to walk. So you shall put away the
evil from your midst.
6 "If your brother, the son of your
mother, your son or your daughter, the
wife of your bosom, or your friend who
is as your own soul, secretly entices you,

saying, ‘Let us go and serve other gods,’
which you have not known, neither you
nor your fathers,
7 "of the gods of the people which are
all around you, near to you or far off
from you, from one end of the earth to
the other end of the earth,
8 "you shall not consent to him or listen
to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor
shall you spare him or conceal him;
9 "but you shall surely kill him; your
hand shall be first against him to put him
to death, and afterward the hand of all
the people.
10 "And you shall stone him with stones
until he dies, because he sought to
entice you away from the LORD your
God, who brought you out of the land of
Egypt, from the house of bondage.
11 "So all Israel shall hear and fear, and
not again do such wickedness as this
among you.

12 "If you hear someone in one of your
cities, which the LORD your God gives
you to dwell in, saying,
13 ‘Corrupt men have gone out from
among you and enticed the inhabitants
of their city, saying, "Let us go and serve
other gods"’ —which you have not
known—
14 "then you shall inquire, search out,
and ask diligently. And if it is indeed true
and certain that such an abomination
was committed among you,
15 "you shall surely strike the
inhabitants of that city with the edge of
the sword—utterly destroying it, all that
is in it and its livestock, with the edge of
the sword.
16 "And you shall gather all its plunder
into the middle of the street, and
completely burn with fire the city and
all its plunder, for the LORD your God. It

shall be a heap forever; it shall not be
built again.
17 "So none of the accursed things shall
remain in your hand, that the LORD may
turn from the fierceness of His anger and
show you mercy, have compassion on
you and multiply you, just as He swore
to your fathers,
18 "because you have listened to the
voice of the LORD your God, to keep all
His commandments which I command
you today, to do what is right in the eyes
of the LORD your God.

14 1 "You are the children of the
LORD your God; you shall not cut
yourselves nor shave the front of your
head for the dead.
2 "For you are a holy people to the LORD
your God, and the LORD has chosen
you to be a people for Himself, a special
treasure above all the peoples who are
on the face of the earth.

3 "You shall not eat any detestable
thing.
4 "These are the animals which you may
eat: the ox, the sheep, the goat,
5 "the deer, the gazelle, the roe deer,
the wild goat, the mountain goat, the
antelope, and the mountain sheep.
6 "And you may eat every animal with
cloven hooves, having the hoof split
into two parts, and that chews the cud,
among the animals.
7 "Nevertheless, of those that chew the
cud or have cloven hooves, you shall not
eat, such as these: the camel, the hare,
and the rock hyrax; for they chew the
cud but do not have cloven hooves; they
are unclean for you.
8 "Also the swine is unclean for you,
because it has cloven hooves, yet does
not chew the cud; you shall not eat their
flesh or touch their dead carcasses.

9 "These you may eat of all that are in
the waters: you may eat all that have fins
and scales.
10 "And whatever does not have fins
and scales you shall not eat; it is unclean
for you.
11 "All clean birds you may eat.
12 "But these you shall not eat: the
eagle, the vulture, the buzzard,
13 "the red kite, the falcon, and the kite
after their kinds;
14 "every raven after its kind;
15 "the ostrich, the short–eared owl,
the seagull, and the hawk after their
kinds;
16 "the little owl, the screech owl, the
white owl,
17 "the jackdaw, the carrion vulture, the
fisher owl,
18 "the stork, the heron after its kind,
and the hoopoe and the bat.

19 "Also every creeping thing that flies is
unclean for you; they shall not be eaten.
20 "You may eat all clean birds.
21 "You shall not eat anything that dies
of itself; you may give it to the alien who
is within your gates, that he may eat it,
or you may sell it to a foreigner; for you
are a holy people to the LORD your God.
You shall not boil a young goat in its
mother's milk.
22 "You shall truly tithe all the increase
of your grain that the field produces year
by year.
23 "And you shall eat before the LORD
your God, in the place where He chooses
to make His name abide, the tithe of
your grain and your new wine and your
oil, of the firstborn of your herds and
your flocks, that you may learn to fear
the LORD your God always.
24 "But if the journey is too long for
you, so that you are not able to carry

the tithe, or if the place where the LORD your God chooses to put His name is too far from you, when the LORD your God has blessed you,
25 "then you shall exchange it for money, take the money in your hand, and go to the place which the LORD your God chooses.
26 "And you shall spend that money for whatever your heart desires: for oxen or sheep, for wine or similar drink, for whatever your heart desires; you shall eat there before the LORD your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your household.
27 "You shall not forsake the Levite who is within your gates, for he has no part nor inheritance with you.
28 "At the end of every third year you shall bring out the tithe of your produce of that year and store it up within your gates.

29 "And the Levite, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you, and the stranger and the fatherless and the widow who are within your gates, may come and eat and be satisfied, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.

15 1 "At the end of every seven years you shall grant a release of debts.

2 "And this is the form of the release: Every creditor who has lent anything to his neighbor shall release it; he shall not require it of his neighbor or his brother, because it is called the LORD'S release.

3 "Of a foreigner you may require it; but you shall give up your claim to what is owed by your brother,

4 "except when there may be no poor among you; for the LORD will greatly bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance—

5 "only if you carefully obey the voice
of the LORD your God, to observe with
care all these commandments which I
command you today.
6 "For the LORD your God will bless
you just as He promised you; you shall
lend to many nations, but you shall
not borrow; you shall reign over many
nations, but they shall not reign over
you.
7 "If there is among you a poor man of
your brethren, within any of the gates
in your land which the LORD your God
is giving you, you shall not harden your
heart nor shut your hand from your poor
brother,
8 "but you shall open your hand wide to
him and willingly lend him sufficient for
his need, whatever he needs.
9 "Beware lest there be a wicked
thought in your heart, saying, ‘The
seventh year, the year of release, is at

hand,’ and your eye be evil against your
poor brother and you give him nothing,
and he cry out to the LORD against you,
and it become sin among you.
10 "You shall surely give to him, and
your heart should not be grieved when
you give to him, because for this thing
the LORD your God will bless you in all
your works and in all to which you put
your hand.
11 "For the poor will never cease from
the land; therefore I command you,
saying, ‘You shall open your hand wide
to your brother, to your poor and your
needy, in your land.’
12 "If your brother, a Hebrew man, or
a Hebrew woman, is sold to you and
serves you six years, then in the seventh
year you shall let him go free from you.
13 "And when you send him away free
from you, you shall not let him go away
empty–handed;

14 "you shall supply him liberally from
your flock, from your threshing floor,
and from your winepress. From what the
LORD your God has blessed you with,
you shall give to him.
15 "You shall remember that you were a
slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD
your God redeemed you; therefore I
command you this thing today.
16 "And if it happens that he says to you,
'I will not go away from you,' because
he loves you and your house, since he
prospers with you,
17 "then you shall take an awl and
thrust it through his ear to the door,
and he shall be your servant forever.
Also to your female servant you shall do
likewise.
18 "It shall not seem hard to you when
you send him away free from you; for he
has been worth a double hired servant

in serving you six years. Then the LORD
your God will bless you in all that you do.
19 "All the firstborn males that come
from your herd and your flock you shall
sanctify to the LORD your God; you shall
do no work with the firstborn of your
herd, nor shear the firstborn of your
flock.
20 "You and your household shall eat it
before the LORD your God year by year
in the place which the LORD chooses.
21 "But if there is a defect in it, if it is
lame or blind or has any serious defect,
you shall not sacrifice it to the LORD
your God.
22 "You may eat it within your gates; the
unclean and the clean person alike may
eat it, as if it were a gazelle or a deer.
23 "Only you shall not eat its blood; you
shall pour it on the ground like water.
16 1 "Observe the month of Abib,
and keep the Passover to the

LORD your God, for in the month of Abib
the LORD your God brought you out of
Egypt by night.
2 "Therefore you shall sacrifice the
Passover to the LORD your God, from the
flock and the herd, in the place where
the LORD chooses to put His name.
3 "You shall eat no leavened bread with
it; seven days you shall eat unleavened
bread with it, that is, the bread of
affliction (for you came out of the land of
Egypt in haste), that you may remember
the day in which you came out of the
land of Egypt all the days of your life.
4 "And no leaven shall be seen among
you in all your territory for seven days,
nor shall any of the meat which you
sacrifice the first day at twilight remain
overnight until morning.
5 "You may not sacrifice the Passover
within any of your gates which the LORD
your God gives you;

6 "but at the place where the LORD your
God chooses to make His name abide,
there you shall sacrifice the Passover at
twilight, at the going down of the sun, at
the time you came out of Egypt.
7 "And you shall roast and eat it in the
place which the LORD your God chooses,
and in the morning you shall turn and go
to your tents.
8 "Six days you shall eat unleavened
bread, and on the seventh day there
shall be a sacred assembly to the LORD
your God. You shall do no work on it.
9 "You shall count seven weeks for
yourself; begin to count the seven weeks
from the time you begin to put the sickle
to the grain.
10 "Then you shall keep the Feast of
Weeks to the LORD your God with the
tribute of a freewill offering from your
hand, which you shall give as the LORD
your God blesses you.

11 "You shall rejoice before the LORD
your God, you and your son and your
daughter, your male servant and your
female servant, the Levite who is
within your gates, the stranger and
the fatherless and the widow who are
among you, at the place where the LORD
your God chooses to make His name
abide.
12 "And you shall remember that you
were a slave in Egypt, and you shall be
careful to observe these statutes.
13 "You shall observe the Feast of
Tabernacles seven days, when you have
gathered from your threshing floor and
from your winepress.
14 "And you shall rejoice in your feast,
you and your son and your daughter,
your male servant and your female
servant and the Levite, the stranger and
the fatherless and the widow, who are
within your gates.

15 "Seven days you shall keep a sacred
feast to the LORD your God in the place
which the LORD chooses, because the
LORD your God will bless you in all your
produce and in all the work of your
hands, so that you surely rejoice.
16 "Three times a year all your males
shall appear before the LORD your
God in the place which He chooses:
at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at
the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of
Tabernacles; and they shall not appear
before the LORD empty–handed.
17 "Every man shall give as he is able,
according to the blessing of the LORD
your God which He has given you.
18 "You shall appoint judges and officers
in all your gates, which the LORD your
God gives you, according to your tribes,
and they shall judge the people with just
judgment.

19 "You shall not pervert justice; you
shall not show partiality, nor take a
bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of
the wise and twists the words of the
righteous.
20 "You shall follow what is altogether
just, that you may live and inherit the
land which the LORD your God is giving
you.
21 "You shall not plant for yourself any
tree, as a wooden image, near the altar
which you build for yourself to the LORD
your God.
22 "You shall not set up a sacred pillar,
which the LORD your God hates.
17 1 "You shall not sacrifice to the
LORD your God a bull or sheep
which has any blemish or defect, for that
is an abomination to the LORD your God.
2 "If there is found among you, within
any of your gates which the LORD your
God gives you, a man or a woman who

has been wicked in the sight of the LORD
your God, in transgressing His covenant,
3 "who has gone and served other gods
and worshiped them, either the sun
or moon or any of the host of heaven,
which I have not commanded,
4 "and it is told you, and you hear of it,
then you shall inquire diligently. And if
it is indeed true and certain that such
an abomination has been committed in
Israel,
5 "then you shall bring out to your gates
that man or woman who has committed
that wicked thing, and shall stone to
death that man or woman with stones.
6 "Whoever is deserving of death shall
be put to death on the testimony of two
or three witnesses; he shall not be put to
death on the testimony of one witness.
7 "The hands of the witnesses shall
be the first against him to put him to
death, and afterward the hands of all the

people. So you shall put away the evil from among you.
8 "If a matter arises which is too hard for you to judge, between degrees of guilt for bloodshed, between one judgment or another, or between one punishment or another, matters of controversy within your gates, then you shall arise and go up to the place which the LORD your God chooses.
9 "And you shall come to the priests, the Levites, and to the judge there in those days, and inquire of them; they shall pronounce upon you the sentence of judgment.
10 "You shall do according to the sentence which they pronounce upon you in that place which the LORD chooses. And you shall be careful to do according to all that they order you.
11 "According to the sentence of the law in which they instruct you, according

to the judgment which they tell you,
you shall do; you shall not turn aside to
the right hand or to the left from the
sentence which they pronounce upon
you.
12 "Now the man who acts
presumptuously and will not heed
the priest who stands to minister there
before the LORD your God, or the judge,
that man shall die. So you shall put away
the evil from Israel.
13 "And all the people shall hear and
fear, and no longer act presumptuously.
14 "When you come to the land which
the LORD your God is giving you, and
possess it and dwell in it, and say, ‘I will
set a king over me like all the nations
that are around me,’
15 "you shall surely set a king over you
whom the LORD your God chooses; one
from among your brethren you shall
set as king over you; you may not set

a foreigner over you, who is not your
brother.
16 "But he shall not multiply horses for
himself, nor cause the people to return
to Egypt to multiply horses, for the LORD
has said to you, ‘You shall not return that
way again.’
17 "Neither shall he multiply wives for
himself, lest his heart turn away; nor
shall he greatly multiply silver and gold
for himself.
18 "Also it shall be, when he sits on
the throne of his kingdom, that he shall
write for himself a copy of this law in a
book, from the one before the priests,
the Levites.
19 "And it shall be with him, and he shall
read it all the days of his life, that he may
learn to fear the LORD his God and be
careful to observe all the words of this
law and these statutes,

20 "that his heart may not be lifted
above his brethren, that he may not turn
aside from the commandment to the
right hand or to the left, and that he may
prolong his days in his kingdom, he and
his children in the midst of Israel.

18 1 "The priests, the Levites—all
the tribe of Levi—shall have no
part nor inheritance with Israel; they
shall eat the offerings of the LORD made
by fire, and His portion.
2 "Therefore they shall have no
inheritance among their brethren; the
LORD is their inheritance, as He said to
them.
3 "And this shall be the priest's due
from the people, from those who offer
a sacrifice, whether it is bull or sheep:
they shall give to the priest the shoulder,
the cheeks, and the stomach.
4 "The firstfruits of your grain and your
new wine and your oil, and the first of

the fleece of your sheep, you shall give
him.
5 "For the LORD your God has chosen
him out of all your tribes to stand to
minister in the name of the LORD, him
and his sons forever.
6 "So if a Levite comes from any of your
gates, from where he dwells among all
Israel, and comes with all the desire of
his mind to the place which the LORD
chooses,
7 "then he may serve in the name of
the LORD his God as all his brethren the
Levites do, who stand there before the
LORD.
8 "They shall have equal portions to eat,
besides what comes from the sale of his
inheritance.
9 "When you come into the land
which the LORD your God is giving
you, you shall not learn to follow the
abominations of those nations.

10 "There shall not be found among
you anyone who makes his son or
his daughter pass through the fire,
or one who practices witchcraft, or
a soothsayer, or one who interprets
omens, or a sorcerer,
11 "or one who conjures spells, or a
medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls
up the dead.
12 "For all who do these things are an
abomination to the LORD, and because
of these abominations the LORD your
God drives them out from before you.
13 "You shall be blameless before the
LORD your God.
14 "For these nations which you will
dispossess listened to soothsayers and
diviners; but as for you, the LORD your
God has not appointed such for you.
15 "The LORD your God will raise up for
you a Prophet like me from your midst,
from your brethren. Him you shall hear,

16 "according to all you desired of the
LORD your God in Horeb in the day of
the assembly, saying, ‘Let me not hear
again the voice of the LORD my God, nor
let me see this great fire anymore, lest I
die.’
17 "And the LORD said to me: ‘What
they have spoken is good.
18 ‘I will raise up for them a Prophet like
you from among their brethren, and will
put My words in His mouth, and He shall
speak to them all that I command Him.
19 ‘And it shall be that whoever will not
hear My words, which He speaks in My
name, I will require it of him.
20 ‘But the prophet who presumes to
speak a word in My name, which I have
not commanded him to speak, or who
speaks in the name of other gods, that
prophet shall die.’

21 "And if you say in your heart, ‘How
shall we know the word which the LORD
has not spoken?’ —
22 "when a prophet speaks in the
name of the LORD, if the thing does not
happen or come to pass, that is the thing
which the LORD has not spoken; the
prophet has spoken it presumptuously;
you shall not be afraid of him.

19 1 "When the LORD your God has
cut off the nations whose land
the LORD your God is giving you, and
you dispossess them and dwell in their
cities and in their houses,
2 "you shall separate three cities for
yourself in the midst of your land which
the LORD your God is giving you to
possess.
3 "You shall prepare roads for yourself,
and divide into three parts the territory
of your land which the LORD your God is

giving you to inherit, that any manslayer may flee there.
4 "And this is the case of the
manslayer who flees there, that he
may live: Whoever kills his neighbor
unintentionally, not having hated him in
time past—
5 "as when a man goes to the woods
with his neighbor to cut timber, and his
hand swings a stroke with the ax to cut
down the tree, and the head slips from
the handle and strikes his neighbor so
that he dies—he shall flee to one of
these cities and live;
6 "lest the avenger of blood, while
his anger is hot, pursue the manslayer
and overtake him, because the way is
long, and kill him, though he was not
deserving of death, since he had not
hated the victim in time past.

7 "Therefore I command you, saying,
'You shall separate three cities for
yourself.'
8 "Now if the LORD your God enlarges
your territory, as He swore to your
fathers, and gives you the land which He
promised to give to your fathers,
9 "and if you keep all these
commandments and do them,
which I command you today, to love the
LORD your God and to walk always in
His ways, then you shall add three more
cities for yourself besides these three,
10 "lest innocent blood be shed in the
midst of your land which the LORD your
God is giving you as an inheritance, and
thus guilt of bloodshed be upon you.
11 "But if anyone hates his neighbor,
lies in wait for him, rises against him and
strikes him mortally, so that he dies, and
he flees to one of these cities,

12 "then the elders of his city shall send
and bring him from there, and deliver
him over to the hand of the avenger of
blood, that he may die.
13 "Your eye shall not pity him, but
you shall put away the guilt of innocent
blood from Israel, that it may go well
with you.
14 "You shall not remove your
neighbor's landmark, which the men of
old have set, in your inheritance which
you will inherit in the land that the LORD
your God is giving you to possess.
15 "One witness shall not rise against a
man concerning any iniquity or any sin
that he commits; by the mouth of two
or three witnesses the matter shall be
established.
16 "If a false witness rises against
any man to testify against him of
wrongdoing,

17 "then both men in the controversy
shall stand before the LORD, before the
priests and the judges who serve in
those days.
18 "And the judges shall make careful
inquiry, and indeed, if the witness is a
false witness, who has testified falsely
against his brother,
19 "then you shall do to him as he
thought to have done to his brother; so
you shall put away the evil from among
you.
20 "And those who remain shall hear
and fear, and hereafter they shall not
again commit such evil among you.
21 "Your eye shall not pity: life shall be
for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand
for hand, foot for foot.

20 1 "When you go out to battle
against your enemies, and see
horses and chariots and people more
numerous than you, do not be afraid

of them; for the LORD your God is with
you, who brought you up from the land
of Egypt.
2 "So it shall be, when you are on the
verge of battle, that the priest shall
approach and speak to the people.
3 "And he shall say to them, 'Hear, O
Israel: Today you are on the verge of
battle with your enemies. Do not let
your heart faint, do not be afraid, and do
not tremble or be terrified because of
them;
4 'for the LORD your God is He who
goes with you, to fight for you against
your enemies, to save you.'
5 "Then the officers shall speak to the
people, saying: 'What man is there
who has built a new house and has not
dedicated it? Let him go and return to
his house, lest he die in the battle and
another man dedicate it.

6 'Also what man is there who has
planted a vineyard and has not eaten of
it? Let him go and return to his house,
lest he die in the battle and another man
eat of it.
7 'And what man is there who is
betrothed to a woman and has not
married her? Let him go and return to
his house, lest he die in the battle and
another man marry her.'
8 "The officers shall speak further to the
people, and say, 'What man is there who
is fearful and fainthearted? Let him go
and return to his house, lest the heart of
his brethren faint like his heart.'
9 "And so it shall be, when the officers
have finished speaking to the people,
that they shall make captains of the
armies to lead the people.
10 "When you go near a city to fight
against it, then proclaim an offer of
peace to it.

11 "And it shall be that if they accept
your offer of peace, and open to you,
then all the people who are found in it
shall be placed under tribute to you, and
serve you.
12 "Now if the city will not make peace
with you, but makes war against you,
then you shall besiege it.
13 "And when the LORD your God
delivers it into your hands, you shall
strike every male in it with the edge of
the sword.
14 "But the women, the little ones, the
livestock, and all that is in the city, all
its spoil, you shall plunder for yourself;
and you shall eat the enemies' plunder
which the LORD your God gives you.
15 "Thus you shall do to all the cities
which are very far from you, which are
not of the cities of these nations.
16 "But of the cities of these peoples
which the LORD your God gives you as

an inheritance, you shall let nothing that
breathes remain alive,
17 "but you shall utterly destroy them:
the Hittite and the Amorite and the
Canaanite and the Perizzite and the
Hivite and the Jebusite, just as the LORD
your God has commanded you,
18 "lest they teach you to do according
to all their abominations which they
have done for their gods, and you sin
against the LORD your God.
19 "When you besiege a city for a long
time, while making war against it to
take it, you shall not destroy its trees by
wielding an ax against them; if you can
eat of them, do not cut them down to
use in the siege, for the tree of the field
is man’s food.
20 "Only the trees which you know are
not trees for food you may destroy and
cut down, to build siegeworks against

the city that makes war with you, until it
is subdued.

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1 "If anyone is found slain, lying
in the field in the land which the
LORD your God is giving you to possess,
and it is not known who killed him,
2 "then your elders and your judges
shall go out and measure the distance
from the slain man to the surrounding
cities.
3 "And it shall be that the elders of the
city nearest to the slain man will take a
heifer which has not been worked and
which has not pulled with a yoke.
4 "The elders of that city shall bring
the heifer down to a valley with flowing
water, which is neither plowed nor sown,
and they shall break the heifer’s neck
there in the valley.
5 "Then the priests, the sons of Levi,
shall come near, for the LORD your God
has chosen them to minister to Him and

to bless in the name of the LORD; by
their word every controversy and every
assault shall be settled.
6 "And all the elders of that city nearest
to the slain man shall wash their hands
over the heifer whose neck was broken
in the valley.
7 "Then they shall answer and say, 'Our
hands have not shed this blood, nor
have our eyes seen it.
8 'Provide atonement, O LORD, for
Your people Israel, whom You have
redeemed, and do not lay innocent
blood to the charge of Your people
Israel.' And atonement shall be provided
on their behalf for the blood.
9 "So you shall put away the guilt of
innocent blood from among you when
you do what is right in the sight of the
LORD.
10 "When you go out to war against
your enemies, and the LORD your God

delivers them into your hand, and you
take them captive,
11 "and you see among the captives a
beautiful woman, and desire her and
would take her for your wife,
12 "then you shall bring her home to
your house, and she shall shave her head
and trim her nails.
13 "She shall put off the clothes of her
captivity, remain in your house, and
mourn her father and her mother a full
month; after that you may go in to her
and be her husband, and she shall be
your wife.
14 "And it shall be, if you have no
delight in her, then you shall set her free,
but you certainly shall not sell her for
money; you shall not treat her brutally,
because you have humbled her.
15 "If a man has two wives, one loved
and the other unloved, and they have
borne him children, both the loved and

the unloved, and if the firstborn son is of
her who is unloved,
16 "then it shall be, on the day he
bequeaths his possessions to his sons,
that he must not bestow firstborn
status on the son of the loved wife in
preference to the son of the unloved,
the true firstborn.
17 "But he shall acknowledge the son
of the unloved wife as the firstborn by
giving him a double portion of all that
he has, for he is the beginning of his
strength; the right of the firstborn is his.
18 "If a man has a stubborn and
rebellious son who will not obey the
voice of his father or the voice of his
mother, and who, when they have
chastened him, will not heed them,
19 "then his father and his mother shall
take hold of him and bring him out to the
elders of his city, to the gate of his city.

[20] "And they shall say to the elders of
his city, ‘This son of ours is stubborn and
rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he
is a glutton and a drunkard.’
[21] "Then all the men of his city shall
stone him to death with stones; so you
shall put away the evil from among you,
and all Israel shall hear and fear.
[22] "If a man has committed a sin
deserving of death, and he is put to
death, and you hang him on a tree,
[23] "his body shall not remain overnight
on the tree, but you shall surely bury
him that day, so that you do not defile
the land which the LORD your God is
giving you as an inheritance; for he who
is hanged is accursed of God.

22 [1] "You shall not see your brother’s
ox or his sheep going astray,
and hide yourself from them; you
shall certainly bring them back to your
brother.

2 "And if your brother is not near you,
or if you do not know him, then you shall
bring it to your own house, and it shall
remain with you until your brother seeks
it; then you shall restore it to him.
3 "You shall do the same with his
donkey, and so shall you do with his
garment; with any lost thing of your
brother's, which he has lost and you
have found, you shall do likewise; you
must not hide yourself.
4 "You shall not see your brother's
donkey or his ox fall down along the
road, and hide yourself from them; you
shall surely help him lift them up again.
5 "A woman shall not wear anything
that pertains to a man, nor shall a man
put on a woman's garment, for all who
do so are an abomination to the LORD
your God.
6 "If a bird's nest happens to be before
you along the way, in any tree or on the

ground, with young ones or eggs, with the mother sitting on the young or on the eggs, you shall not take the mother with the young;

7 "you shall surely let the mother go, and take the young for yourself, that it may be well with you and that you may prolong your days.

8 "When you build a new house, then you shall make a parapet for your roof, that you may not bring guilt of bloodshed on your household if anyone falls from it.

9 "You shall not sow your vineyard with different kinds of seed, lest the yield of the seed which you have sown and the fruit of your vineyard be defiled.

10 "You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together.

11 "You shall not wear a garment of different sorts, such as wool and linen mixed together.

12 "You shall make tassels on the four
corners of the clothing with which you
cover yourself.
13 "If any man takes a wife, and goes in
to her, and detests her,
14 "and charges her with shameful
conduct, and brings a bad name on her,
and says, ‘I took this woman, and when I
came to her I found she was not a virgin,’
15 "then the father and mother of the
young woman shall take and bring out
the evidence of the young woman’s
virginity to the elders of the city at the
gate.
16 "And the young woman’s father shall
say to the elders, ‘I gave my daughter to
this man as wife, and he detests her.
17 ‘Now he has charged her with
shameful conduct, saying, "I found your
daughter was not a virgin," and yet these
are the evidences of my daughter’s

virginity.' And they shall spread the cloth
before the elders of the city.
18 "Then the elders of that city shall
take that man and punish him;
19 "and they shall fine him one hundred
shekels of silver and give them to the
father of the young woman, because
he has brought a bad name on a virgin
of Israel. And she shall be his wife; he
cannot divorce her all his days.
20 "But if the thing is true, and
evidences of virginity are not found for
the young woman,
21 "then they shall bring out the young
woman to the door of her father's house,
and the men of her city shall stone her
to death with stones, because she has
done a disgraceful thing in Israel, to play
the harlot in her father's house. So you
shall put away the evil from among you.
22 "If a man is found lying with a woman
married to a husband, then both of them

shall die—the man that lay with the
woman, and the woman; so you shall
put away the evil from Israel.
23 "If a young woman who is a virgin is
betrothed to a husband, and a man finds
her in the city and lies with her,
24 "then you shall bring them both out
to the gate of that city, and you shall
stone them to death with stones, the
young woman because she did not cry
out in the city, and the man because
he humbled his neighbor's wife; so you
shall put away the evil from among you.
25 "But if a man finds a betrothed young
woman in the countryside, and the man
forces her and lies with her, then only
the man who lay with her shall die.
26 "But you shall do nothing to the
young woman; there is in the young
woman no sin deserving of death, for
just as when a man rises against his

neighbor and kills him, even so is this
matter.
27 "For he found her in the countryside,
and the betrothed young woman cried
out, but there was no one to save her.
28 "If a man finds a young woman who
is a virgin, who is not betrothed, and he
seizes her and lies with her, and they are
found out,
29 "then the man who lay with her shall
give to the young woman's father fifty
shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife
because he has humbled her; he shall
not be permitted to divorce her all his
days.
30 "A man shall not take his father's
wife, nor uncover his father's bed.

23 1 "He who is emasculated by
crushing or mutilation shall not
enter the assembly of the LORD.
2 "One of illegitimate birth shall not
enter the assembly of the LORD; even

to the tenth generation none of his
descendants shall enter the assembly of
the LORD.
3 "An Ammonite or Moabite shall not
enter the assembly of the LORD; even
to the tenth generation none of his
descendants shall enter the assembly of
the LORD forever,
4 "because they did not meet you with
bread and water on the road when you
came out of Egypt, and because they
hired against you Balaam the son of Beor
from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse
you.
5 "Nevertheless the LORD your God
would not listen to Balaam, but the
LORD your God turned the curse into a
blessing for you, because the LORD your
God loves you.
6 "You shall not seek their peace nor
their prosperity all your days forever.

7 "You shall not abhor an Edomite, for
he is your brother. You shall not abhor
an Egyptian, because you were an alien
in his land.
8 "The children of the third generation
born to them may enter the assembly of
the LORD.
9 "When the army goes out against your
enemies, then keep yourself from every
wicked thing.
10 "If there is any man among you who
becomes unclean by some occurrence
in the night, then he shall go outside
the camp; he shall not come inside the
camp.
11 "But it shall be, when evening comes,
that he shall wash with water; and when
the sun sets, he may come into the
camp.
12 "Also you shall have a place outside
the camp, where you may go out;

13 "and you shall have an implement
among your equipment, and when you
sit down outside, you shall dig with it
and turn and cover your refuse.
14 "For the LORD your God walks in the
midst of your camp, to deliver you and
give your enemies over to you; therefore
your camp shall be holy, that He may see
no unclean thing among you, and turn
away from you.
15 "You shall not give back to his master
the slave who has escaped from his
master to you.
16 "He may dwell with you in your
midst, in the place which he chooses
within one of your gates, where it seems
best to him; you shall not oppress him.
17 "There shall be no ritual harlot of the
daughters of Israel, or a perverted one
of the sons of Israel.
18 "You shall not bring the wages of
a harlot or the price of a dog to the

house of the LORD your God for any
vowed offering, for both of these are an
abomination to the LORD your God.
19 "You shall not charge interest to your
brother—interest on money or food or
anything that is lent out at interest.
20 "To a foreigner you may charge
interest, but to your brother you shall
not charge interest, that the LORD your
God may bless you in all to which you
set your hand in the land which you are
entering to possess.
21 "When you make a vow to the LORD
your God, you shall not delay to pay it;
for the LORD your God will surely require
it of you, and it would be sin to you.
22 "But if you abstain from vowing, it
shall not be sin to you.
23 "That which has gone from your lips
you shall keep and perform, for you
voluntarily vowed to the LORD your

God what you have promised with your mouth.
24 "When you come into your neighbor’s vineyard, you may eat your fill of grapes at your pleasure, but you shall not put any in your container.
25 "When you come into your neighbor’s standing grain, you may pluck the heads with your hand, but you shall not use a sickle on your neighbor’s standing grain.

24 1 "When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some uncleanness in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house,
2 "when she has departed from his house, and goes and becomes another man’s wife,
3 "if the latter husband detests her and writes her a certificate of divorce, puts

it in her hand, and sends her out of his
house, or if the latter husband dies who
took her as his wife,
4 "then her former husband who
divorced her must not take her back to
be his wife after she has been defiled;
for that is an abomination before the
LORD, and you shall not bring sin on the
land which the LORD your God is giving
you as an inheritance.
5 "When a man has taken a new wife,
he shall not go out to war or be charged
with any business; he shall be free at
home one year, and bring happiness to
his wife whom he has taken.
6 "No man shall take the lower or the
upper millstone in pledge, for he takes
one's living in pledge.
7 "If a man is found kidnapping any of
his brethren of the children of Israel,
and mistreats him or sells him, then that

kidnapper shall die; and you shall put
away the evil from among you.
8 "Take heed in an outbreak of leprosy,
that you carefully observe and do
according to all that the priests, the
Levites, shall teach you; just as I
commanded them, so you shall be
careful to do.
9 "Remember what the LORD your God
did to Miriam on the way when you
came out of Egypt.
10 "When you lend your brother
anything, you shall not go into his house
to get his pledge.
11 "You shall stand outside, and the
man to whom you lend shall bring the
pledge out to you.
12 "And if the man is poor, you shall not
keep his pledge overnight.
13 "You shall in any case return the
pledge to him again when the sun goes
down, that he may sleep in his own

garment and bless you; and it shall be
righteousness to you before the LORD
your God.
14 "You shall not oppress a hired servant
who is poor and needy, whether one of
your brethren or one of the aliens who
is in your land within your gates.
15 "Each day you shall give him his
wages, and not let the sun go down on
it, for he is poor and has set his heart
on it; lest he cry out against you to the
LORD, and it be sin to you.
16 "Fathers shall not be put to death for
their children, nor shall the children be
put to death for their fathers; a person
shall be put to death for his own sin.
17 "You shall not pervert justice due the
stranger or the fatherless, nor take a
widow's garment as a pledge.
18 "But you shall remember that you
were a slave in Egypt, and the LORD
your God redeemed you from there;

therefore I command you to do this
thing.
19 "When you reap your harvest in your
field, and forget a sheaf in the field, you
shall not go back to get it; it shall be
for the stranger, the fatherless, and the
widow, that the LORD your God may
bless you in all the work of your hands.
20 "When you beat your olive trees, you
shall not go over the boughs again; it
shall be for the stranger, the fatherless,
and the widow.
21 "When you gather the grapes of
your vineyard, you shall not glean it
afterward; it shall be for the stranger,
the fatherless, and the widow.
22 "And you shall remember that
you were a slave in the land of Egypt;
therefore I command you to do this
thing.

25 1 "If there is a dispute between
men, and they come to court,

that the judges may judge them, and
they justify the righteous and condemn
the wicked,
2 "then it shall be, if the wicked man
deserves to be beaten, that the judge
will cause him to lie down and be beaten
in his presence, according to his guilt,
with a certain number of blows.
3 "Forty blows he may give him and no
more, lest he should exceed this and
beat him with many blows above these,
and your brother be humiliated in your
sight.
4 "You shall not muzzle an ox while it
treads out the grain.
5 "If brothers dwell together, and one
of them dies and has no son, the widow
of the dead man shall not be married
to a stranger outside the family; her
husband's brother shall go in to her, take
her as his wife, and perform the duty of
a husband's brother to her.

6 "And it shall be that the firstborn
son which she bears will succeed to the
name of his dead brother, that his name
may not be blotted out of Israel.
7 "But if the man does not want to take
his brother's wife, then let his brother's
wife go up to the gate to the elders,
and say, 'My husband's brother refuses
to raise up a name to his brother in
Israel; he will not perform the duty of
my husband's brother.'
8 "Then the elders of his city shall call
him and speak to him. But if he stands
firm and says, 'I do not want to take her,'
9 "then his brother's wife shall come
to him in the presence of the elders,
remove his sandal from his foot, spit in
his face, and answer and say, 'So shall it
be done to the man who will not build
up his brother's house.'

10 "And his name shall be called in
Israel, 'The house of him who had his
sandal removed.'
11 "If two men fight together, and the
wife of one draws near to rescue her
husband from the hand of the one
attacking him, and puts out her hand
and seizes him by the genitals,
12 "then you shall cut off her hand; your
eye shall not pity her.
13 "You shall not have in your bag
differing weights, a heavy and a light.
14 "You shall not have in your house
differing measures, a large and a small.
15 "You shall have a perfect and just
weight, a perfect and just measure, that
your days may be lengthened in the land
which the LORD your God is giving you.
16 "For all who do such things, all
who behave unrighteously, are an
abomination to the LORD your God.

17 "Remember what Amalek did to you
on the way as you were coming out of
Egypt,
18 "how he met you on the way
and attacked your rear ranks, all the
stragglers at your rear, when you were
tired and weary; and he did not fear
God.
19 "Therefore it shall be, when the
LORD your God has given you rest from
your enemies all around, in the land
which the LORD your God is giving you to
possess as an inheritance, that you will
blot out the remembrance of Amalek
from under heaven. You shall not forget.

26 1 "And it shall be, when you come
into the land which the LORD
your God is giving you as an inheritance,
and you possess it and dwell in it,
2 "that you shall take some of the first
of all the produce of the ground, which
you shall bring from your land that the

LORD your God is giving you, and put it
in a basket and go to the place where
the LORD your God chooses to make His
name abide.
3 "And you shall go to the one who is
priest in those days, and say to him, ‘I
declare today to the LORD your God that
I have come to the country which the
LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’
4 "Then the priest shall take the basket
out of your hand and set it down before
the altar of the LORD your God.
5 "And you shall answer and say before
the LORD your God: ‘My father was a
Syrian, about to perish, and he went
down to Egypt and dwelt there, few in
number; and there he became a nation,
great, mighty, and populous.
6 ‘But the Egyptians mistreated us,
afflicted us, and laid hard bondage on us.
7 ‘Then we cried out to the LORD God
of our fathers, and the LORD heard our

voice and looked on our affliction and
our labor and our oppression.
8 ‘So the LORD brought us out of
Egypt with a mighty hand and with an
outstretched arm, with great terror and
with signs and wonders.
9 ‘He has brought us to this place and
has given us this land, "a land flowing
with milk and honey";
10 ‘and now, behold, I have brought the
firstfruits of the land which you, O LORD,
have given me.’ Then you shall set it
before the LORD your God, and worship
before the LORD your God.
11 "So you shall rejoice in every good
thing which the LORD your God has
given to you and your house, you and the
Levite and the stranger who is among
you.
12 "When you have finished laying aside
all the tithe of your increase in the third
year—the year of tithing—and have

given it to the Levite, the stranger, the
fatherless, and the widow, so that they
may eat within your gates and be filled,
13 "then you shall say before the LORD
your God: 'I have removed the holy tithe
from my house, and also have given
them to the Levite, the stranger, the
fatherless, and the widow, according
to all Your commandments which
You have commanded me; I have not
transgressed Your commandments, nor
have I forgotten them.
14 'I have not eaten any of it when in
mourning, nor have I removed any of it
for an unclean use, nor given any of it for
the dead. I have obeyed the voice of the
LORD my God, and have done according
to all that You have commanded me.
15 'Look down from Your holy
habitation, from heaven, and bless Your
people Israel and the land which You
have given us, just as You swore to our

fathers, "a land flowing with milk and
honey."'
16 "This day the LORD your God
commands you to observe these
statutes and judgments; therefore you
shall be careful to observe them with all
your heart and with all your soul.
17 "Today you have proclaimed the
LORD to be your God, and that you will
walk in His ways and keep His statutes,
His commandments, and His judgments,
and that you will obey His voice.
18 "Also today the LORD has proclaimed
you to be His special people, just as He
promised you, that you should keep all
His commandments,
19 "and that He will set you high above
all nations which He has made, in praise,
in name, and in honor, and that you may
be a holy people to the LORD your God,
just as He has spoken."

27 [1] Now Moses, with the elders of
Israel, commanded the people,
saying: "Keep all the commandments
which I command you today.
[2] "And it shall be, on the day when
you cross over the Jordan to the land
which the LORD your God is giving you,
that you shall set up for yourselves large
stones, and whitewash them with lime.
[3] "You shall write on them all the words
of this law, when you have crossed over,
that you may enter the land which the
LORD your God is giving you, 'a land
flowing with milk and honey,' just as the
LORD God of your fathers promised you.
[4] "Therefore it shall be, when you have
crossed over the Jordan, that on Mount
Ebal you shall set up these stones, which
I command you today, and you shall
whitewash them with lime.

5 "And there you shall build an altar to
the LORD your God, an altar of stones;
you shall not use an iron tool on them.
6 "You shall build with whole stones the
altar of the LORD your God, and offer
burnt offerings on it to the LORD your
God.
7 "You shall offer peace offerings, and
shall eat there, and rejoice before the
LORD your God.
8 "And you shall write very plainly on
the stones all the words of this law."
9 Then Moses and the priests, the
Levites, spoke to all Israel, saying, "Take
heed and listen, O Israel: This day you
have become the people of the LORD
your God.
10 "Therefore you shall obey the voice
of the LORD your God, and observe His
commandments and His statutes which I
command you today."

11 And Moses commanded the people
on the same day, saying,
12 "These shall stand on Mount Gerizim
to bless the people, when you have
crossed over the Jordan: Simeon, Levi,
Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin;
13 "and these shall stand on Mount Ebal
to curse: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun,
Dan, and Naphtali.
14 "And the Levites shall speak with
a loud voice and say to all the men of
Israel:
15 'Cursed is the one who makes a
carved or molded image, an abomination
to the LORD, the work of the hands of
the craftsman, and sets it up in secret.'
And all the people shall answer and say,
'Amen!'
16 'Cursed is the one who treats his
father or his mother with contempt.'
And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

17 ‘Cursed is the one who moves his
neighbor’s landmark.’ And all the people
shall say, ‘Amen!’
18 ‘Cursed is the one who makes the
blind to wander off the road.’ And all the
people shall say, ‘Amen!’
19 ‘Cursed is the one who perverts the
justice due the stranger, the fatherless,
and widow.’ And all the people shall say,
‘Amen!’
20 ‘Cursed is the one who lies with his
father’s wife, because he has uncovered
his father’s bed.’ And all the people shall
say, ‘Amen!’
21 ‘Cursed is the one who lies with any
kind of animal.’ And all the people shall
say, ‘Amen!’
22 ‘Cursed is the one who lies with his
sister, the daughter of his father or the
daughter of his mother.’ And all the
people shall say, ‘Amen!’

23 'Cursed is the one who lies with his
mother–in–law.' And all the people shall
say, 'Amen!'
24 'Cursed is the one who attacks his
neighbor secretly.' And all the people
shall say, 'Amen!'
25 'Cursed is the one who takes a bribe
to slay an innocent person.' And all the
people shall say, 'Amen!'
26 'Cursed is the one who does not
confirm all the words of this law by
observing them.' And all the people shall
say, 'Amen!'

28 1 "Now it shall come to pass, if
you diligently obey the voice of
the LORD your God, to observe carefully
all His commandments which I command
you today, that the LORD your God will
set you high above all nations of the
earth.

2 "And all these blessings shall come
upon you and overtake you, because you
obey the voice of the LORD your God:
3 "Blessed shall you be in the city, and
blessed shall you be in the country.
4 "Blessed shall be the fruit of your
body, the produce of your ground and
the increase of your herds, the increase
of your cattle and the offspring of your
flocks.
5 "Blessed shall be your basket and your
kneading bowl.
6 "Blessed shall you be when you come
in, and blessed shall you be when you go
out.
7 "The LORD will cause your enemies
who rise against you to be defeated
before your face; they shall come out
against you one way and flee before you
seven ways.
8 "The LORD will command the blessing
on you in your storehouses and in all to

which you set your hand, and He will
bless you in the land which the LORD
your God is giving you.
9 "The LORD will establish you as a holy
people to Himself, just as He has sworn
to you, if you keep the commandments
of the LORD your God and walk in His
ways.
10 "Then all peoples of the earth shall
see that you are called by the name of
the LORD, and they shall be afraid of
you.
11 "And the LORD will grant you plenty
of goods, in the fruit of your body, in
the increase of your livestock, and in the
produce of your ground, in the land of
which the LORD swore to your fathers to
give you.
12 "The LORD will open to you His good
treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to
your land in its season, and to bless all

the work of your hand. You shall lend to
many nations, but you shall not borrow.
13 "And the LORD will make you the
head and not the tail; you shall be above
only, and not be beneath, if you heed
the commandments of the LORD your
God, which I command you today, and
are careful to observe them.
14 "So you shall not turn aside from any
of the words which I command you this
day, to the right or the left, to go after
other gods to serve them.
15 "But it shall come to pass, if you
do not obey the voice of the LORD
your God, to observe carefully all His
commandments and His statutes which
I command you today, that all these
curses will come upon you and overtake
you:
16 "Cursed shall you be in the city, and
cursed shall you be in the country.

17 "Cursed shall be your basket and
your kneading bowl.
18 "Cursed shall be the fruit of your
body and the produce of your land, the
increase of your cattle and the offspring
of your flocks.
19 "Cursed shall you be when you come
in, and cursed shall you be when you go
out.
20 "The LORD will send on you cursing,
confusion, and rebuke in all that you set
your hand to do, until you are destroyed
and until you perish quickly, because of
the wickedness of your doings in which
you have forsaken Me.
21 "The LORD will make the plague cling
to you until He has consumed you from
the land which you are going to possess.
22 "The LORD will strike you with
consumption, with fever, with
inflammation, with severe burning fever,
with the sword, with scorching, and with

mildew; they shall pursue you until you
perish.
23 "And your heavens which are over
your head shall be bronze, and the earth
which is under you shall be iron.
24 "The LORD will change the rain of
your land to powder and dust; from the
heaven it shall come down on you until
you are destroyed.
25 "The LORD will cause you to be
defeated before your enemies; you shall
go out one way against them and flee
seven ways before them; and you shall
become troublesome to all the kingdoms
of the earth.
26 "Your carcasses shall be food for all
the birds of the air and the beasts of the
earth, and no one shall frighten them
away.
27 "The LORD will strike you with the
boils of Egypt, with tumors, with the

scab, and with the itch, from which you
cannot be healed.
28 "The LORD will strike you with
madness and blindness and confusion of
heart.
29 "And you shall grope at noonday,
as a blind man gropes in darkness; you
shall not prosper in your ways; you
shall be only oppressed and plundered
continually, and no one shall save you.
30 "You shall betroth a wife, but another
man shall lie with her; you shall build
a house, but you shall not dwell in it;
you shall plant a vineyard, but shall not
gather its grapes.
31 "Your ox shall be slaughtered before
your eyes, but you shall not eat of it;
your donkey shall be violently taken
away from before you, and shall not be
restored to you; your sheep shall be
given to your enemies, and you shall
have no one to rescue them.

32 "Your sons and your daughters shall
be given to another people, and your
eyes shall look and fail with longing for
them all day long; and there shall be no
strength in your hand.
33 "A nation whom you have not known
shall eat the fruit of your land and the
produce of your labor, and you shall be
only oppressed and crushed continually.
34 "So you shall be driven mad because
of the sight which your eyes see.
35 "The LORD will strike you in the knees
and on the legs with severe boils which
cannot be healed, and from the sole of
your foot to the top of your head.
36 "The LORD will bring you and the
king whom you set over you to a nation
which neither you nor your fathers have
known, and there you shall serve other
gods—wood and stone.
37 "And you shall become an
astonishment, a proverb, and a byword

among all nations where the LORD will
drive you.
38 "You shall carry much seed out to the
field but gather little in, for the locust
shall consume it.
39 "You shall plant vineyards and tend
them, but you shall neither drink of
the wine nor gather the grapes; for the
worms shall eat them.
40 "You shall have olive trees throughout
all your territory, but you shall not anoint
yourself with the oil; for your olives shall
drop off.
41 "You shall beget sons and daughters,
but they shall not be yours; for they shall
go into captivity.
42 "Locusts shall consume all your trees
and the produce of your land.
43 "The alien who is among you shall
rise higher and higher above you, and
you shall come down lower and lower.

44 "He shall lend to you, but you shall
not lend to him; he shall be the head,
and you shall be the tail.
45 "Moreover all these curses shall
come upon you and pursue and overtake
you, until you are destroyed, because
you did not obey the voice of the LORD
your God, to keep His commandments
and His statutes which He commanded
you.
46 "And they shall be upon you for a sign
and a wonder, and on your descendants
forever.
47 "Because you did not serve the LORD
your God with joy and gladness of heart,
for the abundance of everything,
48 "therefore you shall serve your
enemies, whom the LORD will send
against you, in hunger, in thirst, in
nakedness, and in need of everything;
and He will put a yoke of iron on your
neck until He has destroyed you.

49 "The LORD will bring a nation against
you from afar, from the end of the earth,
as swift as the eagle flies, a nation whose
language you will not understand,
50 "a nation of fierce countenance,
which does not respect the elderly nor
show favor to the young.
51 "And they shall eat the increase of
your livestock and the produce of your
land, until you are destroyed; they shall
not leave you grain or new wine or oil,
or the increase of your cattle or the
offspring of your flocks, until they have
destroyed you.
52 "They shall besiege you at all your
gates until your high and fortified
walls, in which you trust, come down
throughout all your land; and they shall
besiege you at all your gates throughout
all your land which the LORD your God
has given you.

53 "You shall eat the fruit of your own
body, the flesh of your sons and your
daughters whom the LORD your God has
given you, in the siege and desperate
straits in which your enemy shall distress
you.
54 "The sensitive and very refined man
among you will be hostile toward his
brother, toward the wife of his bosom,
and toward the rest of his children
whom he leaves behind,
55 "so that he will not give any of them
the flesh of his children whom he will
eat, because he has nothing left in the
siege and desperate straits in which
your enemy shall distress you at all your
gates.
56 "The tender and delicate woman
among you, who would not venture
to set the sole of her foot on the
ground because of her delicateness and
sensitivity, will refuse to the husband

of her bosom, and to her son and her
daughter,
57 "her placenta which comes out from
between her feet and her children whom
she bears; for she will eat them secretly
for lack of everything in the siege and
desperate straits in which your enemy
shall distress you at all your gates.
58 "If you do not carefully observe all
the words of this law that are written in
this book, that you may fear this glorious
and awesome name, THE LORD YOUR
GOD,
59 "then the LORD will bring upon you
and your descendants extraordinary
plagues—great and prolonged plagues–
–and serious and prolonged sicknesses.
60 "Moreover He will bring back on you
all the diseases of Egypt, of which you
were afraid, and they shall cling to you.
61 "Also every sickness and every
plague, which is not written in this Book

of the Law, will the LORD bring upon you
until you are destroyed.
62 "You shall be left few in number,
whereas you were as the stars of heaven
in multitude, because you would not
obey the voice of the LORD your God.
63 "And it shall be, that just as the LORD
rejoiced over you to do you good and
multiply you, so the LORD will rejoice
over you to destroy you and bring you to
nothing; and you shall be plucked from
off the land which you go to possess.
64 "Then the LORD will scatter you
among all peoples, from one end of the
earth to the other, and there you shall
serve other gods, which neither you nor
your fathers have known—wood and
stone.
65 "And among those nations you shall
find no rest, nor shall the sole of your
foot have a resting place; but there the

LORD will give you a trembling heart,
failing eyes, and anguish of soul.
66 "Your life shall hang in doubt before
you; you shall fear day and night, and
have no assurance of life.
67 "In the morning you shall say, ‘Oh,
that it were evening!’ And at evening
you shall say, ‘Oh, that it were morning!’
because of the fear which terrifies your
heart, and because of the sight which
your eyes see.
68 "And the LORD will take you back
to Egypt in ships, by the way of which I
said to you, ‘You shall never see it again.’
And there you shall be offered for sale to
your enemies as male and female slaves,
but no one will buy you."

29 1 These are the words of the
covenant which the LORD
commanded Moses to make with the
children of Israel in the land of Moab,

besides the covenant which He made
with them in Horeb.
2 Now Moses called all Israel and said to
them: "You have seen all that the LORD
did before your eyes in the land of Egypt,
to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to
all his land—
3 "the great trials which your eyes
have seen, the signs, and those great
wonders.
4 "Yet the LORD has not given you a
heart to perceive and eyes to see and
ears to hear, to this very day.
5 "And I have led you forty years in the
wilderness. Your clothes have not worn
out on you, and your sandals have not
worn out on your feet.
6 "You have not eaten bread, nor have
you drunk wine or similar drink, that you
may know that I am the LORD your God.
7 "And when you came to this place,
Sihon king of Heshbon and Og king of

Bashan came out against us to battle,
and we conquered them.
8 "We took their land and gave it as
an inheritance to the Reubenites, to
the Gadites, and to half the tribe of
Manasseh.
9 "Therefore keep the words of this
covenant, and do them, that you may
prosper in all that you do.
10 "All of you stand today before the
LORD your God: your leaders and your
tribes and your elders and your officers,
all the men of Israel,
11 "your little ones and your wives—
also the stranger who is in your camp,
from the one who cuts your wood to the
one who draws your water—
12 "that you may enter into covenant
with the LORD your God, and into His
oath, which the LORD your God makes
with you today,

[13] "that He may establish you today as
a people for Himself, and that He may
be God to you, just as He has spoken to
you, and just as He has sworn to your
fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
[14] "I make this covenant and this oath,
not with you alone,
[15] "but with him who stands here with
us today before the LORD our God, as
well as with him who is not here with us
today
[16] (for you know that we dwelt in the
land of Egypt and that we came through
the nations which you passed by,
[17] and you saw their abominations
and their idols which were among
them—wood and stone and silver and
gold);
[18] "so that there may not be among
you man or woman or family or tribe,
whose heart turns away today from the
LORD our God, to go and serve the gods

of these nations, and that there may not
be among you a root bearing bitterness
or wormwood;
19 "and so it may not happen, when he
hears the words of this curse, that he
blesses himself in his heart, saying, ‘I
shall have peace, even though I follow
the dictates of my heart’ —as though
the drunkard could be included with the
sober.
20 "The LORD would not spare him;
for then the anger of the LORD and His
jealousy would burn against that man,
and every curse that is written in this
book would settle on him, and the LORD
would blot out his name from under
heaven.
21 "And the LORD would separate
him from all the tribes of Israel for
adversity, according to all the curses of
the covenant that are written in this
Book of the Law,

22 "so that the coming generation of
your children who rise up after you, and
the foreigner who comes from a far land,
would say, when they see the plagues of
that land and the sicknesses which the
LORD has laid on it:
23 'The whole land is brimstone, salt,
and burning; it is not sown, nor does it
bear, nor does any grass grow there, like
the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah,
Admah, and Zeboim, which the LORD
overthrew in His anger and His wrath.'
24 "All nations would say, 'Why has the
LORD done so to this land? What does
the heat of this great anger mean?'
25 "Then people would say: 'Because
they have forsaken the covenant of the
LORD God of their fathers, which He
made with them when He brought them
out of the land of Egypt;
26 'for they went and served other gods
and worshiped them, gods that they did

not know and that He had not given to
them.
27 ‘Then the anger of the LORD was
aroused against this land, to bring on it
every curse that is written in this book.
28 ‘And the LORD uprooted them from
their land in anger, in wrath, and in great
indignation, and cast them into another
land, as it is this day.’
29 "The secret things belong to the
LORD our God, but those things which
are revealed belong to us and to our
children forever, that we may do all the
words of this law.
30 1 "Now it shall come to pass,
when all these things come upon
you, the blessing and the curse which I
have set before you, and you call them
to mind among all the nations where the
LORD your God drives you,
2 "and you return to the LORD your
God and obey His voice, according to all

that I command you today, you and your
children, with all your heart and with all
your soul,
3 "that the LORD your God will bring
you back from captivity, and have
compassion on you, and gather you
again from all the nations where the
LORD your God has scattered you.
4 "If any of you are driven out to the
farthest parts under heaven, from there
the LORD your God will gather you, and
from there He will bring you.
5 "Then the LORD your God will bring
you to the land which your fathers
possessed, and you shall possess it. He
will prosper you and multiply you more
than your fathers.
6 "And the LORD your God will
circumcise your heart and the heart of
your descendants, to love the LORD your
God with all your heart and with all your
soul, that you may live.

7 "Also the LORD your God will put all
these curses on your enemies and on
those who hate you, who persecuted
you.
8 "And you will again obey the voice of
the LORD and do all His commandments
which I command you today.
9 "The LORD your God will make you
abound in all the work of your hand, in
the fruit of your body, in the increase
of your livestock, and in the produce of
your land for good. For the LORD will
again rejoice over you for good as He
rejoiced over your fathers,
10 "if you obey the voice of the LORD
your God, to keep His commandments
and His statutes which are written in this
Book of the Law, and if you turn to the
LORD your God with all your heart and
with all your soul.

11 "For this commandment which
I command you today is not too
mysterious for you, nor is it far off.
12 "It is not in heaven, that you should
say, ‘Who will ascend into heaven for us
and bring it to us, that we may hear it
and do it?’
13 "Nor is it beyond the sea, that you
should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for
us and bring it to us, that we may hear it
and do it?’
14 "But the word is very near you, in
your mouth and in your heart, that you
may do it.
15 "See, I have set before you today life
and good, death and evil,
16 "in that I command you today to love
the LORD your God, to walk in His ways,
and to keep His commandments, His
statutes, and His judgments, that you
may live and multiply; and the LORD

your God will bless you in the land which
you go to possess.
17 "But if your heart turns away so that
you do not hear, and are drawn away,
and worship other gods and serve them,
18 "I announce to you today that you
shall surely perish; you shall not prolong
your days in the land which you cross
over the Jordan to go in and possess.
19 "I call heaven and earth as witnesses
today against you, that I have set before
you life and death, blessing and cursing;
therefore choose life, that both you and
your descendants may live;
20 "that you may love the LORD your
God, that you may obey His voice, and
that you may cling to Him, for He is your
life and the length of your days; and that
you may dwell in the land which the
LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham,
Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

31 1 Then Moses went and spoke
these words to all Israel.
2 And he said to them: "I am one
hundred and twenty years old today. I
can no longer go out and come in. Also
the LORD has said to me, ‘You shall not
cross over this Jordan.’
3 "The LORD your God Himself crosses
over before you; He will destroy these
nations from before you, and you shall
dispossess them. Joshua himself crosses
over before you, just as the LORD has
said.
4 "And the LORD will do to them as
He did to Sihon and Og, the kings of
the Amorites and their land, when He
destroyed them.
5 "The LORD will give them over to
you, that you may do to them according
to every commandment which I have
commanded you.

6 "Be strong and of good courage, do
not fear nor be afraid of them; for the
LORD your God, He is the One who goes
with you. He will not leave you nor
forsake you."
7 Then Moses called Joshua and said to
him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong
and of good courage, for you must
go with this people to the land which
the LORD has sworn to their fathers to
give them, and you shall cause them to
inherit it.
8 "And the LORD, He is the one who
goes before you. He will be with you, He
will not leave you nor forsake you; do
not fear nor be dismayed."
9 So Moses wrote this law and delivered
it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who
bore the ark of the covenant of the
LORD, and to all the elders of Israel.
10 And Moses commanded them,
saying: "At the end of every seven years,

at the appointed time in the year of
release, at the Feast of Tabernacles,
11 "when all Israel comes to appear
before the LORD your God in the place
which He chooses, you shall read this
law before all Israel in their hearing.
12 "Gather the people together, men
and women and little ones, and the
stranger who is within your gates, that
they may hear and that they may learn
to fear the LORD your God and carefully
observe all the words of this law,
13 "and that their children, who have
not known it, may hear and learn to fear
the LORD your God as long as you live in
the land which you cross the Jordan to
possess."
14 Then the LORD said to Moses,
"Behold, the days approach when you
must die; call Joshua, and present
yourselves in the tabernacle of meeting,
that I may inaugurate him." So Moses

and Joshua went and presented
themselves in the tabernacle of meeting.
15 Now the LORD appeared at the
tabernacle in a pillar of cloud, and the
pillar of cloud stood above the door of
the tabernacle.
16 And the LORD said to Moses:
"Behold, you will rest with your fathers;
and this people will rise and play the
harlot with the gods of the foreigners
of the land, where they go to be among
them, and they will forsake Me and
break My covenant which I have made
with them.
17 "Then My anger shall be aroused
against them in that day, and I will
forsake them, and I will hide My face
from them, and they shall be devoured.
And many evils and troubles shall befall
them, so that they will say in that day,
‘Have not these evils come upon us
because our God is not among us?’

18 "And I will surely hide My face in that
day because of all the evil which they
have done, in that they have turned to
other gods.
19 "Now therefore, write down this
song for yourselves, and teach it to the
children of Israel; put it in their mouths,
that this song may be a witness for Me
against the children of Israel.
20 "When I have brought them to the
land flowing with milk and honey, of
which I swore to their fathers, and they
have eaten and filled themselves and
grown fat, then they will turn to other
gods and serve them; and they will
provoke Me and break My covenant.
21 "Then it shall be, when many evils
and troubles have come upon them, that
this song will testify against them as a
witness; for it will not be forgotten in the
mouths of their descendants, for I know
the inclination of their behavior today,

even before I have brought them to the
land of which I swore to give them."
22 Therefore Moses wrote this song the
same day, and taught it to the children
of Israel.
23 Then He inaugurated Joshua the son
of Nun, and said, "Be strong and of good
courage; for you shall bring the children
of Israel into the land of which I swore to
them, and I will be with you."
24 So it was, when Moses had
completed writing the words of this law
in a book, when they were finished,
25 that Moses commanded the Levites,
who bore the ark of the covenant of the
LORD, saying:
26 "Take this Book of the Law, and put
it beside the ark of the covenant of the
LORD your God, that it may be there as a
witness against you;
27 "for I know your rebellion and your
stiff neck. If today, while I am yet alive

with you, you have been rebellious
against the LORD, then how much more
after my death?
28 "Gather to me all the elders of your
tribes, and your officers, that I may
speak these words in their hearing and
call heaven and earth to witness against
them.
29 "For I know that after my death
you will become utterly corrupt, and
turn aside from the way which I have
commanded you; and evil will befall you
in the latter days, because you will do
evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke
Him to anger through the work of your
hands."
30 Then Moses spoke in the hearing of
all the assembly of Israel the words of
this song until they were ended:
32 1 "Give ear, O heavens, and I will
speak; And hear, O earth, the
words of my mouth.

2 Let my teaching drop as the rain, My
speech distill as the dew, As raindrops
on the tender herb, And as showers on
the grass.
3 For I proclaim the name of the LORD:
Ascribe greatness to our God.
4 He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For
all His ways are justice, A God of truth
and without injustice; Righteous and
upright is He.
5 "They have corrupted themselves;
They are not His children, Because of
their blemish: A perverse and crooked
generation.
6 Do you thus deal with the LORD, O
foolish and unwise people? Is He not
your Father, who bought you? Has He
not made you and established you?
7 "Remember the days of old, Consider
the years of many generations. Ask your
father, and he will show you; Your elders,
and they will tell you:

8 When the Most High divided their
inheritance to the nations, When He
separated the sons of Adam, He set the
boundaries of the peoples According to
the number of the children of Israel.
9 For the LORD’S portion is His people;
Jacob is the place of His inheritance.
10 "He found him in a desert land And
in the wasteland, a howling wilderness;
He encircled him, He instructed him, He
kept him as the apple of His eye.
11 As an eagle stirs up its nest, Hovers
over its young, Spreading out its wings,
taking them up, Carrying them on its
wings,
12 So the LORD alone led him, And there
was no foreign god with him.
13 "He made him ride in the heights of
the earth, That he might eat the produce
of the fields; He made him draw honey
from the rock, And oil from the flinty
rock;

14 Curds from the cattle, and milk of the
flock, With fat of lambs; And rams of the
breed of Bashan, and goats, With the
choicest wheat; And you drank wine, the
blood of the grapes.
15 "But Jeshurun grew fat and kicked;
You grew fat, you grew thick, You are
obese! Then he forsook God who made
him, And scornfully esteemed the Rock
of his salvation.
16 They provoked Him to jealousy with
foreign gods; With abominations they
provoked Him to anger.
17 They sacrificed to demons, not to
God, To gods they did not know, To new
gods, new arrivals That your fathers did
not fear.
18 Of the Rock who begot you, you are
unmindful, And have forgotten the God
who fathered you.
19 "And when the LORD saw it,
He spurned them, Because of the

provocation of His sons and His daughters.
20 And He said: ‘I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end will be, For they are a perverse generation, Children in whom is no faith.
21 They have provoked Me to jealousy by what is not God; They have moved Me to anger by their foolish idols. But I will provoke them to jealousy by those who are not a nation; I will move them to anger by a foolish nation.
22 For a fire is kindled by my anger, And shall burn to the lowest hell; It shall consume the earth with her increase, And set on fire the foundations of the mountains.
23 ‘I will heap disasters on them; I will spend My arrows on them.
24 They shall be wasted with hunger, Devoured by pestilence and bitter destruction; I will also send against them

the teeth of beasts, With the poison of
serpents of the dust.
25 The sword shall destroy outside;
There shall be terror within For the
young man and virgin, The nursing child
with the man of gray hairs.
26 I would have said, "I will dash them in
pieces, I will make the memory of them
to cease from among men,"
27 Had I not feared the wrath of the
enemy, Lest their adversaries should
misunderstand, Lest they should say,
"Our hand is high; And it is not the LORD
who has done all this."'
28 "For they are a nation void of counsel,
Nor is there any understanding in them.
29 Oh, that they were wise, that they
understood this, That they would
consider their latter end!
30 How could one chase a thousand,
And two put ten thousand to flight,

Unless their Rock had sold them, And
the LORD had surrendered them?
31 For their rock is not like our Rock,
Even our enemies themselves being
judges.
32 For their vine is of the vine of Sodom
And of the fields of Gomorrah; Their
grapes are grapes of gall, Their clusters
are bitter.
33 Their wine is the poison of serpents,
And the cruel venom of cobras.
34 'Is this not laid up in store with Me,
Sealed up among My treasures?
35 Vengeance is Mine, and recompense;
Their foot shall slip in due time; For the
day of their calamity is at hand, And the
things to come hasten upon them.'
36 "For the LORD will judge His people
And have compassion on His servants,
When He sees that their power is gone,
And there is no one remaining, bond or
free.

37 He will say: ‘Where are their gods,
The rock in which they sought refuge?
38 Who ate the fat of their sacrifices,
And drank the wine of their drink
offering? Let them rise and help you,
And be your refuge.
39 ‘Now see that I, even I, am He, And
there is no God besides Me; I kill and
I make alive; I wound and I heal; Nor
is there any who can deliver from My
hand.
40 For I raise My hand to heaven, And
say, "As I live forever,
41 If I whet My glittering sword, And
My hand takes hold on judgment, I will
render vengeance to My enemies, And
repay those who hate Me.
42 I will make My arrows drunk with
blood, And My sword shall devour flesh,
With the blood of the slain and the
captives, From the heads of the leaders
of the enemy."’

43 "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people;
For He will avenge the blood of His
servants, And render vengeance to His
adversaries; He will provide atonement
for His land and His people."
44 So Moses came with Joshua the son
of Nun and spoke all the words of this
song in the hearing of the people.
45 Moses finished speaking all these
words to all Israel,
46 and He said to them: "Set your
hearts on all the words which I testify
among you today, which you shall
command your children to be careful to
observe—all the words of this law.
47 "For it is not a futile thing for you,
because it is your life, and by this word
you shall prolong your days in the land
which you cross over the Jordan to
possess."
48 Then the LORD spoke to Moses that
very same day, saying:

49 "Go up this mountain of the Abarim,
Mount Nebo, which is in the land of
Moab, across from Jericho; view the land
of Canaan, which I give to the children of
Israel as a possession;
50 "and die on the mountain which
you ascend, and be gathered to your
people, just as Aaron your brother died
on Mount Hor and was gathered to his
people;
51 "because you trespassed against
Me among the children of Israel at
the waters of Meribah Kadesh, in the
Wilderness of Zin, because you did not
hallow Me in the midst of the children of
Israel.
52 "Yet you shall see the land before
you, though you shall not go there, into
the land which I am giving to the children
of Israel."

33 1 Now this is the blessing with
which Moses the man of God

blessed the children of Israel before his
death.
2 And he said: "The LORD came from
Sinai, And dawned on them from Seir;
He shone forth from Mount Paran, And
He came with ten thousands of saints;
From His right hand Came a fiery law for
them.
3 Yes, He loves the people; All His saints
are in Your hand; They sit down at Your
feet; Everyone receives Your words.
4 Moses commanded a law for us, A
heritage of the congregation of Jacob.
5 And He was King in Jeshurun, When
the leaders of the people were gathered,
All the tribes of Israel together.
6 "Let Reuben live, and not die, Nor let
his men be few."
7 And this he said of Judah: "Hear,
LORD, the voice of Judah, And bring him
to his people; Let his hands be sufficient

for him, And may You be a help against
his enemies."
8 And of Levi he said: "Let Your
Thummim and Your Urim be with Your
holy one, Whom You tested at Massah,
And with whom You contended at the
waters of Meribah,
9 Who says of his father and mother,
‘I have not seen them’; Nor did he
acknowledge his brothers, Or know his
own children; For they have observed
Your word And kept Your covenant.
10 They shall teach Jacob Your
judgments, And Israel Your law. They
shall put incense before You, And a
whole burnt sacrifice on Your altar.
11 Bless his substance, LORD, And
accept the work of his hands; Strike the
loins of those who rise against him, And
of those who hate him, that they rise not
again."

12 Of Benjamin he said: "The beloved of
the LORD shall dwell in safety by Him,
Who shelters him all the day long; And
he shall dwell between His shoulders."
13 And of Joseph he said: "Blessed of
the LORD is his land, With the precious
things of heaven, with the dew, And the
deep lying beneath,
14 With the precious fruits of the
sun, With the precious produce of the
months,
15 With the best things of the ancient
mountains, With the precious things of
the everlasting hills,
16 With the precious things of the earth
and its fullness, And the favor of Him
who dwelt in the bush. Let the blessing
come ‘on the head of Joseph, And on
the crown of the head of him who was
separate from his brothers.’
17 His glory is like a firstborn bull, And
his horns like the horns of the wild ox;

Together with them He shall push the peoples To the ends of the earth; They are the ten thousands of Ephraim, And they are the thousands of Manasseh."
18 And of Zebulun he said: "Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out, And Issachar in your tents!
19 They shall call the peoples to the mountain; There they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness; For they shall partake of the abundance of the seas And of treasures hidden in the sand."
20 And of Gad he said: "Blessed is he who enlarges Gad; He dwells as a lion, And tears the arm and the crown of his head.
21 He provided the first part for himself, Because a lawgiver's portion was reserved there. He came with the heads of the people; He administered the justice of the LORD, And His judgments with Israel."

22 And of Dan he said: "Dan is a lion’s
whelp; He shall leap from Bashan."
23 And of Naphtali he said: "O Naphtali,
satisfied with favor, And full of the
blessing of the LORD, Possess the west
and the south."
24 And of Asher he said: "Asher is most
blessed of sons; Let him be favored by
his brothers, And let him dip his foot in
oil.
25 Your sandals shall be iron and bronze;
As your days, so shall your strength be.
26 "There is no one like the God of
Jeshurun, Who rides the heavens to help
you, And in His excellency on the clouds.
27 The eternal God is your refuge, And
underneath are the everlasting arms; He
will thrust out the enemy from before
you, And will say, ‘Destroy!’
28 Then Israel shall dwell in safety, The
fountain of Jacob alone, In a land of

grain and new wine; His heavens shall
also drop dew.
29 Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like
you, a people saved by the LORD, The
shield of your help And the sword of
your majesty! Your enemies shall submit
to you, And you shall tread down their
high places."

34 1 Then Moses went up from the
plains of Moab to Mount Nebo,
to the top of Pisgah, which is across from
Jericho. And the LORD showed him all
the land of Gilead as far as Dan,
2 all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim
and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as
far as the Western Sea,
3 the South, and the plain of the Valley
of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far
as Zoar.
4 Then the LORD said to him, "This is the
land of which I swore to give Abraham,
Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to

your descendants.’ I have caused you to
see it with your eyes, but you shall not
cross over there."
5 So Moses the servant of the LORD died
there in the land of Moab, according to
the word of the LORD.
6 And He buried him in a valley in the
land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but
no one knows his grave to this day.
7 Moses was one hundred and twenty
years old when he died. His eyes were
not dim nor his natural vigor diminished.
8 And the children of Israel wept for
Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days.
So the days of weeping and mourning
for Moses ended.
9 Now Joshua the son of Nun was full
of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had
laid his hands on him; so the children of
Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD
had commanded Moses.

10 But since then there has not arisen in
Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the
LORD knew face to face,
11 in all the signs and wonders which
the LORD sent him to do in the land
of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his
servants, and in all his land,
12 and by all that mighty power and all
the great terror which Moses performed
in the sight of all Israel.

Joshua

1 [1] After the death of Moses the
servant of the LORD, it came to pass
that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son
of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying:
[2] "Moses My servant is dead. Now
therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you
and all this people, to the land which
I am giving to them—the children of
Israel.
[3] "Every place that the sole of your foot
will tread upon I have given you, as I said
to Moses.
[4] "From the wilderness and this
Lebanon as far as the great river, the
River Euphrates, all the land of the
Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward
the going down of the sun, shall be your
territory.

5 "No man shall be able to stand before
you all the days of your life; as I was with
Moses, so I will be with you. I will not
leave you nor forsake you.
6 "Be strong and of good courage, for
to this people you shall divide as an
inheritance the land which I swore to
their fathers to give them.
7 "Only be strong and very courageous,
that you may observe to do according
to all the law which Moses My servant
commanded you; do not turn from it to
the right hand or to the left, that you
may prosper wherever you go.
8 "This Book of the Law shall not depart
from your mouth, but you shall meditate
in it day and night, that you may observe
to do according to all that is written
in it. For then you will make your way
prosperous, and then you will have good
success.

9 "Have I not commanded you? Be
strong and of good courage; do not be
afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD
your God is with you wherever you go."
10 Then Joshua commanded the officers
of the people, saying,
11 "Pass through the camp and
command the people, saying, ‘Prepare
provisions for yourselves, for within
three days you will cross over this
Jordan, to go in to possess the land
which the LORD your God is giving you
to possess.’"
12 And to the Reubenites, the Gadites,
and half the tribe of Manasseh Joshua
spoke, saying,
13 "Remember the word which Moses
the servant of the LORD commanded
you, saying, ‘The LORD your God is giving
you rest and is giving you this land.’
14 "Your wives, your little ones, and
your livestock shall remain in the land

which Moses gave you on this side of the
Jordan. But you shall pass before your
brethren armed, all your mighty men of
valor, and help them,
15 "until the LORD has given your
brethren rest, as He gave you, and they
also have taken possession of the land
which the LORD your God is giving them.
Then you shall return to the land of your
possession and enjoy it, which Moses
the LORD'S servant gave you on this side
of the Jordan toward the sunrise."
16 So they answered Joshua, saying, "All
that you command us we will do, and
wherever you send us we will go.
17 "Just as we heeded Moses in all
things, so we will heed you. Only the
LORD your God be with you, as He was
with Moses.
18 "Whoever rebels against your
command and does not heed your
words, in all that you command him,

shall be put to death. Only be strong and
of good courage."

2 [1] Now Joshua the son of Nun sent
out two men from Acacia Grove to
spy secretly, saying, "Go, view the land,
especially Jericho." So they went, and
came to the house of a harlot named
Rahab, and lodged there.
[2] And it was told the king of Jericho,
saying, "Behold, men have come here
tonight from the children of Israel to
search out the country."
[3] So the king of Jericho sent to Rahab,
saying, "Bring out the men who have
come to you, who have entered your
house, for they have come to search out
all the country."
[4] Then the woman took the two men
and hid them. So she said, "Yes, the men
came to me, but I did not know where
they were from.

5 "And it happened as the gate was
being shut, when it was dark, that the
men went out. Where the men went I do
not know; pursue them quickly, for you
may overtake them."
6 (But she had brought them up to the
roof and hidden them with the stalks of
flax, which she had laid in order on the
roof.)
7 Then the men pursued them by the
road to the Jordan, to the fords. And as
soon as those who pursued them had
gone out, they shut the gate.
8 Now before they lay down, she came
up to them on the roof,
9 and said to the men: "I know that
the LORD has given you the land, that
the terror of you has fallen on us, and
that all the inhabitants of the land are
fainthearted because of you.
10 "For we have heard how the LORD
dried up the water of the Red Sea for

you when you came out of Egypt, and
what you did to the two kings of the
Amorites who were on the other side
of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you
utterly destroyed.
11 "And as soon as we heard these
things, our hearts melted; neither did
there remain any more courage in
anyone because of you, for the LORD
your God, He is God in heaven above
and on earth beneath.
12 "Now therefore, I beg you, swear
to me by the LORD, since I have shown
you kindness, that you also will show
kindness to my father's house, and give
me a true token,
13 "and spare my father, my mother, my
brothers, my sisters, and all that they
have, and deliver our lives from death."
14 So the men answered her, "Our lives
for yours, if none of you tell this business
of ours. And it shall be, when the LORD

has given us the land, that we will deal
kindly and truly with you."
15 Then she let them down by a rope
through the window, for her house was
on the city wall; she dwelt on the wall.
16 And she said to them, "Get to the
mountain, lest the pursuers meet you.
Hide there three days, until the pursuers
have returned. Afterward you may go
your way."
17 So the men said to her: "We will be
blameless of this oath of yours which
you have made us swear,
18 "unless, when we come into the
land, you bind this line of scarlet cord in
the window through which you let us
down, and unless you bring your father,
your mother, your brothers, and all your
father's household to your own home.
19 "So it shall be that whoever goes
outside the doors of your house into
the street, his blood shall be on his

own head, and we will be guiltless. And
whoever is with you in the house, his
blood shall be on our head if a hand is
laid on him.
20 "And if you tell this business of ours,
then we will be free from your oath
which you made us swear."
21 Then she said, "According to your
words, so be it." And she sent them
away, and they departed. And she bound
the scarlet cord in the window.
22 They departed and went to the
mountain, and stayed there three
days until the pursuers returned. The
pursuers sought them all along the way,
but did not find them.
23 So the two men returned, descended
from the mountain, and crossed over;
and they came to Joshua the son of Nun,
and told him all that had befallen them.
24 And they said to Joshua, "Truly the
LORD has delivered all the land into our

hands, for indeed all the inhabitants of
the country are fainthearted because of
us."

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[1] Then Joshua rose early in the
morning; and they set out from
Acacia Grove and came to the Jordan, he
and all the children of Israel, and lodged
there before they crossed over.
[2] So it was, after three days, that the
officers went through the camp;
[3] and they commanded the people,
saying, "When you see the ark of the
covenant of the LORD your God, and the
priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you
shall set out from your place and go after
it.
[4] "Yet there shall be a space between
you and it, about two thousand cubits
by measure. Do not come near it, that
you may know the way by which you
must go, for you have not passed this
way before."

5 And Joshua said to the people,
"Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the
LORD will do wonders among you."
6 Then Joshua spoke to the priests,
saying, "Take up the ark of the covenant
and cross over before the people." So
they took up the ark of the covenant and
went before the people.
7 And the LORD said to Joshua, "This
day I will begin to exalt you in the sight
of all Israel, that they may know that, as
I was with Moses, so I will be with you.
8 "You shall command the priests who
bear the ark of the covenant, saying,
'When you have come to the edge of the
water of the Jordan, you shall stand in
the Jordan.'"
9 So Joshua said to the children of Israel,
"Come here, and hear the words of the
LORD your God."
10 And Joshua said, "By this you shall
know that the living God is among you,

and that He will without fail drive out
from before you the Canaanites and the
Hittites and the Hivites and the Perizzites
and the Girgashites and the Amorites
and the Jebusites:
11 "Behold, the ark of the covenant of
the Lord of all the earth is crossing over
before you into the Jordan.
12 "Now therefore, take for yourselves
twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one
man from every tribe.
13 "And it shall come to pass, as soon as
the soles of the feet of the priests who
bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all
the earth, shall rest in the waters of the
Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan
shall be cut off, the waters that come
down from upstream, and they shall
stand as a heap."
14 So it was, when the people set out
from their camp to cross over the Jordan,

with the priests bearing the ark of the
covenant before the people,
15 and as those who bore the ark came
to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests
who bore the ark dipped in the edge of
the water (for the Jordan overflows all its
banks during the whole time of harvest),
16 that the waters which came down
from upstream stood still, and rose in
a heap very far away at Adam, the city
that is beside Zaretan. So the waters that
went down into the Sea of the Arabah,
the Salt Sea, failed, and were cut off;
and the people crossed over opposite
Jericho.
17 Then the priests who bore the ark
of the covenant of the LORD stood
firm on dry ground in the midst of the
Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry
ground, until all the people had crossed
completely over the Jordan.

4 1 And it came to pass, when all the
people had completely crossed over
the Jordan, that the LORD spoke to
Joshua, saying:
2 "Take for yourselves twelve men from
the people, one man from every tribe,
3 "and command them, saying, ‘Take
for yourselves twelve stones from here,
out of the midst of the Jordan, from the
place where the priests’ feet stood firm.
You shall carry them over with you and
leave them in the lodging place where
you lodge tonight.’"
4 Then Joshua called the twelve men
whom he had appointed from the
children of Israel, one man from every
tribe;
5 and Joshua said to them: "Cross over
before the ark of the LORD your God into
the midst of the Jordan, and each one
of you take up a stone on his shoulder,

according to the number of the tribes of
the children of Israel,
6 "that this may be a sign among you
when your children ask in time to come,
saying, ‘What do these stones mean to
you?’
7 "Then you shall answer them that the
waters of the Jordan were cut off before
the ark of the covenant of the LORD;
when it crossed over the Jordan, the
waters of the Jordan were cut off. And
these stones shall be for a memorial to
the children of Israel forever."
8 And the children of Israel did so,
just as Joshua commanded, and took
up twelve stones from the midst of
the Jordan, as the LORD had spoken
to Joshua, according to the number of
the tribes of the children of Israel, and
carried them over with them to the
place where they lodged, and laid them
down there.

9 Then Joshua set up twelve stones in
the midst of the Jordan, in the place
where the feet of the priests who bore
the ark of the covenant stood; and they
are there to this day.
10 So the priests who bore the ark
stood in the midst of the Jordan until
everything was finished that the LORD
had commanded Joshua to speak to the
people, according to all that Moses had
commanded Joshua; and the people
hurried and crossed over.
11 Then it came to pass, when all the
people had completely crossed over,
that the ark of the LORD and the priests
crossed over in the presence of the
people.
12 And the men of Reuben, the men
of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh
crossed over armed before the children
of Israel, as Moses had spoken to them.

13 About forty thousand prepared for
war crossed over before the LORD for
battle, to the plains of Jericho.
14 On that day the LORD exalted Joshua
in the sight of all Israel; and they feared
him, as they had feared Moses, all the
days of his life.
15 Then the LORD spoke to Joshua,
saying,
16 "Command the priests who bear the
ark of the Testimony to come up from
the Jordan."
17 Joshua therefore commanded the
priests, saying, "Come up from the
Jordan."
18 And it came to pass, when the priests
who bore the ark of the covenant of the
LORD had come from the midst of the
Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet
touched the dry land, that the waters of
the Jordan returned to their place and
overflowed all its banks as before.

19 Now the people came up from the
Jordan on the tenth day of the first
month, and they camped in Gilgal on the
east border of Jericho.
20 And those twelve stones which they
took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up in
Gilgal.
21 Then he spoke to the children of
Israel, saying: "When your children ask
their fathers in time to come, saying,
‘What are these stones?’
22 "then you shall let your children
know, saying, ‘Israel crossed over this
Jordan on dry land’;
23 "for the LORD your God dried up the
waters of the Jordan before you until
you had crossed over, as the LORD your
God did to the Red Sea, which He dried
up before us until we had crossed over,
24 "that all the peoples of the earth may
know the hand of the LORD, that it is

mighty, that you may fear the LORD your
God forever."

5 1 So it was, when all the kings of the
Amorites who were on the west side
of the Jordan, and all the kings of the
Canaanites who were by the sea, heard
that the LORD had dried up the waters
of the Jordan from before the children
of Israel until we had crossed over, that
their heart melted; and there was no
spirit in them any longer because of the
children of Israel.
2 At that time the LORD said to Joshua,
"Make flint knives for yourself, and
circumcise the sons of Israel again the
second time."
3 So Joshua made flint knives for
himself, and circumcised the sons of
Israel at the hill of the foreskins.
4 And this is the reason why Joshua
circumcised them: All the people who
came out of Egypt who were males,

all the men of war, had died in the
wilderness on the way, after they had
come out of Egypt.
5 For all the people who came out had
been circumcised, but all the people
born in the wilderness, on the way as
they came out of Egypt, had not been
circumcised.
6 For the children of Israel walked forty
years in the wilderness, till all the people
who were men of war, who came out
of Egypt, were consumed, because they
did not obey the voice of the LORD—to
whom the LORD swore that He would
not show them the land which the LORD
had sworn to their fathers that He would
give us, "a land flowing with milk and
honey."
7 Then Joshua circumcised their sons
whom He raised up in their place; for
they were uncircumcised, because they
had not been circumcised on the way.

8 So it was, when they had finished
circumcising all the people, that they
stayed in their places in the camp till
they were healed.
9 Then the LORD said to Joshua, "This
day I have rolled away the reproach of
Egypt from you." Therefore the name of
the place is called Gilgal to this day.
10 Now the children of Israel camped
in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the
fourteenth day of the month at twilight
on the plains of Jericho.
11 And they ate of the produce of the
land on the day after the Passover,
unleavened bread and parched grain, on
the very same day.
12 Then the manna ceased on the day
after they had eaten the produce of the
land; and the children of Israel no longer
had manna, but they ate the food of the
land of Canaan that year.

13 And it came to pass, when Joshua
was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes
and looked, and behold, a Man stood
opposite him with His sword drawn in
His hand. And Joshua went to Him and
said to Him, "Are You for us or for our
adversaries?"
14 So He said, "No, but as Commander
of the army of the LORD I have now
come." And Joshua fell on his face to the
earth and worshiped, and said to Him,
"What does my Lord say to His servant?"
15 Then the Commander of the LORD'S
army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal
off your foot, for the place where you
stand is holy." And Joshua did so.

6 1 Now Jericho was securely shut up
because of the children of Israel;
none went out, and none came in.
2 And the LORD said to Joshua: "See!
I have given Jericho into your hand, its
king, and the mighty men of valor.

3 "You shall march around the city, all
you men of war; you shall go all around
the city once. This you shall do six days.
4 "And seven priests shall bear seven
trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark.
But the seventh day you shall march
around the city seven times, and the
priests shall blow the trumpets.
5 "It shall come to pass, when they
make a long blast with the ram’s horn,
and when you hear the sound of the
trumpet, that all the people shall shout
with a great shout; then the wall of the
city will fall down flat. And the people
shall go up every man straight before
him."
6 Then Joshua the son of Nun called
the priests and said to them, "Take up
the ark of the covenant, and let seven
priests bear seven trumpets of rams’
horns before the ark of the LORD."

7 And he said to the people, "Proceed,
and march around the city, and let him
who is armed advance before the ark of
the LORD."
8 So it was, when Joshua had spoken
to the people, that the seven priests
bearing the seven trumpets of rams'
horns before the LORD advanced and
blew the trumpets, and the ark of the
covenant of the LORD followed them.
9 The armed men went before the
priests who blew the trumpets, and the
rear guard came after the ark, while the
priests continued blowing the trumpets.
10 Now Joshua had commanded the
people, saying, "You shall not shout or
make any noise with your voice, nor
shall a word proceed out of your mouth,
until the day I say to you, 'Shout!' Then
you shall shout."
11 So he had the ark of the LORD circle
the city, going around it once. Then they

came into the camp and lodged in the
camp.
12 And Joshua rose early in the morning,
and the priests took up the ark of the
LORD.
13 Then seven priests bearing seven
trumpets of rams' horns before the ark
of the LORD went on continually and
blew with the trumpets. And the armed
men went before them. But the rear
guard came after the ark of the LORD,
while the priests continued blowing the
trumpets.
14 And the second day they marched
around the city once and returned to the
camp. So they did six days.
15 But it came to pass on the seventh
day that they rose early, about the
dawning of the day, and marched around
the city seven times in the same manner.
On that day only they marched around
the city seven times.

16 And the seventh time it happened,
when the priests blew the trumpets,
that Joshua said to the people: "Shout,
for the LORD has given you the city!
17 "Now the city shall be doomed by the
LORD to destruction, it and all who are
in it. Only Rahab the harlot shall live, she
and all who are with her in the house,
because she hid the messengers that we
sent.
18 "And you, by all means abstain from
the accursed things, lest you become
accursed when you take of the accursed
things, and make the camp of Israel a
curse, and trouble it.
19 "But all the silver and gold, and
vessels of bronze and iron, are
consecrated to the LORD; they shall
come into the treasury of the LORD."
20 So the people shouted when the
priests blew the trumpets. And it
happened when the people heard the

sound of the trumpet, and the people
shouted with a great shout, that the wall
fell down flat. Then the people went up
into the city, every man straight before
him, and they took the city.
21 And they utterly destroyed all that
was in the city, both man and woman,
young and old, ox and sheep and donkey,
with the edge of the sword.
22 But Joshua had said to the two men
who had spied out the country, "Go into
the harlot's house, and from there bring
out the woman and all that she has, as
you swore to her."
23 And the young men who had been
spies went in and brought out Rahab,
her father, her mother, her brothers, and
all that she had. So they brought out all
her relatives and left them outside the
camp of Israel.
24 But they burned the city and all that
was in it with fire. Only the silver and

gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron,
they put into the treasury of the house
of the LORD.
25 And Joshua spared Rahab the harlot,
her father's household, and all that she
had. So she dwells in Israel to this day,
because she hid the messengers whom
Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.
26 Then Joshua charged them at that
time, saying, "Cursed be the man before
the LORD who rises up and builds this
city Jericho; he shall lay its foundation
with his firstborn, and with his youngest
he shall set up its gates."
27 So the LORD was with Joshua, and his
fame spread throughout all the country.
7 1 But the children of Israel committed
a trespass regarding the accursed
things, for Achan the son of Carmi, the
son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the
tribe of Judah, took of the accursed

things; so the anger of the LORD burned
against the children of Israel.
2 Now Joshua sent men from Jericho
to Ai, which is beside Beth Aven, on the
east side of Bethel, and spoke to them,
saying, "Go up and spy out the country."
So the men went up and spied out Ai.
3 And they returned to Joshua and said
to him, "Do not let all the people go up,
but let about two or three thousand
men go up and attack Ai. Do not weary
all the people there, for the people of Ai
are few."
4 So about three thousand men went
up there from the people, but they fled
before the men of Ai.
5 And the men of Ai struck down about
thirty–six men, for they chased them
from before the gate as far as Shebarim,
and struck them down on the descent;
therefore the hearts of the people
melted and became like water.

6 Then Joshua tore his clothes, and fell
to the earth on his face before the ark
of the LORD until evening, he and the
elders of Israel; and they put dust on
their heads.
7 And Joshua said, "Alas, Lord GOD, why
have You brought this people over the
Jordan at all—to deliver us into the hand
of the Amorites, to destroy us? Oh, that
we had been content, and dwelt on the
other side of the Jordan!
8 "O Lord, what shall I say when Israel
turns its back before its enemies?
9 "For the Canaanites and all the
inhabitants of the land will hear it, and
surround us, and cut off our name from
the earth. Then what will You do for Your
great name?"
10 So the LORD said to Joshua: "Get up!
Why do you lie thus on your face?
11 "Israel has sinned, and they have
also transgressed My covenant which I

commanded them. For they have even
taken some of the accursed things, and
have both stolen and deceived; and they
have also put it among their own stuff.
12 "Therefore the children of Israel
could not stand before their enemies,
but turned their backs before their
enemies, because they have become
doomed to destruction. Neither will I be
with you anymore, unless you destroy
the accursed from among you.
13 "Get up, sanctify the people, and
say, ‘Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow,
because thus says the LORD God of
Israel: "There is an accursed thing in
your midst, O Israel; you cannot stand
before your enemies until you take away
the accursed thing from among you."
14 ‘In the morning therefore you shall
be brought according to your tribes.
And it shall be that the tribe which the
LORD takes shall come according to

families; and the family which the LORD
takes shall come by households; and the
household which the LORD takes shall
come man by man.
15 'Then it shall be that he who is taken
with the accursed thing shall be burned
with fire, he and all that he has, because
he has transgressed the covenant of
the LORD, and because he has done a
disgraceful thing in Israel.'"
16 So Joshua rose early in the morning
and brought Israel by their tribes, and
the tribe of Judah was taken.
17 He brought the clan of Judah, and he
took the family of the Zarhites; and he
brought the family of the Zarhites man
by man, and Zabdi was taken.
18 Then he brought his household man
by man, and Achan the son of Carmi, the
son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the
tribe of Judah, was taken.

19 Now Joshua said to Achan, "My son, I
beg you, give glory to the LORD God of
Israel, and make confession to Him, and
tell me now what you have done; do not
hide it from me."
20 And Achan answered Joshua and
said, "Indeed I have sinned against the
LORD God of Israel, and this is what I
have done:
21 "When I saw among the spoils a
beautiful Babylonian garment, two
hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge
of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted
them and took them. And there they
are, hidden in the earth in the midst of
my tent, with the silver under it."
22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they
ran to the tent; and there it was, hidden
in his tent, with the silver under it.
23 And they took them from the midst
of the tent, brought them to Joshua and

to all the children of Israel, and laid them
out before the LORD.
24 Then Joshua, and all Israel with him,
took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver,
the garment, the wedge of gold, his sons,
his daughters, his oxen, his donkeys,
his sheep, his tent, and all that he had,
and they brought them to the Valley of
Achor.
25 And Joshua said, "Why have you
troubled us? The LORD will trouble you
this day." So all Israel stoned him with
stones; and they burned them with fire
after they had stoned them with stones.
26 Then they raised over him a great
heap of stones, still there to this day. So
the LORD turned from the fierceness of
His anger. Therefore the name of that
place has been called the Valley of Achor
to this day.

8 1 Now the LORD said to Joshua: "Do
not be afraid, nor be dismayed; take

all the people of war with you, and arise,
go up to Ai. See, I have given into your
hand the king of Ai, his people, his city,
and his land.
2 "And you shall do to Ai and its king
as you did to Jericho and its king. Only
its spoil and its cattle you shall take as
booty for yourselves. Lay an ambush for
the city behind it."
3 So Joshua arose, and all the people
of war, to go up against Ai; and Joshua
chose thirty thousand mighty men of
valor and sent them away by night.
4 And he commanded them, saying:
"Behold, you shall lie in ambush against
the city, behind the city. Do not go very
far from the city, but all of you be ready.
5 "Then I and all the people who are
with me will approach the city; and it
will come about, when they come out
against us as at the first, that we shall
flee before them.

6 "For they will come out after us till we
have drawn them from the city, for they
will say, ‘They are fleeing before us as at
the first.’ Therefore we will flee before
them.
7 "Then you shall rise from the ambush
and seize the city, for the LORD your God
will deliver it into your hand.
8 "And it will be, when you have taken
the city, that you shall set the city on
fire. According to the commandment
of the LORD you shall do. See, I have
commanded you."
9 Joshua therefore sent them out; and
they went to lie in ambush, and stayed
between Bethel and Ai, on the west
side of Ai; but Joshua lodged that night
among the people.
10 Then Joshua rose up early in the
morning and mustered the people, and
went up, he and the elders of Israel,
before the people to Ai.

11 And all the people of war who were
with him went up and drew near; and
they came before the city and camped
on the north side of Ai. Now a valley lay
between them and Ai.
12 So he took about five thousand men
and set them in ambush between Bethel
and Ai, on the west side of the city.
13 And when they had set the people,
all the army that was on the north of the
city, and its rear guard on the west of
the city, Joshua went that night into the
midst of the valley.
14 Now it happened, when the king of
Ai saw it, that the men of the city hurried
and rose early and went out against
Israel to battle, he and all his people,
at an appointed place before the plain.
But he did not know that there was an
ambush against him behind the city.

15 And Joshua and all Israel made as if
they were beaten before them, and fled
by the way of the wilderness.
16 So all the people who were in Ai were
called together to pursue them. And
they pursued Joshua and were drawn
away from the city.
17 There was not a man left in Ai or
Bethel who did not go out after Israel.
So they left the city open and pursued
Israel.
18 Then the LORD said to Joshua,
"Stretch out the spear that is in your
hand toward Ai, for I will give it into your
hand." And Joshua stretched out the
spear that was in his hand toward the
city.
19 So those in ambush arose quickly out
of their place; they ran as soon as he had
stretched out his hand, and they entered
the city and took it, and hurried to set
the city on fire.

20 And when the men of Ai looked
behind them, they saw, and behold, the
smoke of the city ascended to heaven.
So they had no power to flee this way or
that way, and the people who had fled
to the wilderness turned back on the
pursuers.
21 Now when Joshua and all Israel saw
that the ambush had taken the city and
that the smoke of the city ascended,
they turned back and struck down the
men of Ai.
22 Then the others came out of the city
against them; so they were caught in the
midst of Israel, some on this side and
some on that side. And they struck them
down, so that they let none of them
remain or escape.
23 But the king of Ai they took alive, and
brought him to Joshua.
24 And it came to pass when Israel
had made an end of slaying all the

inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the
wilderness where they pursued them,
and when they all had fallen by the edge
of the sword until they were consumed,
that all the Israelites returned to Ai and
struck it with the edge of the sword.
25 So it was that all who fell that day,
both men and women, were twelve
thousand—all the people of Ai.
26 For Joshua did not draw back his
hand, with which he stretched out the
spear, until he had utterly destroyed all
the inhabitants of Ai.
27 Only the livestock and the spoil
of that city Israel took as booty for
themselves, according to the word of the
LORD which He had commanded Joshua.
28 So Joshua burned Ai and made it a
heap forever, a desolation to this day.
29 And the king of Ai he hanged on a
tree until evening. And as soon as the
sun was down, Joshua commanded that

they should take his corpse down from
the tree, cast it at the entrance of the
gate of the city, and raise over it a great
heap of stones that remains to this day.
30 Now Joshua built an altar to the
LORD God of Israel in Mount Ebal,
31 as Moses the servant of the LORD
had commanded the children of Israel,
as it is written in the Book of the Law of
Moses: "an altar of whole stones over
which no man has wielded an iron tool."
And they offered on it burnt offerings to
the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings.
32 And there, in the presence of the
children of Israel, he wrote on the stones
a copy of the law of Moses, which he
had written.
33 Then all Israel, with their elders and
officers and judges, stood on either side
of the ark before the priests, the Levites,
who bore the ark of the covenant of the
LORD, the stranger as well as he who was

born among them. Half of them were in
front of Mount Gerizim and half of them
in front of Mount Ebal, as Moses the
servant of the LORD had commanded
before, that they should bless the people
of Israel.
34 And afterward he read all the words
of the law, the blessings and the cursings,
according to all that is written in the
Book of the Law.
35 There was not a word of all that
Moses had commanded which Joshua
did not read before all the assembly
of Israel, with the women, the little
ones, and the strangers who were living
among them.
9 1 And it came to pass when all
the kings who were on this side
of the Jordan, in the hills and in the
lowland and in all the coasts of the Great
Sea toward Lebanon—the Hittite, the
Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite,

the Hivite, and the Jebusite—heard
about it,
2 that they gathered together to fight
with Joshua and Israel with one accord.
3 But when the inhabitants of Gibeon
heard what Joshua had done to Jericho
and Ai,
4 they worked craftily, and went and
pretended to be ambassadors. And they
took old sacks on their donkeys, old
wineskins torn and mended,
5 old and patched sandals on their feet,
and old garments on themselves; and all
the bread of their provision was dry and
moldy.
6 And they went to Joshua, to the camp
at Gilgal, and said to him and to the
men of Israel, "We have come from
a far country; now therefore, make a
covenant with us."

7 Then the men of Israel said to the
Hivites, "Perhaps you dwell among us; so
how can we make a covenant with you?"
8 But they said to Joshua, "We are your
servants." And Joshua said to them,
"Who are you, and where do you come
from?"
9 So they said to him: "From a very
far country your servants have come,
because of the name of the LORD your
God; for we have heard of His fame, and
all that He did in Egypt,
10 "and all that He did to the two kings
of the Amorites who were beyond the
Jordan—to Sihon king of Heshbon,
and Og king of Bashan, who was at
Ashtaroth.
11 "Therefore our elders and all the
inhabitants of our country spoke to us,
saying, ‘Take provisions with you for the
journey, and go to meet them, and say

to them, "We are your servants; now
therefore, make a covenant with us."'
12 "This bread of ours we took hot for
our provision from our houses on the
day we departed to come to you. But
now look, it is dry and moldy.
13 "And these wineskins which we filled
were new, and see, they are torn; and
these our garments and our sandals
have become old because of the very
long journey."
14 Then the men of Israel took some
of their provisions; but they did not ask
counsel of the LORD.
15 So Joshua made peace with them,
and made a covenant with them to
let them live; and the rulers of the
congregation swore to them.
16 And it happened at the end of three
days, after they had made a covenant
with them, that they heard that they

were their neighbors who dwelt near
them.
17 Then the children of Israel journeyed
and came to their cities on the third
day. Now their cities were Gibeon,
Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kirjath Jearim.
18 But the children of Israel did not
attack them, because the rulers of the
congregation had sworn to them by
the LORD God of Israel. And all the
congregation complained against the
rulers.
19 Then all the rulers said to all the
congregation, "We have sworn to
them by the LORD God of Israel; now
therefore, we may not touch them.
20 "This we will do to them: We will let
them live, lest wrath be upon us because
of the oath which we swore to them."
21 And the rulers said to them,
"Let them live, but let them be
woodcutters and water carriers for all

the congregation, as the rulers had
promised them."
22 Then Joshua called for them, and he
spoke to them, saying, "Why have you
deceived us, saying, 'We are very far
from you,' when you dwell near us?
23 "Now therefore, you are cursed, and
none of you shall be freed from being
slaves—woodcutters and water carriers
for the house of my God."
24 So they answered Joshua and said,
"Because your servants were clearly told
that the LORD your God commanded His
servant Moses to give you all the land,
and to destroy all the inhabitants of the
land from before you; therefore we were
very much afraid for our lives because of
you, and have done this thing.
25 "And now, here we are, in your
hands; do with us as it seems good and
right to do to us."

26 So he did to them, and delivered
them out of the hand of the children of
Israel, so that they did not kill them.
27 And that day Joshua made them
woodcutters and water carriers for the
congregation and for the altar of the
LORD, in the place which He would
choose, even to this day.
10 1 Now it came to pass when
Adoni–Zedek king of Jerusalem
heard how Joshua had taken Ai and had
utterly destroyed it—as he had done to
Jericho and its king, so he had done to Ai
and its king—and how the inhabitants of
Gibeon had made peace with Israel and
were among them,
2 that they feared greatly, because
Gibeon was a great city, like one of the
royal cities, and because it was greater
than Ai, and all its men were mighty.
3 Therefore Adoni–Zedek king of
Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of

Hebron, Piram king of Jarmuth, Japhia
king of Lachish, and Debir king of Eglon,
saying,
4 "Come up to me and help me, that
we may attack Gibeon, for it has made
peace with Joshua and with the children
of Israel."
5 Therefore the five kings of the
Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the
king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the
king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon,
gathered together and went up, they
and all their armies, and camped before
Gibeon and made war against it.
6 And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua
at the camp at Gilgal, saying, "Do not
forsake your servants; come up to us
quickly, save us and help us, for all the
kings of the Amorites who dwell in
the mountains have gathered together
against us."

7 So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he
and all the people of war with him, and
all the mighty men of valor.
8 And the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not
fear them, for I have delivered them
into your hand; not a man of them shall
stand before you."
9 Joshua therefore came upon them
suddenly, having marched all night from
Gilgal.
10 So the LORD routed them before
Israel, killed them with a great slaughter
at Gibeon, chased them along the
road that goes to Beth Horon, and
struck them down as far as Azekah and
Makkedah.
11 And it happened, as they fled before
Israel and were on the descent of Beth
Horon, that the LORD cast down large
hailstones from heaven on them as far as
Azekah, and they died. There were more

who died from the hailstones than the
children of Israel killed with the sword.
12 Then Joshua spoke to the LORD in
the day when the LORD delivered up the
Amorites before the children of Israel,
and he said in the sight of Israel: "Sun,
stand still over Gibeon; And Moon, in
the Valley of Aijalon."
13 So the sun stood still, And the moon
stopped, Till the people had revenge
Upon their enemies. Is this not written
in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood
still in the midst of heaven, and did not
hasten to go down for about a whole
day.
14 And there has been no day like
that, before it or after it, that the LORD
heeded the voice of a man; for the LORD
fought for Israel.
15 Then Joshua returned, and all Israel
with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

16 But these five kings had fled
and hidden themselves in a cave at
Makkedah.
17 And it was told Joshua, saying, "The
five kings have been found hidden in the
cave at Makkedah."
18 So Joshua said, "Roll large stones
against the mouth of the cave, and set
men by it to guard them.
19 "And do not stay there yourselves,
but pursue your enemies, and attack
their rear guard. Do not allow them to
enter their cities, for the LORD your God
has delivered them into your hand."
20 Then it happened, while Joshua and
the children of Israel made an end of
slaying them with a very great slaughter,
till they had finished, that those who
escaped entered fortified cities.
21 And all the people returned to the
camp, to Joshua at Makkedah, in peace.

No one moved his tongue against any of
the children of Israel.
22 Then Joshua said, "Open the mouth
of the cave, and bring out those five
kings to me from the cave."
23 And they did so, and brought out
those five kings to him from the cave: the
king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron,
the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish,
and the king of Eglon.
24 So it was, when they brought out
those kings to Joshua, that Joshua called
for all the men of Israel, and said to the
captains of the men of war who went
with him, "Come near, put your feet on
the necks of these kings." And they drew
near and put their feet on their necks.
25 Then Joshua said to them, "Do not
be afraid, nor be dismayed; be strong
and of good courage, for thus the LORD
will do to all your enemies against whom
you fight."

26 And afterward Joshua struck them
and killed them, and hanged them on
five trees; and they were hanging on the
trees until evening.
27 So it was at the time of the
going down of the sun that Joshua
commanded, and they took them down
from the trees, cast them into the cave
where they had been hidden, and laid
large stones against the cave’s mouth,
which remain until this very day.
28 On that day Joshua took Makkedah,
and struck it and its king with the edge
of the sword. He utterly destroyed
them—all the people who were in it. He
let none remain. He also did to the king
of Makkedah as he had done to the king
of Jericho.
29 Then Joshua passed from Makkedah,
and all Israel with him, to Libnah; and
they fought against Libnah.

30 And the LORD also delivered it and
its king into the hand of Israel; he struck
it and all the people who were in it
with the edge of the sword. He let none
remain in it, but did to its king as he had
done to the king of Jericho.
31 Then Joshua passed from Libnah, and
all Israel with him, to Lachish; and they
encamped against it and fought against
it.
32 And the LORD delivered Lachish into
the hand of Israel, who took it on the
second day, and struck it and all the
people who were in it with the edge of
the sword, according to all that he had
done to Libnah.
33 Then Horam king of Gezer came up
to help Lachish; and Joshua struck him
and his people, until he left him none
remaining.
34 From Lachish Joshua passed to
Eglon, and all Israel with him; and they

encamped against it and fought against
it.
35 They took it on that day and struck
it with the edge of the sword; all
the people who were in it he utterly
destroyed that day, according to all that
he had done to Lachish.
36 So Joshua went up from Eglon, and
all Israel with him, to Hebron; and they
fought against it.
37 And they took it and struck it with
the edge of the sword—its king, all its
cities, and all the people who were in it;
he left none remaining, according to all
that he had done to Eglon, but utterly
destroyed it and all the people who were
in it.
38 Then Joshua returned, and all Israel
with him, to Debir; and they fought
against it.
39 And he took it and its king and all its
cities; they struck them with the edge

of the sword and utterly destroyed all
the people who were in it. He left none
remaining; as he had done to Hebron, so
he did to Debir and its king, as he had
done also to Libnah and its king.
40 So Joshua conquered all the land:
the mountain country and the South
and the lowland and the wilderness
slopes, and all their kings; he left none
remaining, but utterly destroyed all that
breathed, as the LORD God of Israel had
commanded.
41 And Joshua conquered them from
Kadesh Barnea as far as Gaza, and all
the country of Goshen, even as far as
Gibeon.
42 All these kings and their land Joshua
took at one time, because the LORD God
of Israel fought for Israel.
43 Then Joshua returned, and all Israel
with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

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1 And it came to pass, when Jabin
king of Hazor heard these things,
that he sent to Jobab king of Madon,
to the king of Shimron, to the king of
Achshaph,
2 and to the kings who were from the
north, in the mountains, in the plain
south of Chinneroth, in the lowland, and
in the heights of Dor on the west,
3 to the Canaanites in the east and in
the west, the Amorite, the Hittite, the
Perizzite, the Jebusite in the mountains,
and the Hivite below Hermon in the land
of Mizpah.
4 So they went out, they and all their
armies with them, as many people as
the sand that is on the seashore in
multitude, with very many horses and
chariots.
5 And when all these kings had met
together, they came and camped

together at the waters of Merom to fight
against Israel.
6 But the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not
be afraid because of them, for tomorrow
about this time I will deliver all of them
slain before Israel. You shall hamstring
their horses and burn their chariots with
fire."
7 So Joshua and all the people of war
with him came against them suddenly by
the waters of Merom, and they attacked
them.
8 And the LORD delivered them into the
hand of Israel, who defeated them and
chased them to Greater Sidon, to the
Brook Misrephoth, and to the Valley of
Mizpah eastward; they attacked them
until they left none of them remaining.
9 So Joshua did to them as the LORD
had told him: he hamstrung their horses
and burned their chariots with fire.

10 Joshua turned back at that time and
took Hazor, and struck its king with the
sword; for Hazor was formerly the head
of all those kingdoms.
11 And they struck all the people who
were in it with the edge of the sword,
utterly destroying them. There was none
left breathing. Then he burned Hazor
with fire.
12 So all the cities of those kings, and
all their kings, Joshua took and struck
with the edge of the sword. He utterly
destroyed them, as Moses the servant of
the LORD had commanded.
13 But as for the cities that stood on
their mounds, Israel burned none of
them, except Hazor only, which Joshua
burned.
14 And all the spoil of these cities and
the livestock, the children of Israel took
as booty for themselves; but they struck
every man with the edge of the sword

until they had destroyed them, and they
left none breathing.
15 As the LORD had commanded Moses
his servant, so Moses commanded
Joshua, and so Joshua did. He left
nothing undone of all that the LORD had
commanded Moses.
16 Thus Joshua took all this land: the
mountain country, all the South, all the
land of Goshen, the lowland, and the
Jordan plain—the mountains of Israel
and its lowlands,
17 from Mount Halak and the ascent to
Seir, even as far as Baal Gad in the Valley
of Lebanon below Mount Hermon. He
captured all their kings, and struck them
down and killed them.
18 Joshua made war a long time with all
those kings.
19 There was not a city that made peace
with the children of Israel, except the

Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon. All
the others they took in battle.
20 For it was of the LORD to harden
their hearts, that they should come
against Israel in battle, that He might
utterly destroy them, and that they
might receive no mercy, but that He
might destroy them, as the LORD had
commanded Moses.
21 And at that time Joshua came and
cut off the Anakim from the mountains:
from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab,
from all the mountains of Judah, and
from all the mountains of Israel; Joshua
utterly destroyed them with their cities.
22 None of the Anakim were left in
the land of the children of Israel; they
remained only in Gaza, in Gath, and in
Ashdod.
23 So Joshua took the whole land,
according to all that the LORD had said
to Moses; and Joshua gave it as an

inheritance to Israel according to their
divisions by their tribes. Then the land
rested from war.

12

[1] These are the kings of the
land whom the children of
Israel defeated, and whose land they
possessed on the other side of the
Jordan toward the rising of the sun, from
the River Arnon to Mount Hermon, and
all the eastern Jordan plain:
[2] One king was Sihon king of the
Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon and
ruled half of Gilead, from Aroer, which is
on the bank of the River Arnon, from the
middle of that river, even as far as the
River Jabbok, which is the border of the
Ammonites,
[3] and the eastern Jordan plain from the
Sea of Chinneroth as far as the Sea of
the Arabah (the Salt Sea), the road to
Beth Jeshimoth, and southward below
the slopes of Pisgah.

4 The other king was Og king of Bashan
and his territory, who was of the
remnant of the giants, who dwelt at
Ashtaroth and at Edrei,
5 and reigned over Mount Hermon,
over Salcah, over all Bashan, as far as
the border of the Geshurites and the
Maachathites, and over half of Gilead to
the border of Sihon king of Heshbon.
6 These Moses the servant of the
LORD and the children of Israel had
conquered; and Moses the servant of
the LORD had given it as a possession
to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half
the tribe of Manasseh.
7 And these are the kings of the country
which Joshua and the children of Israel
conquered on this side of the Jordan, on
the west, from Baal Gad in the Valley of
Lebanon as far as Mount Halak and the
ascent to Seir, which Joshua gave to the

tribes of Israel as a possession according
to their divisions,
8 in the mountain country, in the
lowlands, in the Jordan plain, in the
slopes, in the wilderness, and in the
South—the Hittites, the Amorites, the
Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites,
and the Jebusites:
9 the king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai,
which is beside Bethel, one;
10 the king of Jerusalem, one; the king
of Hebron, one;
11 the king of Jarmuth, one; the king of
Lachish, one;
12 the king of Eglon, one; the king of
Gezer, one;
13 the king of Debir, one; the king of
Geder, one;
14 the king of Hormah, one; the king of
Arad, one;
15 the king of Libnah, one; the king of
Adullam, one;

16 the king of Makkedah, one; the king
of Bethel, one;
17 the king of Tappuah, one; the king of
Hepher, one;
18 the king of Aphek, one; the king of
Lasharon, one;
19 the king of Madon, one; the king of
Hazor, one;
20 the king of Shimron Meron, one; the
king of Achshaph, one;
21 the king of Taanach, one; the king of
Megiddo, one;
22 the king of Kedesh, one; the king of
Jokneam in Carmel, one;
23 the king of Dor in the heights of Dor,
one; the king of the people of Gilgal,
one;
24 the king of Tirzah, one—all the kings,
thirty–one.

13 1 Now Joshua was old, advanced
in years. And the LORD said to
him: "You are old, advanced in years,

and there remains very much land yet to
be possessed.
2 "This is the land that yet remains: all
the territory of the Philistines and all
that of the Geshurites,
3 "from Sihor, which is east of Egypt, as
far as the border of Ekron northward
(which is counted as Canaanite); the five
lords of the Philistines—the Gazites,
the Ashdodites, the Ashkelonites, the
Gittites, and the Ekronites; also the
Avites;
4 "from the south, all the land of the
Canaanites, and Mearah that belongs
to the Sidonians as far as Aphek, to the
border of the Amorites;
5 "the land of the Gebalites, and all
Lebanon, toward the sunrise, from Baal
Gad below Mount Hermon as far as the
entrance to Hamath;
6 "all the inhabitants of the mountains
from Lebanon as far as the Brook

Misrephoth, and all the Sidonians—
them I will drive out from before the
children of Israel; only divide it by lot
to Israel as an inheritance, as I have
commanded you.
7 "Now therefore, divide this land as an
inheritance to the nine tribes and half
the tribe of Manasseh."
8 With the other half tribe the
Reubenites and the Gadites received
their inheritance, which Moses had given
them, beyond the Jordan eastward, as
Moses the servant of the LORD had
given them:
9 from Aroer which is on the bank of
the River Arnon, and the town that is in
the midst of the ravine, and all the plain
of Medeba as far as Dibon;
10 all the cities of Sihon king of the
Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon,
as far as the border of the children of
Ammon;

11 Gilead, and the border of the
Geshurites and Maachathites, all Mount
Hermon, and all Bashan as far as Salcah;
12 all the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who
reigned in Ashtaroth and Edrei, who
remained of the remnant of the giants;
for Moses had defeated and cast out
these.
13 Nevertheless the children of Israel
did not drive out the Geshurites or the
Maachathites, but the Geshurites and
the Maachathites dwell among the
Israelites until this day.
14 Only to the tribe of Levi he had given
no inheritance; the sacrifices of the
LORD God of Israel made by fire are their
inheritance, as He said to them.
15 And Moses had given to the tribe of
the children of Reuben an inheritance
according to their families.
16 Their territory was from Aroer, which
is on the bank of the River Arnon, and

the city that is in the midst of the ravine,
and all the plain by Medeba;
17 Heshbon and all its cities that are in
the plain: Dibon, Bamoth Baal, Beth Baal
Meon,
18 Jahaza, Kedemoth, Mephaath,
19 Kirjathaim, Sibmah, Zereth Shahar on
the mountain of the valley,
20 Beth Peor, the slopes of Pisgah, and
Beth Jeshimoth—
21 all the cities of the plain and all the
kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites,
who reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses
had struck with the princes of Midian:
Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba, who
were princes of Sihon dwelling in the
country.
22 The children of Israel also killed with
the sword Balaam the son of Beor, the
soothsayer, among those who were
killed by them.

23 And the border of the children of
Reuben was the bank of the Jordan. This
was the inheritance of the children of
Reuben according to their families, the
cities and their villages.
24 Moses also had given an inheritance
to the tribe of Gad, to the children of
Gad according to their families.
25 Their territory was Jazer, and all the
cities of Gilead, and half the land of the
Ammonites as far as Aroer, which is
before Rabbah,
26 and from Heshbon to Ramath Mizpah
and Betonim, and from Mahanaim to
the border of Debir,
27 and in the valley Beth Haram, Beth
Nimrah, Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of
the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon,
with the Jordan as its border, as far as
the edge of the Sea of Chinnereth, on
the other side of the Jordan eastward.

28 This is the inheritance of the children
of Gad according to their families, the
cities and their villages.
29 Moses also had given an inheritance
to half the tribe of Manasseh; it was
for half the tribe of the children of
Manasseh according to their families:
30 Their territory was from Mahanaim,
all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of
Bashan, and all the towns of Jair which
are in Bashan, sixty cities;
31 half of Gilead, and Ashtaroth and
Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in
Bashan, were for the children of Machir
the son of Manasseh, for half of the
children of Machir according to their
families.
32 These are the areas which Moses
had distributed as an inheritance in the
plains of Moab on the other side of the
Jordan, by Jericho eastward.

33 But to the tribe of Levi Moses had
given no inheritance; the LORD God of
Israel was their inheritance, as He had
said to them.

14 1 These are the areas which the
children of Israel inherited in the
land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest,
Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of
the fathers of the tribes of the children
of Israel distributed as an inheritance to
them.
2 Their inheritance was by lot, as the
LORD had commanded by the hand
of Moses, for the nine tribes and the
half–tribe.
3 For Moses had given the inheritance
of the two tribes and the half–tribe on
the other side of the Jordan; but to
the Levites he had given no inheritance
among them.
4 For the children of Joseph were two
tribes: Manasseh and Ephraim. And

they gave no part to the Levites in the
land, except cities to dwell in, with their
common–lands for their livestock and
their property.
5 As the LORD had commanded Moses,
so the children of Israel did; and they
divided the land.
6 Then the children of Judah came to
Joshua in Gilgal. And Caleb the son of
Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him:
"You know the word which the LORD said
to Moses the man of God concerning
you and me in Kadesh Barnea.
7 "I was forty years old when Moses
the servant of the LORD sent me from
Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land, and
I brought back word to him as it was in
my heart.
8 "Nevertheless my brethren who went
up with me made the heart of the
people melt, but I wholly followed the
LORD my God.

9 "So Moses swore on that day, saying,
'Surely the land where your foot has
trodden shall be your inheritance and
your children's forever, because you
have wholly followed the LORD my God.'
10 "And now, behold, the LORD has kept
me alive, as He said, these forty–five
years, ever since the LORD spoke this
word to Moses while Israel wandered in
the wilderness; and now, here I am this
day, eighty–five years old.
11 "As yet I am as strong this day as
on the day that Moses sent me; just
as my strength was then, so now is my
strength for war, both for going out and
for coming in.
12 "Now therefore, give me this
mountain of which the LORD spoke in
that day; for you heard in that day how
the Anakim were there, and that the
cities were great and fortified. It may
be that the LORD will be with me, and

I shall be able to drive them out as the
LORD said."
13 And Joshua blessed him, and gave
Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh
as an inheritance.
14 Hebron therefore became the
inheritance of Caleb the son of
Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day,
because he wholly followed the LORD
God of Israel.
15 And the name of Hebron formerly
was Kirjath Arba (Arba was the greatest
man among the Anakim). Then the land
had rest from war.

15 1 So this was the lot of the tribe
of the children of Judah according
to their families: The border of Edom at
the Wilderness of Zin southward was the
extreme southern boundary.
2 And their southern border began at
the shore of the Salt Sea, from the bay
that faces southward.

3 Then it went out to the southern side
of the Ascent of Akrabbim, passed along
to Zin, ascended on the south side of
Kadesh Barnea, passed along to Hezron,
went up to Adar, and went around to
Karkaa.
4 From there it passed toward Azmon
and went out to the Brook of Egypt; and
the border ended at the sea. This shall
be your southern border.
5 The east border was the Salt Sea as
far as the mouth of the Jordan. And the
border on the northern quarter began at
the bay of the sea at the mouth of the
Jordan.
6 The border went up to Beth Hoglah
and passed north of Beth Arabah; and
the border went up to the stone of
Bohan the son of Reuben.
7 Then the border went up toward
Debir from the Valley of Achor, and it
turned northward toward Gilgal, which

is before the Ascent of Adummim, which
is on the south side of the valley. The
border continued toward the waters of
En Shemesh and ended at En Rogel.
8 And the border went up by the Valley
of the Son of Hinnom to the southern
slope of the Jebusite city (which is
Jerusalem). The border went up to the
top of the mountain that lies before
the Valley of Hinnom westward, which
is at the end of the Valley of Rephaim
northward.
9 Then the border went around from
the top of the hill to the fountain of the
water of Nephtoah, and extended to the
cities of Mount Ephron. And the border
went around to Baalah (which is Kirjath
Jearim).
10 Then the border turned westward
from Baalah to Mount Seir, passed along
to the side of Mount Jearim on the north

(which is Chesalon), went down to Beth
Shemesh, and passed on to Timnah.
11 And the border went out to the side
of Ekron northward. Then the border
went around to Shicron, passed along to
Mount Baalah, and extended to Jabneel;
and the border ended at the sea.
12 The west border was the coastline
of the Great Sea. This is the boundary
of the children of Judah all around
according to their families.
13 Now to Caleb the son of Jephunneh
he gave a share among the children of
Judah, according to the commandment
of the LORD to Joshua, namely, Kirjath
Arba, which is Hebron (Arba was the
father of Anak).
14 Caleb drove out the three sons of
Anak from there: Sheshai, Ahiman, and
Talmai, the children of Anak.

15 Then he went up from there to the inhabitants of Debir (formerly the name of Debir was Kirjath Sepher).
16 And Caleb said, "He who attacks Kirjath Sepher and takes it, to him I will give Achsah my daughter as wife."
17 So Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it; and he gave him Achsah his daughter as wife.
18 Now it was so, when she came to him, that she persuaded him to ask her father for a field. So she dismounted from her donkey, and Caleb said to her, "What do you wish?"
19 She answered, "Give me a blessing; since you have given me land in the South, give me also springs of water." So he gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.
20 This was the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families:

21 The cities at the limits of the tribe of
the children of Judah, toward the border
of Edom in the South, were Kabzeel,
Eder, Jagur,
22 Kinah, Dimonah, Adadah,
23 Kedesh, Hazor, Ithnan,
24 Ziph, Telem, Bealoth,
25 Hazor, Hadattah, Kerioth, Hezron
(which is Hazor),
26 Amam, Shema, Moladah,
27 Hazar Gaddah, Heshmon, Beth Pelet,
28 Hazar Shual, Beersheba, Bizjothjah,
29 Baalah, Ijim, Ezem,
30 Eltolad, Chesil, Hormah,
31 Ziklag, Madmannah, Sansannah,
32 Lebaoth, Shilhim, Ain, and Rimmon:
all the cities are twenty–nine, with their
villages.
33 In the lowland: Eshtaol, Zorah,
Ashnah,
34 Zanoah, En Gannim, Tappuah, Enam,
35 Jarmuth, Adullam, Socoh, Azekah,

36 Sharaim, Adithaim, Gederah, and
Gederothaim: fourteen cities with their
villages;
37 Zenan, Hadashah, Migdal Gad,
38 Dilean, Mizpah, Joktheel,
39 Lachish, Bozkath, Eglon,
40 Cabbon, Lahmas, Kithlish,
41 Gederoth, Beth Dagon, Naamah,
and Makkedah: sixteen cities with their
villages;
42 Libnah, Ether, Ashan,
43 Jiphtah, Ashnah, Nezib,
44 Keilah, Achzib, and Mareshah: nine
cities with their villages;
45 Ekron, with its towns and villages;
46 from Ekron to the sea, all that lay
near Ashdod, with their villages;
47 Ashdod with its towns and villages,
Gaza with its towns and villages—as far
as the Brook of Egypt and the Great Sea
with its coastline.

48 And in the mountain country: Shamir, Jattir, Sochoh,
49 Dannah, Kirjath Sannah (which is Debir),
50 Anab, Eshtemoh, Anim,
51 Goshen, Holon, and Giloh: eleven cities with their villages;
52 Arab, Dumah, Eshean,
53 Janum, Beth Tappuah, Aphekah,
54 Humtah, Kirjath Arba (which is Hebron), and Zior: nine cities with their villages;
55 Maon, Carmel, Ziph, Juttah,
56 Jezreel, Jokdeam, Zanoah,
57 Kain, Gibeah, and Timnah: ten cities with their villages;
58 Halhul, Beth Zur, Gedor,
59 Maarath, Beth Anoth, and Eltekon: six cities with their villages;
60 Kirjath Baal (which is Kirjath Jearim) and Rabbah: two cities with their villages.

61 In the wilderness: Beth Arabah,
Middin, Secacah,
62 Nibshan, the City of Salt, and En
Gedi: six cities with their villages.
63 As for the Jebusites, the inhabitants
of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could
not drive them out; but the Jebusites
dwell with the children of Judah at
Jerusalem to this day.

16

1 The lot fell to the children
of Joseph from the Jordan, by
Jericho, to the waters of Jericho on the
east, to the wilderness that goes up
from Jericho through the mountains to
Bethel,
2 then went out from Bethel to Luz,
passed along to the border of the
Archites at Ataroth,
3 and went down westward to the
boundary of the Japhletites, as far as the
boundary of Lower Beth Horon to Gezer;
and it ended at the sea.

4 So the children of Joseph, Manasseh
and Ephraim, took their inheritance.
5 The border of the children of Ephraim,
according to their families, was thus: The
border of their inheritance on the east
side was Ataroth Addar as far as Upper
Beth Horon.
6 And the border went out toward the
sea on the north side of Michmethath;
then the border went around eastward
to Taanath Shiloh, and passed by it on
the east of Janohah.
7 Then it went down from Janohah to
Ataroth and Naarah, reached to Jericho,
and came out at the Jordan.
8 The border went out from Tappuah
westward to the Brook Kanah, and
it ended at the sea. This was the
inheritance of the tribe of the children
of Ephraim according to their families.
9 The separate cities for the children of
Ephraim were among the inheritance of

the children of Manasseh, all the cities
with their villages.
10 And they did not drive out the
Canaanites who dwelt in Gezer; but the
Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites
to this day and have become forced
laborers.
17 1 There was also a lot for the
tribe of Manasseh, for he was the
firstborn of Joseph: namely for Machir
the firstborn of Manasseh, the father
of Gilead, because he was a man of
war; therefore he was given Gilead and
Bashan.
2 And there was a lot for the rest of
the children of Manasseh according to
their families: for the children of Abiezer,
the children of Helek, the children of
Asriel, the children of Shechem, the
children of Hepher, and the children of
Shemida; these were the male children

of Manasseh the son of Joseph according
to their families.
3 But Zelophehad the son of Hepher,
the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the
son of Manasseh, had no sons, but only
daughters. And these are the names of
his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah,
Milcah, and Tirzah.
4 And they came near before Eleazar
the priest, before Joshua the son of
Nun, and before the rulers, saying,
"The LORD commanded Moses to
give us an inheritance among our
brothers." Therefore, according to
the commandment of the LORD, he
gave them an inheritance among their
father’s brothers.
5 Ten shares fell to Manasseh, besides
the land of Gilead and Bashan, which
were on the other side of the Jordan,
6 because the daughters of Manasseh
received an inheritance among his sons;

and the rest of Manasseh’s sons had the
land of Gilead.
7 And the territory of Manasseh was
from Asher to Michmethath, that lies
east of Shechem; and the border went
along south to the inhabitants of En
Tappuah.
8 Manasseh had the land of Tappuah,
but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh
belonged to the children of Ephraim.
9 And the border descended to the
Brook Kanah, southward to the brook.
These cities of Ephraim are among
the cities of Manasseh. The border of
Manasseh was on the north side of the
brook; and it ended at the sea.
10 Southward it was Ephraim’s,
northward it was Manasseh’s, and the
sea was its border. Manasseh’s territory
was adjoining Asher on the north and
Issachar on the east.

11 And in Issachar and in Asher,
Manasseh had Beth Shean and its
towns, Ibleam and its towns, the
inhabitants of Dor and its towns, the
inhabitants of En Dor and its towns, the
inhabitants of Taanach and its towns,
and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its
towns—three hilly regions.
12 Yet the children of Manasseh
could not drive out the inhabitants of
those cities, but the Canaanites were
determined to dwell in that land.
13 And it happened, when the children
of Israel grew strong, that they put the
Canaanites to forced labor, but did not
utterly drive them out.
14 Then the children of Joseph spoke to
Joshua, saying, "Why have you given us
only one lot and one share to inherit,
since we are a great people, inasmuch as
the LORD has blessed us until now?"

15 So Joshua answered them, "If you are
a great people, then go up to the forest
country and clear a place for yourself
there in the land of the Perizzites and the
giants, since the mountains of Ephraim
are too confined for you."
16 But the children of Joseph said, "The
mountain country is not enough for us;
and all the Canaanites who dwell in the
land of the valley have chariots of iron,
both those who are of Beth Shean and
its towns and those who are of the Valley
of Jezreel."
17 And Joshua spoke to the house of
Joseph—to Ephraim and Manasseh—
saying, "You are a great people and have
great power; you shall not have only one
lot,
18 "but the mountain country shall
be yours. Although it is wooded, you
shall cut it down, and its farthest extent
shall be yours; for you shall drive out

the Canaanites, though they have iron
chariots and are strong."

18

1 Now the whole congregation of
the children of Israel assembled
together at Shiloh, and set up the
tabernacle of meeting there. And the
land was subdued before them.
2 But there remained among the
children of Israel seven tribes which had
not yet received their inheritance.
3 Then Joshua said to the children of
Israel: "How long will you neglect to go
and possess the land which the LORD
God of your fathers has given you?
4 "Pick out from among you three men
for each tribe, and I will send them;
they shall rise and go through the land,
survey it according to their inheritance,
and come back to me.
5 "And they shall divide it into seven
parts. Judah shall remain in their
territory on the south, and the house of

Joseph shall remain in their territory on
the north.
6 "You shall therefore survey the land in
seven parts and bring the survey here
to me, that I may cast lots for you here
before the LORD our God.
7 "But the Levites have no part among
you, for the priesthood of the LORD is
their inheritance. And Gad, Reuben, and
half the tribe of Manasseh have received
their inheritance beyond the Jordan on
the east, which Moses the servant of the
LORD gave them."
8 Then the men arose to go away;
and Joshua charged those who went
to survey the land, saying, "Go, walk
through the land, survey it, and come
back to me, that I may cast lots for you
here before the LORD in Shiloh."
9 So the men went, passed through the
land, and wrote the survey in a book in

seven parts by cities; and they came to
Joshua at the camp in Shiloh.
10 Then Joshua cast lots for them in
Shiloh before the LORD, and there
Joshua divided the land to the children
of Israel according to their divisions.
11 Now the lot of the tribe of the
children of Benjamin came up according
to their families, and the territory of
their lot came out between the children
of Judah and the children of Joseph.
12 Their border on the north side began
at the Jordan, and the border went
up to the side of Jericho on the north,
and went up through the mountains
westward; it ended at the Wilderness of
Beth Aven.
13 The border went over from there
toward Luz, to the side of Luz (which
is Bethel) southward; and the border
descended to Ataroth Addar, near the

hill that lies on the south side of Lower
Beth Horon.
14 Then the border extended around
the west side to the south, from the hill
that lies before Beth Horon southward;
and it ended at Kirjath Baal (which is
Kirjath Jearim), a city of the children of
Judah. This was the west side.
15 The south side began at the end of
Kirjath Jearim, and the border extended
on the west and went out to the spring
of the waters of Nephtoah.
16 Then the border came down to the
end of the mountain that lies before the
Valley of the Son of Hinnom, which is in
the Valley of the Rephaim on the north,
descended to the Valley of Hinnom, to
the side of the Jebusite city on the south,
and descended to En Rogel.
17 And it went around from the north,
went out to En Shemesh, and extended
toward Geliloth, which is before the

Ascent of Adummim, and descended to
the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben.
18 Then it passed along toward the
north side of Arabah, and went down to
Arabah.
19 And the border passed along to the
north side of Beth Hoglah; then the
border ended at the north bay at the
Salt Sea, at the south end of the Jordan.
This was the southern boundary.
20 The Jordan was its border on the
east side. This was the inheritance of the
children of Benjamin, according to its
boundaries all around, according to their
families.
21 Now the cities of the tribe of the
children of Benjamin, according to their
families, were Jericho, Beth Hoglah,
Emek Keziz,
22 Beth Arabah, Zemaraim, Bethel,
23 Avim, Parah, Ophrah,

24 Chephar Haammoni, Ophni, and
Gaba: twelve cities with their villages;
25 Gibeon, Ramah, Beeroth,
26 Mizpah, Chephirah, Mozah,
27 Rekem, Irpeel, Taralah,
28 Zelah, Eleph, Jebus (which is
Jerusalem), Gibeath, and Kirjath:
fourteen cities with their villages. This
was the inheritance of the children of
Benjamin according to their families.

19 1 The second lot came out for
Simeon, for the tribe of the
children of Simeon according to their
families. And their inheritance was
within the inheritance of the children of
Judah.
2 They had in their inheritance
Beersheba (Sheba), Moladah,
3 Hazar Shual, Balah, Ezem,
4 Eltolad, Bethul, Hormah,
5 Ziklag, Beth Marcaboth, Hazar Susah,

6 Beth Lebaoth, and Sharuhen: thirteen
cities and their villages;
7 Ain, Rimmon, Ether, and Ashan: four
cities and their villages;
8 and all the villages that were all
around these cities as far as Baalath
Beer, Ramah of the South. This was the
inheritance of the tribe of the children
of Simeon according to their families.
9 The inheritance of the children of
Simeon was included in the share of
the children of Judah, for the share of
the children of Judah was too much
for them. Therefore the children of
Simeon had their inheritance within the
inheritance of that people.
10 The third lot came out for the
children of Zebulun according to
their families, and the border of their
inheritance was as far as Sarid.
11 Their border went toward the west
and to Maralah, went to Dabbasheth,

and extended along the brook that is
east of Jokneam.
12 Then from Sarid it went eastward
toward the sunrise along the border of
Chisloth Tabor, and went out toward
Daberath, bypassing Japhia.
13 And from there it passed along on
the east of Gath Hepher, toward Eth
Kazin, and extended to Rimmon, which
borders on Neah.
14 Then the border went around it on
the north side of Hannathon, and it
ended in the Valley of Jiphthah El.
15 Included were Kattath, Nahallal,
Shimron, Idalah, and Bethlehem: twelve
cities with their villages.
16 This was the inheritance of the
children of Zebulun according to their
families, these cities with their villages.
17 The fourth lot came out to Issachar,
for the children of Issachar according to
their families.

18 And their territory went to Jezreel,
and included Chesulloth, Shunem,
19 Haphraim, Shion, Anaharath,
20 Rabbith, Kishion, Abez,
21 Remeth, En Gannim, En Haddah, and
Beth Pazzez.
22 And the border reached to Tabor,
Shahazimah, and Beth Shemesh; their
border ended at the Jordan: sixteen
cities with their villages.
23 This was the inheritance of the tribe
of the children of Issachar according
to their families, the cities and their
villages.
24 The fifth lot came out for the tribe of
the children of Asher according to their
families.
25 And their territory included Helkath,
Hali, Beten, Achshaph,
26 Alammelech, Amad, and Mishal; it
reached to Mount Carmel westward,
along the Brook Shihor Libnath.

27 It turned toward the sunrise to Beth
Dagon; and it reached to Zebulun and to
the Valley of Jiphthah El, then northward
beyond Beth Emek and Neiel, bypassing
Cabul which was on the left,
28 including Ebron, Rehob, Hammon,
and Kanah, as far as Greater Sidon.
29 And the border turned to Ramah
and to the fortified city of Tyre; then the
border turned to Hosah, and ended at
the sea by the region of Achzib.
30 Also Ummah, Aphek, and Rehob
were included: twenty–two cities with
their villages.
31 This was the inheritance of the tribe
of the children of Asher according to
their families, these cities with their
villages.
32 The sixth lot came out to the children
of Naphtali, for the children of Naphtali
according to their families.

33 And their border began at Heleph,
enclosing the territory from the
terebinth tree in Zaanannim, Adami
Nekeb, and Jabneel, as far as Lakkum; it
ended at the Jordan.
34 From Heleph the border extended
westward to Aznoth Tabor, and went out
from there toward Hukkok; it adjoined
Zebulun on the south side and Asher on
the west side, and ended at Judah by the
Jordan toward the sunrise.
35 And the fortified cities are Ziddim,
Zer, Hammath, Rakkath, Chinnereth,
36 Adamah, Ramah, Hazor,
37 Kedesh, Edrei, En Hazor,
38 Iron, Migdal El, Horem, Beth Anath,
and Beth Shemesh: nineteen cities with
their villages.
39 This was the inheritance of the tribe
of the children of Naphtali according
to their families, the cities and their
villages.

40 The seventh lot came out for the
tribe of the children of Dan according to
their families.
41 And the territory of their inheritance
was Zorah, Eshtaol, Ir Shemesh,
42 Shaalabbin, Aijalon, Jethlah,
43 Elon, Timnah, Ekron,
44 Eltekeh, Gibbethon, Baalath,
45 Jehud, Bene Berak, Gath Rimmon,
46 Me Jarkon, and Rakkon, with the
region near Joppa.
47 And the border of the children of
Dan went beyond these, because the
children of Dan went up to fight against
Leshem and took it; and they struck
it with the edge of the sword, took
possession of it, and dwelt in it. They
called Leshem, Dan, after the name of
Dan their father.
48 This is the inheritance of the tribe of
the children of Dan according to their
families, these cities with their villages.

49 When they had made an end of
dividing the land as an inheritance
according to their borders, the children
of Israel gave an inheritance among
them to Joshua the son of Nun.
50 According to the word of the LORD
they gave him the city which he asked
for, Timnath Serah in the mountains of
Ephraim; and he built the city and dwelt
in it.
51 These were the inheritances which
Eleazar the priest, Joshua the son of
Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the
tribes of the children of Israel divided
as an inheritance by lot in Shiloh before
the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle
of meeting. So they made an end of
dividing the country.

20 1 The LORD also spoke to Joshua,
saying,

2 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying:
'Appoint for yourselves cities of refuge,
of which I spoke to you through Moses,
3 'that the slayer who kills a person
accidentally or unintentionally may flee
there; and they shall be your refuge from
the avenger of blood.
4 'And when he flees to one of those
cities, and stands at the entrance of the
gate of the city, and declares his case
in the hearing of the elders of that city,
they shall take him into the city as one of
them, and give him a place, that he may
dwell among them.
5 'Then if the avenger of blood pursues
him, they shall not deliver the slayer into
his hand, because he struck his neighbor
unintentionally, but did not hate him
beforehand.
6 'And he shall dwell in that city until
he stands before the congregation for
judgment, and until the death of the one

who is high priest in those days. Then
the slayer may return and come to his
own city and his own house, to the city
from which he fled.’"
7 So they appointed Kedesh in Galilee,
in the mountains of Naphtali, Shechem
in the mountains of Ephraim, and Kirjath
Arba (which is Hebron) in the mountains
of Judah.
8 And on the other side of the Jordan,
by Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer
in the wilderness on the plain, from the
tribe of Reuben, Ramoth in Gilead, from
the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan,
from the tribe of Manasseh.
9 These were the cities appointed for all
the children of Israel and for the stranger
who dwelt among them, that whoever
killed a person accidentally might flee
there, and not die by the hand of the
avenger of blood until he stood before
the congregation.

21 [1] Then the heads of the fathers'
houses of the Levites came near
to Eleazar the priest, to Joshua the son
of Nun, and to the heads of the fathers'
houses of the tribes of the children of
Israel.
[2] And they spoke to them at Shiloh
in the land of Canaan, saying, "The
LORD commanded through Moses to
give us cities to dwell in, with their
common–lands for our livestock."
[3] So the children of Israel gave to the
Levites from their inheritance, at the
commandment of the LORD, these cities
and their common–lands:
[4] Now the lot came out for the families
of the Kohathites. And the children
of Aaron the priest, who were of the
Levites, had thirteen cities by lot from
the tribe of Judah, from the tribe of
Simeon, and from the tribe of Benjamin.

5 The rest of the children of Kohath had
ten cities by lot from the families of the
tribe of Ephraim, from the tribe of Dan,
and from the half–tribe of Manasseh.
6 And the children of Gershon had
thirteen cities by lot from the families
of the tribe of Issachar, from the tribe
of Asher, from the tribe of Naphtali,
and from the half–tribe of Manasseh in
Bashan.
7 The children of Merari according to
their families had twelve cities from the
tribe of Reuben, from the tribe of Gad,
and from the tribe of Zebulun.
8 And the children of Israel gave these
cities with their common–lands by
lot to the Levites, as the LORD had
commanded by the hand of Moses.
9 So they gave from the tribe of the
children of Judah and from the tribe of
the children of Simeon these cities which
are designated by name,

10 which were for the children of Aaron,
one of the families of the Kohathites,
who were of the children of Levi; for the
lot was theirs first.
11 And they gave them Kirjath Arba
(Arba was the father of Anak), which is
Hebron, in the mountains of Judah, with
the common–land surrounding it.
12 But the fields of the city and its
villages they gave to Caleb the son of
Jephunneh as his possession.
13 Thus to the children of Aaron
the priest they gave Hebron with its
common–land (a city of refuge for the
slayer), Libnah with its common–land,
14 Jattir with its common–land,
Eshtemoa with its common–land,
15 Holon with its common–land, Debir
with its common–land,
16 Ain with its common–land, Juttah
with its common–land, and Beth

Shemesh with its common–land: nine
cities from those two tribes;
17 and from the tribe of Benjamin,
Gibeon with its common–land, Geba
with its common–land,
18 Anathoth with its common–land,
and Almon with its common–land: four
cities.
19 All the cities of the children of Aaron,
the priests, were thirteen cities with
their common–lands.
20 And the families of the children
of Kohath, the Levites, the rest of the
children of Kohath, even they had the
cities of their lot from the tribe of
Ephraim.
21 For they gave them Shechem with
its common–land in the mountains of
Ephraim (a city of refuge for the slayer),
Gezer with its common–land,

22 Kibzaim with its common–land, and
Beth Horon with its common–land: four
cities;
23 and from the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh
with its common–land, Gibbethon with
its common–land,
24 Aijalon with its common–land, and
Gath Rimmon with its common–land:
four cities;
25 and from the half–tribe of Manasseh,
Tanach with its common–land and Gath
Rimmon with its common–land: two
cities.
26 All the ten cities with their common–
lands were for the rest of the families of
the children of Kohath.
27 Also to the children of Gershon, of
the families of the Levites, from the
other half–tribe of Manasseh, they gave
Golan in Bashan with its common–land
(a city of refuge for the slayer), and Be

Eshterah with its common–land: two
cities;
28 and from the tribe of Issachar,
Kishion with its common–land, Daberath
with its common–land,
29 Jarmuth with its common–land, and
En Gannim with its common–land: four
cities;
30 and from the tribe of Asher, Mishal
with its common–land, Abdon with its
common–land,
31 Helkath with its common–land, and
Rehob with its common–land: four cities;
32 and from the tribe of Naphtali,
Kedesh in Galilee with its common–land
(a city of refuge for the slayer), Hammoth
Dor with its common–land, and Kartan
with its common–land: three cities.
33 All the cities of the Gershonites
according to their families were thirteen
cities with their common–lands.

34 And to the families of the children
of Merari, the rest of the Levites,
from the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam
with its common–land, Kartah with its
common–land,
35 Dimnah with its common–land, and
Nahalal with its common–land: four
cities;
36 and from the tribe of Reuben, Bezer
with its common–land, Jahaz with its
common–land,
37 Kedemoth with its common–land,
and Mephaath with its common–land:
four cities;
38 and from the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in
Gilead with its common–land (a city of
refuge for the slayer), Mahanaim with its
common–land,
39 Heshbon with its common–land, and
Jazer with its common–land: four cities
in all.

40 So all the cities for the children of
Merari according to their families, the
rest of the families of the Levites, were
by their lot twelve cities.
41 All the cities of the Levites within
the possession of the children of
Israel were forty–eight cities with their
common–lands.
42 Every one of these cities had its
common–land surrounding it; thus were
all these cities.
43 So the LORD gave to Israel all the
land of which He had sworn to give to
their fathers, and they took possession
of it and dwelt in it.
44 The LORD gave them rest all around,
according to all that He had sworn to
their fathers. And not a man of all their
enemies stood against them; the LORD
delivered all their enemies into their
hand.

45 Not a word failed of any good thing
which the LORD had spoken to the house
of Israel. All came to pass.
22 1 Then Joshua called the
Reubenites, the Gadites, and half
the tribe of Manasseh,
2 and said to them: "You have kept all
that Moses the servant of the LORD
commanded you, and have obeyed my
voice in all that I commanded you.
3 "You have not left your brethren these
many days, up to this day, but have kept
the charge of the commandment of the
LORD your God.
4 "And now the LORD your God has
given rest to your brethren, as He
promised them; now therefore, return
and go to your tents and to the land
of your possession, which Moses the
servant of the LORD gave you on the
other side of the Jordan.

5 "But take careful heed to do the
commandment and the law which
Moses the servant of the LORD
commanded you, to love the LORD your
God, to walk in all His ways, to keep His
commandments, to hold fast to Him,
and to serve Him with all your heart and
with all your soul."
6 So Joshua blessed them and sent
them away, and they went to their tents.
7 Now to half the tribe of Manasseh
Moses had given a possession in Bashan,
but to the other half of it Joshua gave
a possession among their brethren on
this side of the Jordan, westward. And
indeed, when Joshua sent them away to
their tents, he blessed them,
8 and spoke to them, saying, "Return
with much riches to your tents, with very
much livestock, with silver, with gold,
with bronze, with iron, and with very

much clothing. Divide the spoil of your
enemies with your brethren."
9 So the children of Reuben, the
children of Gad, and half the tribe of
Manasseh returned, and departed from
the children of Israel at Shiloh, which
is in the land of Canaan, to go to the
country of Gilead, to the land of their
possession, which they had obtained
according to the word of the LORD by
the hand of Moses.
10 And when they came to the region
of the Jordan which is in the land of
Canaan, the children of Reuben, the
children of Gad, and half the tribe of
Manasseh built an altar there by the
Jordan—a great, impressive altar.
11 Now the children of Israel heard
someone say, "Behold, the children of
Reuben, the children of Gad, and half
the tribe of Manasseh have built an altar
on the frontier of the land of Canaan,

in the region of the Jordan—on the
children of Israel’s side."
12 And when the children of Israel heard
of it, the whole congregation of the
children of Israel gathered together at
Shiloh to go to war against them.
13 Then the children of Israel sent
Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest to
the children of Reuben, to the children of
Gad, and to half the tribe of Manasseh,
into the land of Gilead,
14 and with him ten rulers, one ruler
each from the chief house of every tribe
of Israel; and each one was the head
of the house of his father among the
divisions of Israel.
15 Then they came to the children of
Reuben, to the children of Gad, and to
half the tribe of Manasseh, to the land
of Gilead, and they spoke with them,
saying,

16 "Thus says the whole congregation of
the LORD: ‘What treachery is this that
you have committed against the God
of Israel, to turn away this day from
following the LORD, in that you have
built for yourselves an altar, that you
might rebel this day against the LORD?
17 ‘Is the iniquity of Peor not enough for
us, from which we are not cleansed until
this day, although there was a plague in
the congregation of the LORD,
18 ‘but that you must turn away this day
from following the LORD? And it shall
be, if you rebel today against the LORD,
that tomorrow He will be angry with the
whole congregation of Israel.
19 ‘Nevertheless, if the land of your
possession is unclean, then cross over to
the land of the possession of the LORD,
where the LORD’S tabernacle stands,
and take possession among us; but do
not rebel against the LORD, nor rebel

against us, by building yourselves an
altar besides the altar of the LORD our
God.
20 ‘Did not Achan the son of Zerah
commit a trespass in the accursed thing,
and wrath fell on all the congregation
of Israel? And that man did not perish
alone in his iniquity.’"
21 Then the children of Reuben, the
children of Gad, and half the tribe of
Manasseh answered and said to the
heads of the divisions of Israel:
22 "The LORD God of gods, the LORD
God of gods, He knows, and let Israel
itself know—if it is in rebellion, or if in
treachery against the LORD, do not save
us this day.
23 "If we have built ourselves an altar
to turn from following the LORD, or if
to offer on it burnt offerings or grain
offerings, or if to offer peace offerings

on it, let the LORD Himself require an
account.
24 "But in fact we have done it for fear,
for a reason, saying, ‘In time to come
your descendants may speak to our
descendants, saying, "What have you to
do with the LORD God of Israel?
25 "For the LORD has made the Jordan
a border between you and us, you
children of Reuben and children of
Gad. You have no part in the LORD."
So your descendants would make our
descendants cease fearing the LORD.’
26 "Therefore we said, ‘Let us now
prepare to build ourselves an altar, not
for burnt offering nor for sacrifice,
27 ‘but that it may be a witness between
you and us and our generations after
us, that we may perform the service
of the LORD before Him with our
burnt offerings, with our sacrifices,
and with our peace offerings; that

your descendants may not say to our
descendants in time to come, "You have
no part in the LORD."'

28 "Therefore we said that it will be,
when they say this to us or to our
generations in time to come, that we
may say, 'Here is the replica of the altar
of the LORD which our fathers made,
though not for burnt offerings nor for
sacrifices; but it is a witness between
you and us.'

29 "Far be it from us that we should
rebel against the LORD, and turn from
following the LORD this day, to build
an altar for burnt offerings, for grain
offerings, or for sacrifices, besides the
altar of the LORD our God which is
before His tabernacle."

30 Now when Phinehas the priest and
the rulers of the congregation, the heads
of the divisions of Israel who were with
him, heard the words that the children

of Reuben, the children of Gad, and the
children of Manasseh spoke, it pleased
them.
31 Then Phinehas the son of Eleazar the
priest said to the children of Reuben,
the children of Gad, and the children of
Manasseh, "This day we perceive that
the LORD is among us, because you have
not committed this treachery against
the LORD. Now you have delivered the
children of Israel out of the hand of the
LORD."
32 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the
priest, and the rulers, returned from the
children of Reuben and the children of
Gad, from the land of Gilead to the land
of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and
brought back word to them.
33 So the thing pleased the children of
Israel, and the children of Israel blessed
God; they spoke no more of going
against them in battle, to destroy the

land where the children of Reuben and
Gad dwelt.
34 The children of Reuben and the
children of Gad called the altar, Witness,
"For it is a witness between us that the
LORD is God."

23 1 Now it came to pass, a long time
after the LORD had given rest
to Israel from all their enemies round
about, that Joshua was old, advanced in
age.
2 And Joshua called for all Israel, for
their elders, for their heads, for their
judges, and for their officers, and said to
them: "I am old, advanced in age.
3 "You have seen all that the LORD
your God has done to all these nations
because of you, for the LORD your God
is He who has fought for you.
4 "See, I have divided to you by lot these
nations that remain, to be an inheritance
for your tribes, from the Jordan, with all

the nations that I have cut off, as far as
the Great Sea westward.
5 "And the LORD your God will expel
them from before you and drive them
out of your sight. So you shall possess
their land, as the LORD your God
promised you.
6 "Therefore be very courageous to
keep and to do all that is written in the
Book of the Law of Moses, lest you turn
aside from it to the right hand or to the
left,
7 "and lest you go among these nations,
these who remain among you. You shall
not make mention of the name of their
gods, nor cause anyone to swear by
them; you shall not serve them nor bow
down to them,
8 "but you shall hold fast to the LORD
your God, as you have done to this day.
9 "For the LORD has driven out from
before you great and strong nations; but

as for you, no one has been able to stand
against you to this day.
10 "One man of you shall chase a
thousand, for the LORD your God is He
who fights for you, as He promised you.
11 "Therefore take careful heed to
yourselves, that you love the LORD your
God.
12 "Or else, if indeed you do go back,
and cling to the remnant of these
nations—these that remain among
you—and make marriages with them,
and go in to them and they to you,
13 "know for certain that the LORD
your God will no longer drive out these
nations from before you. But they shall
be snares and traps to you, and scourges
on your sides and thorns in your eyes,
until you perish from this good land
which the LORD your God has given you.
14 "Behold, this day I am going the way
of all the earth. And you know in all

your hearts and in all your souls that
not one thing has failed of all the good
things which the LORD your God spoke
concerning you. All have come to pass
for you; not one word of them has failed.
15 "Therefore it shall come to pass, that
as all the good things have come upon
you which the LORD your God promised
you, so the LORD will bring upon you all
harmful things, until He has destroyed
you from this good land which the LORD
your God has given you.
16 "When you have transgressed the
covenant of the LORD your God, which
He commanded you, and have gone and
served other gods, and bowed down to
them, then the anger of the LORD will
burn against you, and you shall perish
quickly from the good land which He has
given you."

24 1 Then Joshua gathered all the
tribes of Israel to Shechem and

called for the elders of Israel, for their
heads, for their judges, and for their
officers; and they presented themselves
before God.
[2] And Joshua said to all the people,
"Thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘Your
fathers, including Terah, the father of
Abraham and the father of Nahor, dwelt
on the other side of the River in old
times; and they served other gods.
[3] ‘Then I took your father Abraham
from the other side of the River, led him
throughout all the land of Canaan, and
multiplied his descendants and gave him
Isaac.
[4] ‘To Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. To
Esau I gave the mountains of Seir to
possess, but Jacob and his children went
down to Egypt.
[5] ‘Also I sent Moses and Aaron, and I
plagued Egypt, according to what I did

among them. Afterward I brought you
out.
6 ‘Then I brought your fathers out of
Egypt, and you came to the sea; and
the Egyptians pursued your fathers with
chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea.
7 ‘So they cried out to the LORD; and
He put darkness between you and the
Egyptians, brought the sea upon them,
and covered them. And your eyes saw
what I did in Egypt. Then you dwelt in
the wilderness a long time.
8 ‘And I brought you into the land of the
Amorites, who dwelt on the other side
of the Jordan, and they fought with you.
But I gave them into your hand, that you
might possess their land, and I destroyed
them from before you.
9 ‘Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of
Moab, arose to make war against Israel,
and sent and called Balaam the son of
Beor to curse you.

10 ‘But I would not listen to Balaam;
therefore he continued to bless you. So I
delivered you out of his hand.
11 ‘Then you went over the Jordan
and came to Jericho. And the men of
Jericho fought against you—also the
Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites,
the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites,
and the Jebusites. But I delivered them
into your hand.
12 ‘I sent the hornet before you which
drove them out from before you, also
the two kings of the Amorites, but not
with your sword or with your bow.
13 ‘I have given you a land for which you
did not labor, and cities which you did
not build, and you dwell in them; you eat
of the vineyards and olive groves which
you did not plant.’
14 "Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve
Him in sincerity and in truth, and put
away the gods which your fathers served

on the other side of the River and in
Egypt. Serve the LORD!
15 "And if it seems evil to you to serve
the LORD, choose for yourselves this day
whom you will serve, whether the gods
which your fathers served that were on
the other side of the River, or the gods of
the Amorites, in whose land you dwell.
But as for me and my house, we will
serve the LORD."
16 So the people answered and said:
"Far be it from us that we should forsake
the LORD to serve other gods;
17 "for the LORD our God is He who
brought us and our fathers up out of
the land of Egypt, from the house of
bondage, who did those great signs in
our sight, and preserved us in all the way
that we went and among all the people
through whom we passed.
18 "And the LORD drove out from before
us all the people, including the Amorites

who dwelt in the land. We also will serve
the LORD, for He is our God."
19 But Joshua said to the people, "You
cannot serve the LORD, for He is a holy
God. He is a jealous God; He will not
forgive your transgressions nor your sins.
20 "If you forsake the LORD and serve
foreign gods, then He will turn and do
you harm and consume you, after He has
done you good."
21 And the people said to Joshua, "No,
but we will serve the LORD!"
22 So Joshua said to the people, "You are
witnesses against yourselves that you
have chosen the LORD for yourselves,
to serve Him." And they said, "We are
witnesses!"
23 "Now therefore," he said, "put away
the foreign gods which are among you,
and incline your heart to the LORD God
of Israel."

24 And the people said to Joshua, "The
LORD our God we will serve, and His
voice we will obey!"
25 So Joshua made a covenant with the
people that day, and made for them a
statute and an ordinance in Shechem.
26 Then Joshua wrote these words in
the Book of the Law of God. And he took
a large stone, and set it up there under
the oak that was by the sanctuary of the
LORD.
27 And Joshua said to all the people,
"Behold, this stone shall be a witness
to us, for it has heard all the words of
the LORD which He spoke to us. It shall
therefore be a witness to you, lest you
deny your God."
28 So Joshua let the people depart, each
to his own inheritance.
29 Now it came to pass after these
things that Joshua the son of Nun, the

servant of the LORD, died, being one
hundred and ten years old.
30 And they buried him within the
border of his inheritance at Timnath
Serah, which is in the mountains of
Ephraim, on the north side of Mount
Gaash.
31 Israel served the LORD all the days
of Joshua, and all the days of the elders
who outlived Joshua, who had known
all the works of the LORD which He had
done for Israel.
32 The bones of Joseph, which the
children of Israel had brought up out
of Egypt, they buried at Shechem, in
the plot of ground which Jacob had
bought from the sons of Hamor the
father of Shechem for one hundred
pieces of silver, and which had become
an inheritance of the children of Joseph.
33 And Eleazar the son of Aaron died.
They buried him in a hill belonging to

Phinehas his son, which was given to
him in the mountains of Ephraim.

Judges

1 [1] Now after the death of Joshua it
came to pass that the children of
Israel asked the LORD, saying, "Who
shall be first to go up for us against the
Canaanites to fight against them?"
[2] And the LORD said, "Judah shall go up.
Indeed I have delivered the land into his
hand."
[3] So Judah said to Simeon his brother,
"Come up with me to my allotted
territory, that we may fight against the
Canaanites; and I will likewise go with
you to your allotted territory." And
Simeon went with him.
[4] Then Judah went up, and the LORD
delivered the Canaanites and the
Perizzites into their hand; and they killed
ten thousand men at Bezek.

5 And they found Adoni–Bezek in
Bezek, and fought against him; and
they defeated the Canaanites and the
Perizzites.
6 Then Adoni–Bezek fled, and they
pursued him and caught him and cut off
his thumbs and big toes.
7 And Adoni–Bezek said, "Seventy kings
with their thumbs and big toes cut off
used to gather scraps under my table;
as I have done, so God has repaid me."
Then they brought him to Jerusalem,
and there he died.
8 Now the children of Judah fought
against Jerusalem and took it; they
struck it with the edge of the sword and
set the city on fire.
9 And afterward the children of
Judah went down to fight against the
Canaanites who dwelt in the mountains,
in the South, and in the lowland.

10 Then Judah went against the
Canaanites who dwelt in Hebron. (Now
the name of Hebron was formerly Kirjath
Arba.) And they killed Sheshai, Ahiman,
and Talmai.
11 From there they went against the
inhabitants of Debir. (The name of Debir
was formerly Kirjath Sepher.)
12 Then Caleb said, "Whoever attacks
Kirjath Sepher and takes it, to him I will
give my daughter Achsah as wife."
13 And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's
younger brother, took it; so he gave him
his daughter Achsah as wife.
14 Now it happened, when she came to
him, that she urged him to ask her father
for a field. And she dismounted from her
donkey, and Caleb said to her, "What do
you wish?"
15 So she said to him, "Give me a
blessing; since you have given me land
in the South, give me also springs of

water." And Caleb gave her the upper
springs and the lower springs.
16 Now the children of the Kenite,
Moses’ father–in–law, went up from the
City of Palms with the children of Judah
into the Wilderness of Judah, which lies
in the South near Arad; and they went
and dwelt among the people.
17 And Judah went with his brother
Simeon, and they attacked the
Canaanites who inhabited Zephath, and
utterly destroyed it. So the name of the
city was called Hormah.
18 Also Judah took Gaza with its
territory, Ashkelon with its territory, and
Ekron with its territory.
19 So the LORD was with Judah. And
they drove out the mountaineers, but
they could not drive out the inhabitants
of the lowland, because they had
chariots of iron.

20 And they gave Hebron to Caleb, as
Moses had said. Then he expelled from
there the three sons of Anak.
21 But the children of Benjamin did not
drive out the Jebusites who inhabited
Jerusalem; so the Jebusites dwell with
the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem to
this day.
22 And the house of Joseph also went
up against Bethel, and the LORD was
with them.
23 So the house of Joseph sent men to
spy out Bethel. (The name of the city
was formerly Luz.)
24 And when the spies saw a man
coming out of the city, they said to him,
"Please show us the entrance to the city,
and we will show you mercy."
25 So he showed them the entrance to
the city, and they struck the city with the
edge of the sword; but they let the man
and all his family go.

26 And the man went to the land of the
Hittites, built a city, and called its name
Luz, which is its name to this day.
27 However, Manasseh did not drive out
the inhabitants of Beth Shean and its
villages, or Taanach and its villages, or
the inhabitants of Dor and its villages,
or the inhabitants of Ibleam and its
villages, or the inhabitants of Megiddo
and its villages; for the Canaanites were
determined to dwell in that land.
28 And it came to pass, when Israel was
strong, that they put the Canaanites
under tribute, but did not completely
drive them out.
29 Nor did Ephraim drive out the
Canaanites who dwelt in Gezer; so the
Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them.
30 Nor did Zebulun drive out the
inhabitants of Kitron or the inhabitants
of Nahalol; so the Canaanites dwelt

among them, and were put under
tribute.
31 Nor did Asher drive out the
inhabitants of Acco or the inhabitants
of Sidon, or of Ahlab, Achzib, Helbah,
Aphik, or Rehob.
32 So the Asherites dwelt among the
Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land;
for they did not drive them out.
33 Nor did Naphtali drive out the
inhabitants of Beth Shemesh or the
inhabitants of Beth Anath; but they
dwelt among the Canaanites, the
inhabitants of the land. Nevertheless the
inhabitants of Beth Shemesh and Beth
Anath were put under tribute to them.
34 And the Amorites forced the children
of Dan into the mountains, for they
would not allow them to come down to
the valley;
35 and the Amorites were determined
to dwell in Mount Heres, in Aijalon, and

in Shaalbim; yet when the strength of
the house of Joseph became greater,
they were put under tribute.
36 Now the boundary of the Amorites
was from the Ascent of Akrabbim, from
Sela, and upward.

2 1 Then the Angel of the LORD came
up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said:
"I led you up from Egypt and brought
you to the land of which I swore to your
fathers; and I said, ‘I will never break My
covenant with you.
2 ‘And you shall make no covenant with
the inhabitants of this land; you shall
tear down their altars.’ But you have not
obeyed My voice. Why have you done
this?
3 "Therefore I also said, ‘I will not drive
them out before you; but they shall be
thorns in your side, and their gods shall
be a snare to you.’"

4 So it was, when the Angel of the LORD
spoke these words to all the children
of Israel, that the people lifted up their
voices and wept.
5 Then they called the name of that
place Bochim; and they sacrificed there
to the LORD.
6 And when Joshua had dismissed the
people, the children of Israel went each
to his own inheritance to possess the
land.
7 So the people served the LORD all the
days of Joshua, and all the days of the
elders who outlived Joshua, who had
seen all the great works of the LORD
which He had done for Israel.
8 Now Joshua the son of Nun, the
servant of the LORD, died when he was
one hundred and ten years old.
9 And they buried him within the border
of his inheritance at Timnath Heres, in

the mountains of Ephraim, on the north
side of Mount Gaash.
10 When all that generation had been
gathered to their fathers, another
generation arose after them who did not
know the LORD nor the work which He
had done for Israel.
11 Then the children of Israel did evil in
the sight of the LORD, and served the
Baals;
12 and they forsook the LORD God of
their fathers, who had brought them out
of the land of Egypt; and they followed
other gods from among the gods of the
people who were all around them, and
they bowed down to them; and they
provoked the LORD to anger.
13 They forsook the LORD and served
Baal and the Ashtoreths.
14 And the anger of the LORD was hot
against Israel. So He delivered them into
the hands of plunderers who despoiled

them; and He sold them into the hands
of their enemies all around, so that
they could no longer stand before their
enemies.
15 Wherever they went out, the hand of
the LORD was against them for calamity,
as the LORD had said, and as the LORD
had sworn to them. And they were
greatly distressed.
16 Nevertheless, the LORD raised up
judges who delivered them out of the
hand of those who plundered them.
17 Yet they would not listen to their
judges, but they played the harlot with
other gods, and bowed down to them.
They turned quickly from the way in
which their fathers walked, in obeying
the commandments of the LORD; they
did not do so.
18 And when the LORD raised up judges
for them, the LORD was with the judge
and delivered them out of the hand of

their enemies all the days of the judge;
for the LORD was moved to pity by
their groaning because of those who
oppressed them and harassed them.
19 And it came to pass, when the
judge was dead, that they reverted
and behaved more corruptly than their
fathers, by following other gods, to serve
them and bow down to them. They did
not cease from their own doings nor
from their stubborn way.
20 Then the anger of the LORD was hot
against Israel; and He said, "Because this
nation has transgressed My covenant
which I commanded their fathers, and
has not heeded My voice,
21 "I also will no longer drive out before
them any of the nations which Joshua
left when he died,
22 "so that through them I may test
Israel, whether they will keep the ways

of the LORD, to walk in them as their
fathers kept them, or not."
23 Therefore the LORD left those
nations, without driving them out
immediately; nor did He deliver them
into the hand of Joshua.
3 1 Now these are the nations which
the LORD left, that He might test
Israel by them, that is, all who had not
known any of the wars in Canaan
2 (this was only so that the generations
of the children of Israel might be taught
to know war, at least those who had not
formerly known it),
3 namely, five lords of the Philistines,
all the Canaanites, the Sidonians,
and the Hivites who dwelt in Mount
Lebanon, from Mount Baal Hermon to
the entrance of Hamath.
4 And they were left, that He might test
Israel by them, to know whether they
would obey the commandments of the

LORD, which He had commanded their
fathers by the hand of Moses.
5 Thus the children of Israel dwelt
among the Canaanites, the Hittites, the
Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and
the Jebusites.
6 And they took their daughters to be
their wives, and gave their daughters to
their sons; and they served their gods.
7 So the children of Israel did evil in the
sight of the LORD. They forgot the LORD
their God, and served the Baals and
Asherahs.
8 Therefore the anger of the LORD was
hot against Israel, and He sold them into
the hand of Cushan–Rishathaim king of
Mesopotamia; and the children of Israel
served Cushan–Rishathaim eight years.
9 When the children of Israel cried
out to the LORD, the LORD raised up
a deliverer for the children of Israel,

who delivered them: Othniel the son of
Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.
10 The Spirit of the LORD came upon
him, and he judged Israel. He went out
to war, and the LORD delivered Cushan–
Rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into
his hand; and his hand prevailed over
Cushan–Rishathaim.
11 So the land had rest for forty years.
Then Othniel the son of Kenaz died.
12 And the children of Israel again did
evil in the sight of the LORD. So the LORD
strengthened Eglon king of Moab against
Israel, because they had done evil in the
sight of the LORD.
13 Then he gathered to himself the
people of Ammon and Amalek, went
and defeated Israel, and took possession
of the City of Palms.
14 So the children of Israel served Eglon
king of Moab eighteen years.

15 But when the children of Israel cried
out to the LORD, the LORD raised up a
deliverer for them: Ehud the son of Gera,
the Benjamite, a left–handed man. By
him the children of Israel sent tribute to
Eglon king of Moab.
16 Now Ehud made himself a dagger (it
was double–edged and a cubit in length)
and fastened it under his clothes on his
right thigh.
17 So he brought the tribute to Eglon
king of Moab. (Now Eglon was a very fat
man.)
18 And when he had finished presenting
the tribute, he sent away the people
who had carried the tribute.
19 But he himself turned back from the
stone images that were at Gilgal, and
said, "I have a secret message for you,
O king." He said, "Keep silence!" And all
who attended him went out from him.

20 And Ehud came to him (now he
was sitting upstairs in his cool private
chamber). Then Ehud said, "I have a
message from God for you." So he arose
from his seat.
21 Then Ehud reached with his left
hand, took the dagger from his right
thigh, and thrust it into his belly.
22 Even the hilt went in after the blade,
and the fat closed over the blade, for he
did not draw the dagger out of his belly;
and his entrails came out.
23 Then Ehud went out through the
porch and shut the doors of the upper
room behind him and locked them.
24 When he had gone out, Eglon's
servants came to look, and to their
surprise, the doors of the upper room
were locked. So they said, "He is
probably attending to his needs in the
cool chamber."

25 So they waited till they were
embarrassed, and still he had not
opened the doors of the upper room.
Therefore they took the key and opened
them. And there was their master, fallen
dead on the floor.
26 But Ehud had escaped while they
delayed, and passed beyond the stone
images and escaped to Seirah.
27 And it happened, when he arrived,
that he blew the trumpet in the
mountains of Ephraim, and the children
of Israel went down with him from the
mountains; and he led them.
28 Then he said to them, "Follow me,
for the LORD has delivered your enemies
the Moabites into your hand." So they
went down after him, seized the fords of
the Jordan leading to Moab, and did not
allow anyone to cross over.

29 And at that time they killed about ten
thousand men of Moab, all stout men of
valor; not a man escaped.
30 So Moab was subdued that day
under the hand of Israel. And the land
had rest for eighty years.
31 After him was Shamgar the son of
Anath, who killed six hundred men of
the Philistines with an ox goad; and he
also delivered Israel.

4 1 When Ehud was dead, the children
of Israel again did evil in the sight of
the LORD.
2 So the LORD sold them into the hand
of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in
Hazor. The commander of his army was
Sisera, who dwelt in Harosheth Hagoyim.
3 And the children of Israel cried out to
the LORD; for Jabin had nine hundred
chariots of iron, and for twenty years he
harshly oppressed the children of Israel.

4 Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife
of Lapidoth, was judging Israel at that
time.
5 And she would sit under the palm
tree of Deborah between Ramah and
Bethel in the mountains of Ephraim. And
the children of Israel came up to her for
judgment.
6 Then she sent and called for Barak
the son of Abinoam from Kedesh in
Naphtali, and said to him, "Has not the
LORD God of Israel commanded, ‘Go and
deploy troops at Mount Tabor; take with
you ten thousand men of the sons of
Naphtali and of the sons of Zebulun;
7 ‘and against you I will deploy Sisera,
the commander of Jabin’s army, with his
chariots and his multitude at the River
Kishon; and I will deliver him into your
hand’?"

8 And Barak said to her, "If you will go
with me, then I will go; but if you will not
go with me, I will not go!"
9 So she said, "I will surely go with you;
nevertheless there will be no glory for
you in the journey you are taking, for the
LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a
woman." Then Deborah arose and went
with Barak to Kedesh.
10 And Barak called Zebulun and
Naphtali to Kedesh; he went up with ten
thousand men under his command, and
Deborah went up with him.
11 Now Heber the Kenite, of the children
of Hobab the father–in–law of Moses,
had separated himself from the Kenites
and pitched his tent near the terebinth
tree at Zaanaim, which is beside Kedesh.
12 And they reported to Sisera that
Barak the son of Abinoam had gone up
to Mount Tabor.

13 So Sisera gathered together all his
chariots, nine hundred chariots of iron,
and all the people who were with him,
from Harosheth Hagoyim to the River
Kishon.
14 Then Deborah said to Barak, "Up!
For this is the day in which the LORD
has delivered Sisera into your hand. Has
not the LORD gone out before you?" So
Barak went down from Mount Tabor
with ten thousand men following him.
15 And the LORD routed Sisera and all
his chariots and all his army with the
edge of the sword before Barak; and
Sisera alighted from his chariot and fled
away on foot.
16 But Barak pursued the chariots and
the army as far as Harosheth Hagoyim,
and all the army of Sisera fell by the edge
of the sword; not a man was left.
17 However, Sisera had fled away on
foot to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber

the Kenite; for there was peace between
Jabin king of Hazor and the house of
Heber the Kenite.
18 And Jael went out to meet Sisera,
and said to him, "Turn aside, my lord,
turn aside to me; do not fear." And when
he had turned aside with her into the
tent, she covered him with a blanket.
19 Then he said to her, "Please give me
a little water to drink, for I am thirsty."
So she opened a jug of milk, gave him a
drink, and covered him.
20 And he said to her, "Stand at the door
of the tent, and if any man comes and
inquires of you, and says, ‘Is there any
man here?’ you shall say, ‘No.’"
21 Then Jael, Heber’s wife, took a tent
peg and took a hammer in her hand, and
went softly to him and drove the peg
into his temple, and it went down into
the ground; for he was fast asleep and
weary. So he died.

22 And then, as Barak pursued Sisera,
Jael came out to meet him, and said to
him, "Come, I will show you the man
whom you seek." And when he went
into her tent, there lay Sisera, dead with
the peg in his temple.
23 So on that day God subdued Jabin
king of Canaan in the presence of the
children of Israel.
24 And the hand of the children of Israel
grew stronger and stronger against Jabin
king of Canaan, until they had destroyed
Jabin king of Canaan.

5 1 Then Deborah and Barak the son of
Abinoam sang on that day, saying:
2 "When leaders lead in Israel, When
the people willingly offer themselves,
Bless the LORD!
3 "Hear, O kings! Give ear, O princes! I,
even I, will sing to the LORD; I will sing
praise to the LORD God of Israel.

4 "LORD, when You went out from
Seir, When You marched from the field
of Edom, The earth trembled and the
heavens poured, The clouds also poured
water;
5 The mountains gushed before the
LORD, This Sinai, before the LORD God of
Israel.
6 "In the days of Shamgar, son of Anath,
In the days of Jael, The highways were
deserted, And the travelers walked along
the byways.
7 Village life ceased, it ceased in Israel,
Until I, Deborah, arose, Arose a mother
in Israel.
8 They chose new gods; Then there was
war in the gates; Not a shield or spear
was seen among forty thousand in Israel.
9 My heart is with the rulers of Israel
Who offered themselves willingly with
the people. Bless the LORD!

10 "Speak, you who ride on white
donkeys, Who sit in judges’ attire, And
who walk along the road.
11 Far from the noise of the archers,
among the watering places, There they
shall recount the righteous acts of the
LORD, The righteous acts for His villagers
in Israel; Then the people of the LORD
shall go down to the gates.
12 "Awake, awake, Deborah! Awake,
awake, sing a song! Arise, Barak, and
lead your captives away, O son of
Abinoam!
13 "Then the survivors came down, the
people against the nobles; The LORD
came down for me against the mighty.
14 From Ephraim were those whose
roots were in Amalek. After you,
Benjamin, with your peoples, From
Machir rulers came down, And from
Zebulun those who bear the recruiter’s
staff.

15 And the princes of Issachar were
with Deborah; As Issachar, so was Barak
Sent into the valley under his command;
Among the divisions of Reuben There
were great resolves of heart.
16 Why did you sit among the
sheepfolds, To hear the pipings for the
flocks? The divisions of Reuben have
great searchings of heart.
17 Gilead stayed beyond the Jordan,
And why did Dan remain on ships? Asher
continued at the seashore, And stayed
by his inlets.
18 Zebulun is a people who jeopardized
their lives to the point of death, Naphtali
also, on the heights of the battlefield.
19 "The kings came and fought, Then
the kings of Canaan fought In Taanach,
by the waters of Megiddo; They took no
spoils of silver.

20 They fought from the heavens; The
stars from their courses fought against
Sisera.
21 The torrent of Kishon swept them
away, That ancient torrent, the torrent of
Kishon. O my soul, march on in strength!
22 Then the horses’ hooves pounded,
The galloping, galloping of his steeds.
23 ‘Curse Meroz,’ said the angel of the
LORD, ‘Curse its inhabitants bitterly,
Because they did not come to the help
of the LORD, To the help of the LORD
against the mighty.’
24 "Most blessed among women is Jael,
The wife of Heber the Kenite; Blessed is
she among women in tents.
25 He asked for water, she gave milk;
She brought out cream in a lordly bowl.
26 She stretched her hand to the tent
peg, Her right hand to the workmen’s
hammer; She pounded Sisera, she

pierced his head, She split and struck
through his temple.
27 At her feet he sank, he fell, he lay
still; At her feet he sank, he fell; Where
he sank, there he fell dead.
28 "The mother of Sisera looked through
the window, And cried out through the
lattice, 'Why is his chariot so long in
coming? Why tarries the clatter of his
chariots?'
29 Her wisest ladies answered her, Yes,
she answered herself,
30 'Are they not finding and dividing
the spoil: To every man a girl or two;
For Sisera, plunder of dyed garments,
Plunder of garments embroidered and
dyed, Two pieces of dyed embroidery for
the neck of the looter?'
31 "Thus let all Your enemies perish, O
LORD! But let those who love Him be
like the sun When it comes out in full

strength." So the land had rest for forty
years.

6 [1] Then the children of Israel did evil
in the sight of the LORD. So the LORD
delivered them into the hand of Midian
for seven years,
[2] and the hand of Midian prevailed
against Israel. Because of the Midianites,
the children of Israel made for
themselves the dens, the caves, and the
strongholds which are in the mountains.
[3] So it was, whenever Israel had
sown, Midianites would come up; also
Amalekites and the people of the East
would come up against them.
[4] Then they would encamp against
them and destroy the produce of the
earth as far as Gaza, and leave no
sustenance for Israel, neither sheep nor
ox nor donkey.
[5] For they would come up with their
livestock and their tents, coming in as

numerous as locusts; both they and their
camels were without number; and they
would enter the land to destroy it.
6 So Israel was greatly impoverished
because of the Midianites, and the
children of Israel cried out to the LORD.
7 And it came to pass, when the children
of Israel cried out to the LORD because
of the Midianites,
8 that the LORD sent a prophet to the
children of Israel, who said to them,
"Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'I
brought you up from Egypt and brought
you out of the house of bondage;
9 'and I delivered you out of the hand of
the Egyptians and out of the hand of all
who oppressed you, and drove them out
before you and gave you their land.
10 'Also I said to you, "I am the LORD
your God; do not fear the gods of the
Amorites, in whose land you dwell." But
you have not obeyed My voice.'"

11 Now the Angel of the LORD came and
sat under the terebinth tree which was
in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the
Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed
wheat in the winepress, in order to hide
it from the Midianites.
12 And the Angel of the LORD appeared
to him, and said to him, "The LORD is
with you, you mighty man of valor!"
13 Gideon said to Him, "O my lord, if
the LORD is with us, why then has all
this happened to us? And where are all
His miracles which our fathers told us
about, saying, ‘Did not the LORD bring
us up from Egypt?’ But now the LORD
has forsaken us and delivered us into the
hands of the Midianites."
14 Then the LORD turned to him and
said, "Go in this might of yours, and you
shall save Israel from the hand of the
Midianites. Have I not sent you?"

15 So he said to Him, "O my Lord, how
can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the
weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least
in my father's house."
16 And the LORD said to him, "Surely I
will be with you, and you shall defeat the
Midianites as one man."
17 Then he said to Him, "If now I have
found favor in Your sight, then show me
a sign that it is You who talk with me.
18 "Do not depart from here, I pray,
until I come to You and bring out my
offering and set it before You." And He
said, "I will wait until you come back."
19 So Gideon went in and prepared a
young goat, and unleavened bread from
an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a
basket, and he put the broth in a pot;
and he brought them out to Him under
the terebinth tree and presented them.
20 The Angel of God said to him, "Take
the meat and the unleavened bread and

lay them on this rock, and pour out the
broth." And he did so.
21 Then the Angel of the LORD put
out the end of the staff that was in His
hand, and touched the meat and the
unleavened bread; and fire rose out of
the rock and consumed the meat and
the unleavened bread. And the Angel of
the LORD departed out of his sight.
22 Now Gideon perceived that He was
the Angel of the LORD. So Gideon said,
"Alas, O Lord GOD! For I have seen the
Angel of the LORD face to face."
23 Then the LORD said to him, "Peace
be with you; do not fear, you shall not
die."
24 So Gideon built an altar there to the
LORD, and called it The–LORD–Is–Peace.
To this day it is still in Ophrah of the
Abiezrites.
25 Now it came to pass the same night
that the LORD said to him, "Take your

father's young bull, the second bull of
seven years old, and tear down the altar
of Baal that your father has, and cut
down the wooden image that is beside
it;
26 "and build an altar to the LORD your
God on top of this rock in the proper
arrangement, and take the second bull
and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood
of the image which you shall cut down."
27 So Gideon took ten men from among
his servants and did as the LORD had
said to him. But because he feared his
father's household and the men of the
city too much to do it by day, he did it by
night.
28 And when the men of the city arose
early in the morning, there was the altar
of Baal, torn down; and the wooden
image that was beside it was cut down,
and the second bull was being offered
on the altar which had been built.

29 So they said to one another, "Who
has done this thing?" And when they had
inquired and asked, they said, "Gideon
the son of Joash has done this thing."
30 Then the men of the city said to
Joash, "Bring out your son, that he may
die, because he has torn down the altar
of Baal, and because he has cut down
the wooden image that was beside it."
31 But Joash said to all who stood
against him, "Would you plead for Baal?
Would you save him? Let the one who
would plead for him be put to death by
morning! If he is a god, let him plead for
himself, because his altar has been torn
down!"
32 Therefore on that day he called him
Jerubbaal, saying, "Let Baal plead against
him, because he has torn down his altar."
33 Then all the Midianites and
Amalekites, the people of the East,
gathered together; and they crossed

over and encamped in the Valley of
Jezreel.
34 But the Spirit of the LORD came upon
Gideon; then he blew the trumpet, and
the Abiezrites gathered behind him.
35 And he sent messengers throughout
all Manasseh, who also gathered behind
him. He also sent messengers to Asher,
Zebulun, and Naphtali; and they came
up to meet them.
36 So Gideon said to God, "If You will
save Israel by my hand as You have
said—
37 "look, I shall put a fleece of wool
on the threshing floor; if there is dew
on the fleece only, and it is dry on all
the ground, then I shall know that You
will save Israel by my hand, as You have
said."
38 And it was so. When he rose early the
next morning and squeezed the fleece

together, he wrung the dew out of the
fleece, a bowlful of water.
39 Then Gideon said to God, "Do not
be angry with me, but let me speak just
once more: Let me test, I pray, just once
more with the fleece; let it now be dry
only on the fleece, but on all the ground
let there be dew."
40 And God did so that night. It was dry
on the fleece only, but there was dew on
all the ground.

7 1 Then Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon)
and all the people who were with
him rose early and encamped beside
the well of Harod, so that the camp of
the Midianites was on the north side of
them by the hill of Moreh in the valley.
2 And the LORD said to Gideon, "The
people who are with you are too many
for Me to give the Midianites into their
hands, lest Israel claim glory for itself

against Me, saying, ‘My own hand has
saved me.’
3 "Now therefore, proclaim in the
hearing of the people, saying, ‘Whoever
is fearful and afraid, let him turn and
depart at once from Mount Gilead.’"
And twenty–two thousand of the people
returned, and ten thousand remained.
4 But the LORD said to Gideon, "The
people are still too many; bring them
down to the water, and I will test them
for you there. Then it will be, that of
whom I say to you, ‘This one shall go
with you,’ the same shall go with you;
and of whomever I say to you, ‘This one
shall not go with you,’ the same shall not
go."
5 So he brought the people down to
the water. And the LORD said to Gideon,
"Everyone who laps from the water with
his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set

apart by himself; likewise everyone who
gets down on his knees to drink."
6 And the number of those who lapped,
putting their hand to their mouth, was
three hundred men; but all the rest of
the people got down on their knees to
drink water.
7 Then the LORD said to Gideon, "By the
three hundred men who lapped I will
save you, and deliver the Midianites into
your hand. Let all the other people go,
every man to his place."
8 So the people took provisions and
their trumpets in their hands. And he
sent away all the rest of Israel, every
man to his tent, and retained those
three hundred men. Now the camp of
Midian was below him in the valley.
9 It happened on the same night that
the LORD said to him, "Arise, go down
against the camp, for I have delivered it
into your hand.

10 "But if you are afraid to go down,
go down to the camp with Purah your
servant,
11 "and you shall hear what they say;
and afterward your hands shall be
strengthened to go down against the
camp." Then he went down with Purah
his servant to the outpost of the armed
men who were in the camp.
12 Now the Midianites and Amalekites,
all the people of the East, were lying in
the valley as numerous as locusts; and
their camels were without number, as
the sand by the seashore in multitude.
13 And when Gideon had come, there
was a man telling a dream to his
companion. He said, "I have had a
dream: To my surprise, a loaf of barley
bread tumbled into the camp of Midian;
it came to a tent and struck it so that
it fell and overturned, and the tent
collapsed."

14 Then his companion answered and
said, "This is nothing else but the sword
of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of
Israel! Into his hand God has delivered
Midian and the whole camp."
15 And so it was, when Gideon
heard the telling of the dream and its
interpretation, that he worshiped. He
returned to the camp of Israel, and said,
"Arise, for the LORD has delivered the
camp of Midian into your hand."
16 Then he divided the three hundred
men into three companies, and he put
a trumpet into every man's hand, with
empty pitchers, and torches inside the
pitchers.
17 And he said to them, "Look at me
and do likewise; watch, and when I come
to the edge of the camp you shall do as I
do:
18 "When I blow the trumpet, I and all
who are with me, then you also blow

the trumpets on every side of the whole
camp, and say, ‘The sword of the LORD
and of Gideon!’"
19 So Gideon and the hundred men
who were with him came to the outpost
of the camp at the beginning of the
middle watch, just as they had posted
the watch; and they blew the trumpets
and broke the pitchers that were in their
hands.
20 Then the three companies blew the
trumpets and broke the pitchers—they
held the torches in their left hands and
the trumpets in their right hands for
blowing—and they cried, "The sword of
the LORD and of Gideon!"
21 And every man stood in his place all
around the camp; and the whole army
ran and cried out and fled.
22 When the three hundred blew the
trumpets, the LORD set every man’s
sword against his companion throughout

the whole camp; and the army fled to
Beth Acacia, toward Zererah, as far as
the border of Abel Meholah, by Tabbath.
23 And the men of Israel gathered
together from Naphtali, Asher, and all
Manasseh, and pursued the Midianites.
24 Then Gideon sent messengers
throughout all the mountains of
Ephraim, saying, "Come down against
the Midianites, and seize from them the
watering places as far as Beth Barah
and the Jordan." Then all the men of
Ephraim gathered together and seized
the watering places as far as Beth Barah
and the Jordan.
25 And they captured two princes of the
Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb. They killed
Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and Zeeb they
killed at the winepress of Zeeb. They
pursued Midian and brought the heads
of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the other
side of the Jordan.

8 [1] Now the men of Ephraim said to
him, "Why have you done this to
us by not calling us when you went to
fight with the Midianites?" And they
reprimanded him sharply.
[2] So he said to them, "What have I done
now in comparison with you? Is not the
gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better
than the vintage of Abiezer?
[3] "God has delivered into your hands
the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb.
And what was I able to do in comparison
with you?" Then their anger toward him
subsided when he said that.
[4] When Gideon came to the Jordan, he
and the three hundred men who were
with him crossed over, exhausted but
still in pursuit.
[5] Then he said to the men of Succoth,
"Please give loaves of bread to the
people who follow me, for they are

exhausted, and I am pursuing Zebah and
Zalmunna, kings of Midian."
6 And the leaders of Succoth said, "Are
the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now
in your hand, that we should give bread
to your army?"
7 So Gideon said, "For this cause,
when the LORD has delivered Zebah
and Zalmunna into my hand, then I will
tear your flesh with the thorns of the
wilderness and with briers!"
8 Then he went up from there to Penuel
and spoke to them in the same way. And
the men of Penuel answered him as the
men of Succoth had answered.
9 So he also spoke to the men of Penuel,
saying, "When I come back in peace, I
will tear down this tower!"
10 Now Zebah and Zalmunna were at
Karkor, and their armies with them,
about fifteen thousand, all who were left
of all the army of the people of the East;

for one hundred and twenty thousand
men who drew the sword had fallen.
11 Then Gideon went up by the road of
those who dwell in tents on the east of
Nobah and Jogbehah; and he attacked
the army while the camp felt secure.
12 When Zebah and Zalmunna fled,
he pursued them; and he took the two
kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna,
and routed the whole army.
13 Then Gideon the son of Joash
returned from battle, from the Ascent of
Heres.
14 And he caught a young man of the
men of Succoth and interrogated him;
and he wrote down for him the leaders
of Succoth and its elders, seventy–seven
men.
15 Then he came to the men of Succoth
and said, "Here are Zebah and Zalmunna,
about whom you ridiculed me, saying,
‘Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna

now in your hand, that we should give
bread to your weary men?’"
16 And he took the elders of the city,
and thorns of the wilderness and briers,
and with them he taught the men of
Succoth.
17 Then he tore down the tower of
Penuel and killed the men of the city.
18 And he said to Zebah and Zalmunna,
"What kind of men were they whom
you killed at Tabor?" So they answered,
"As you are, so were they; each one
resembled the son of a king."
19 Then he said, "They were my
brothers, the sons of my mother. As the
LORD lives, if you had let them live, I
would not kill you."
20 And he said to Jether his firstborn,
"Rise, kill them!" But the youth would
not draw his sword; for he was afraid,
because he was still a youth.

21 So Zebah and Zalmunna said, "Rise
yourself, and kill us; for as a man is, so
is his strength." So Gideon arose and
killed Zebah and Zalmunna, and took the
crescent ornaments that were on their
camels’ necks.
22 Then the men of Israel said to
Gideon, "Rule over us, both you and
your son, and your grandson also; for
you have delivered us from the hand of
Midian."
23 But Gideon said to them, "I will not
rule over you, nor shall my son rule over
you; the LORD shall rule over you."
24 Then Gideon said to them, "I would
like to make a request of you, that each
of you would give me the earrings from
his plunder." For they had gold earrings,
because they were Ishmaelites.
25 So they answered, "We will gladly
give them." And they spread out a

garment, and each man threw into it the
earrings from his plunder.
26 Now the weight of the gold earrings
that he requested was one thousand
seven hundred shekels of gold, besides
the crescent ornaments, pendants, and
purple robes which were on the kings
of Midian, and besides the chains that
were around their camels’ necks.
27 Then Gideon made it into an ephod
and set it up in his city, Ophrah. And all
Israel played the harlot with it there. It
became a snare to Gideon and to his
house.
28 Thus Midian was subdued before
the children of Israel, so that they lifted
their heads no more. And the country
was quiet for forty years in the days of
Gideon.
29 Then Jerubbaal the son of Joash went
and dwelt in his own house.

30 Gideon had seventy sons who were
his own offspring, for he had many
wives.
31 And his concubine who was in
Shechem also bore him a son, whose
name he called Abimelech.
32 Now Gideon the son of Joash died at
a good old age, and was buried in the
tomb of Joash his father, in Ophrah of
the Abiezrites.
33 So it was, as soon as Gideon was
dead, that the children of Israel again
played the harlot with the Baals, and
made Baal–Berith their god.
34 Thus the children of Israel did not
remember the LORD their God, who had
delivered them from the hands of all
their enemies on every side;
35 nor did they show kindness to
the house of Jerubbaal (Gideon) in
accordance with the good he had done
for Israel.

9 [1] Then Abimelech the son of
Jerubbaal went to Shechem, to his
mother’s brothers, and spoke with them
and with all the family of the house of
his mother’s father, saying,
[2] "Please speak in the hearing of all
the men of Shechem: ‘Which is better
for you, that all seventy of the sons of
Jerubbaal reign over you, or that one
reign over you?’ Remember that I am
your own flesh and bone."
[3] And his mother’s brothers spoke
all these words concerning him in the
hearing of all the men of Shechem;
and their heart was inclined to follow
Abimelech, for they said, "He is our
brother."
[4] So they gave him seventy shekels of
silver from the temple of Baal–Berith,
with which Abimelech hired worthless
and reckless men; and they followed
him.

[5] Then he went to his father's house
at Ophrah and killed his brothers, the
seventy sons of Jerubbaal, on one
stone. But Jotham the youngest son
of Jerubbaal was left, because he hid
himself.
[6] And all the men of Shechem gathered
together, all of Beth Millo, and they went
and made Abimelech king beside the
terebinth tree at the pillar that was in
Shechem.
[7] Now when they told Jotham, he went
and stood on top of Mount Gerizim, and
lifted his voice and cried out. And he
said to them: "Listen to me, you men of
Shechem, That God may listen to you!
[8] "The trees once went forth to anoint
a king over them. And they said to the
olive tree, 'Reign over us!'
[9] But the olive tree said to them,
'Should I cease giving my oil, With which

they honor God and men, And go to
sway over trees?’
10 "Then the trees said to the fig tree,
‘You come and reign over us!’
11 But the fig tree said to them, ‘Should
I cease my sweetness and my good fruit,
And go to sway over trees?’
12 "Then the trees said to the vine, ‘You
come and reign over us!’
13 But the vine said to them, ‘Should
I cease my new wine, Which cheers
both God and men, And go to sway over
trees?’
14 "Then all the trees said to the
bramble, ‘You come and reign over us!’
15 And the bramble said to the trees,
‘If in truth you anoint me as king over
you, Then come and take shelter in my
shade; But if not, let fire come out of
the bramble And devour the cedars of
Lebanon!’

16 "Now therefore, if you have acted in
truth and sincerity in making Abimelech
king, and if you have dealt well with
Jerubbaal and his house, and have done
to him as he deserves—
17 "for my father fought for you, risked
his life, and delivered you out of the
hand of Midian;
18 "but you have risen up against my
father's house this day, and killed his
seventy sons on one stone, and made
Abimelech, the son of his female servant,
king over the men of Shechem, because
he is your brother—
19 "if then you have acted in truth
and sincerity with Jerubbaal and with
his house this day, then rejoice in
Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in
you.
20 "But if not, let fire come from
Abimelech and devour the men of
Shechem and Beth Millo; and let fire

come from the men of Shechem and
from Beth Millo and devour Abimelech!"
21 And Jotham ran away and fled; and
he went to Beer and dwelt there, for fear
of Abimelech his brother.
22 After Abimelech had reigned over
Israel three years,
23 God sent a spirit of ill will between
Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and
the men of Shechem dealt treacherously
with Abimelech,
24 that the crime done to the seventy
sons of Jerubbaal might be settled and
their blood be laid on Abimelech their
brother, who killed them, and on the
men of Shechem, who aided him in the
killing of his brothers.
25 And the men of Shechem set men
in ambush against him on the tops of
the mountains, and they robbed all who
passed by them along that way; and it
was told Abimelech.

26 Now Gaal the son of Ebed came with
his brothers and went over to Shechem;
and the men of Shechem put their
confidence in him.
27 So they went out into the fields, and
gathered grapes from their vineyards
and trod them, and made merry. And
they went into the house of their
god, and ate and drank, and cursed
Abimelech.
28 Then Gaal the son of Ebed said, "Who
is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that
we should serve him? Is he not the son
of Jerubbaal, and is not Zebul his officer?
Serve the men of Hamor the father of
Shechem; but why should we serve him?
29 "If only this people were under
my authority! Then I would remove
Abimelech." So he said to Abimelech,
"Increase your army and come out!"

30 When Zebul, the ruler of the city,
heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed,
his anger was aroused.
31 And he sent messengers to
Abimelech secretly, saying, "Take note!
Gaal the son of Ebed and his brothers
have come to Shechem; and here they
are, fortifying the city against you.
32 "Now therefore, get up by night, you
and the people who are with you, and
lie in wait in the field.
33 "And it shall be, as soon as the sun
is up in the morning, that you shall rise
early and rush upon the city; and when
he and the people who are with him
come out against you, you may then do
to them as you find opportunity."
34 So Abimelech and all the people who
were with him rose by night, and lay in
wait against Shechem in four companies.
35 When Gaal the son of Ebed went out
and stood in the entrance to the city

gate, Abimelech and the people who
were with him rose from lying in wait.
36 And when Gaal saw the people, he
said to Zebul, "Look, people are coming
down from the tops of the mountains!"
But Zebul said to him, "You see the
shadows of the mountains as if they
were men."
37 So Gaal spoke again and said, "See,
people are coming down from the center
of the land, and another company is
coming from the Diviners’ Terebinth
Tree."
38 Then Zebul said to him, "Where
indeed is your mouth now, with which
you said, ‘Who is Abimelech, that we
should serve him?’ Are not these the
people whom you despised? Go out, if
you will, and fight with them now."
39 So Gaal went out, leading the men of
Shechem, and fought with Abimelech.

40 And Abimelech chased him, and he
fled from him; and many fell wounded,
to the very entrance of the gate.
41 Then Abimelech dwelt at Arumah,
and Zebul drove out Gaal and his
brothers, so that they would not dwell in
Shechem.
42 And it came about on the next day
that the people went out into the field,
and they told Abimelech.
43 So he took his people, divided them
into three companies, and lay in wait in
the field. And he looked, and there were
the people, coming out of the city; and
he rose against them and attacked them.
44 Then Abimelech and the company
that was with him rushed forward and
stood at the entrance of the gate of
the city; and the other two companies
rushed upon all who were in the fields
and killed them.

[45] So Abimelech fought against the
city all that day; he took the city and
killed the people who were in it; and he
demolished the city and sowed it with
salt.
[46] Now when all the men of the tower
of Shechem had heard that, they entered
the stronghold of the temple of the god
Berith.
[47] And it was told Abimelech that all
the men of the tower of Shechem were
gathered together.
[48] Then Abimelech went up to Mount
Zalmon, he and all the people who were
with him. And Abimelech took an ax in
his hand and cut down a bough from
the trees, and took it and laid it on his
shoulder; then he said to the people
who were with him, "What you have
seen me do, make haste and do as I have
done."

49 So each of the people likewise cut
down his own bough and followed
Abimelech, put them against the
stronghold, and set the stronghold on
fire above them, so that all the people
of the tower of Shechem died, about a
thousand men and women.
50 Then Abimelech went to Thebez, and
he encamped against Thebez and took
it.
51 But there was a strong tower in the
city, and all the men and women—all
the people of the city—fled there and
shut themselves in; then they went up
to the top of the tower.
52 So Abimelech came as far as the
tower and fought against it; and he drew
near the door of the tower to burn it
with fire.
53 But a certain woman dropped an
upper millstone on Abimelech's head
and crushed his skull.

54 Then he called quickly to the young
man, his armorbearer, and said to him,
"Draw your sword and kill me, lest men
say of me, 'A woman killed him.'" So his
young man thrust him through, and he
died.
55 And when the men of Israel saw that
Abimelech was dead, they departed,
every man to his place.
56 Thus God repaid the wickedness of
Abimelech, which he had done to his
father by killing his seventy brothers.
57 And all the evil of the men of
Shechem God returned on their own
heads, and on them came the curse of
Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

10 1 After Abimelech there arose to
save Israel Tola the son of Puah,
the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and
he dwelt in Shamir in the mountains of
Ephraim.

2 He judged Israel twenty–three years;
and he died and was buried in Shamir.
3 After him arose Jair, a Gileadite; and
he judged Israel twenty–two years.
4 Now he had thirty sons who rode
on thirty donkeys; they also had thirty
towns, which are called "Havoth Jair" to
this day, which are in the land of Gilead.
5 And Jair died and was buried in
Camon.
6 Then the children of Israel again did
evil in the sight of the LORD, and served
the Baals and the Ashtoreths, the gods
of Syria, the gods of Sidon, the gods
of Moab, the gods of the people of
Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines;
and they forsook the LORD and did not
serve Him.
7 So the anger of the LORD was hot
against Israel; and He sold them into
the hands of the Philistines and into the
hands of the people of Ammon.

8 From that year they harassed and
oppressed the children of Israel for
eighteen years—all the children of
Israel who were on the other side of the
Jordan in the land of the Amorites, in
Gilead.
9 Moreover the people of Ammon
crossed over the Jordan to fight against
Judah also, against Benjamin, and
against the house of Ephraim, so that
Israel was severely distressed.
10 And the children of Israel cried out
to the LORD, saying, "We have sinned
against You, because we have both
forsaken our God and served the Baals!"
11 So the LORD said to the children of
Israel, "Did I not deliver you from the
Egyptians and from the Amorites and
from the people of Ammon and from the
Philistines?
12 "Also the Sidonians and Amalekites
and Maonites oppressed you; and you

cried out to Me, and I delivered you from
their hand.
13 "Yet you have forsaken Me and
served other gods. Therefore I will
deliver you no more.
14 "Go and cry out to the gods which
you have chosen; let them deliver you in
your time of distress."
15 And the children of Israel said to
the LORD, "We have sinned! Do to us
whatever seems best to You; only deliver
us this day, we pray."
16 So they put away the foreign gods
from among them and served the LORD.
And His soul could no longer endure the
misery of Israel.
17 Then the people of Ammon gathered
together and encamped in Gilead. And
the children of Israel assembled together
and encamped in Mizpah.
18 And the people, the leaders of
Gilead, said to one another, "Who is the

man who will begin the fight against the
people of Ammon? He shall be head
over all the inhabitants of Gilead."

11 [1] Now Jephthah the Gileadite was
a mighty man of valor, but he was
the son of a harlot; and Gilead begot
Jephthah.
[2] Gilead's wife bore sons; and when his
wife's sons grew up, they drove Jephthah
out, and said to him, "You shall have no
inheritance in our father's house, for you
are the son of another woman."
[3] Then Jephthah fled from his brothers
and dwelt in the land of Tob; and
worthless men banded together with
Jephthah and went out raiding with him.
[4] It came to pass after a time that the
people of Ammon made war against
Israel.
[5] And so it was, when the people of
Ammon made war against Israel, that

the elders of Gilead went to get Jephthah
from the land of Tob.
6 Then they said to Jephthah, "Come
and be our commander, that we may
fight against the people of Ammon."
7 So Jephthah said to the elders of
Gilead, "Did you not hate me, and expel
me from my father’s house? Why have
you come to me now when you are in
distress?"
8 And the elders of Gilead said to
Jephthah, "That is why we have turned
again to you now, that you may go
with us and fight against the people of
Ammon, and be our head over all the
inhabitants of Gilead."
9 So Jephthah said to the elders of
Gilead, "If you take me back home to
fight against the people of Ammon, and
the LORD delivers them to me, shall I be
your head?"

10 And the elders of Gilead said to
Jephthah, "The LORD will be a witness
between us, if we do not do according to
your words."
11 Then Jephthah went with the elders
of Gilead, and the people made him
head and commander over them; and
Jephthah spoke all his words before the
LORD in Mizpah.
12 Now Jephthah sent messengers to
the king of the people of Ammon, saying,
"What do you have against me, that you
have come to fight against me in my
land?"
13 And the king of the people of Ammon
answered the messengers of Jephthah,
"Because Israel took away my land when
they came up out of Egypt, from the
Arnon as far as the Jabbok, and to the
Jordan. Now therefore, restore those
lands peaceably."

14 So Jephthah again sent messengers
to the king of the people of Ammon,
15 and said to him, "Thus says Jephthah:
'Israel did not take away the land of
Moab, nor the land of the people of
Ammon;
16 'for when Israel came up from Egypt,
they walked through the wilderness as
far as the Red Sea and came to Kadesh.
17 'Then Israel sent messengers to the
king of Edom, saying, "Please let me pass
through your land." But the king of Edom
would not heed. And in like manner
they sent to the king of Moab, but he
would not consent. So Israel remained in
Kadesh.
18 'And they went along through the
wilderness and bypassed the land of
Edom and the land of Moab, came to
the east side of the land of Moab, and
encamped on the other side of the
Arnon. But they did not enter the border

of Moab, for the Arnon was the border
of Moab.
19 ‘Then Israel sent messengers to Sihon
king of the Amorites, king of Heshbon;
and Israel said to him, "Please let us pass
through your land into our place."
20 ‘But Sihon did not trust Israel to pass
through his territory. So Sihon gathered
all his people together, encamped in
Jahaz, and fought against Israel.
21 ‘And the LORD God of Israel delivered
Sihon and all his people into the hand
of Israel, and they defeated them. Thus
Israel gained possession of all the land
of the Amorites, who inhabited that
country.
22 ‘They took possession of all the
territory of the Amorites, from the Arnon
to the Jabbok and from the wilderness
to the Jordan.
23 ‘And now the LORD God of Israel
has dispossessed the Amorites from

before His people Israel; should you then
possess it?
24 'Will you not possess whatever
Chemosh your god gives you to possess?
So whatever the LORD our God takes
possession of before us, we will possess.
25 'And now, are you any better than
Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab?
Did he ever strive against Israel? Did he
ever fight against them?
26 'While Israel dwelt in Heshbon and
its villages, in Aroer and its villages, and
in all the cities along the banks of the
Arnon, for three hundred years, why did
you not recover them within that time?
27 'Therefore I have not sinned against
you, but you wronged me by fighting
against me. May the LORD, the Judge,
render judgment this day between the
children of Israel and the people of
Ammon.'"

28 However, the king of the people of
Ammon did not heed the words which
Jephthah sent him.
29 Then the Spirit of the LORD came
upon Jephthah, and he passed through
Gilead and Manasseh, and passed
through Mizpah of Gilead; and from
Mizpah of Gilead he advanced toward
the people of Ammon.
30 And Jephthah made a vow to the
LORD, and said, "If You will indeed
deliver the people of Ammon into my
hands,
31 "then it will be that whatever comes
out of the doors of my house to meet
me, when I return in peace from the
people of Ammon, shall surely be the
LORD’S, and I will offer it up as a burnt
offering."
32 So Jephthah advanced toward the
people of Ammon to fight against them,

and the LORD delivered them into his
hands.
33 And he defeated them from Aroer
as far as Minnith—twenty cities—and
to Abel Keramim, with a very great
slaughter. Thus the people of Ammon
were subdued before the children of
Israel.
34 When Jephthah came to his house
at Mizpah, there was his daughter,
coming out to meet him with timbrels
and dancing; and she was his only child.
Besides her he had neither son nor
daughter.
35 And it came to pass, when he saw
her, that he tore his clothes, and said,
"Alas, my daughter! You have brought
me very low! You are among those who
trouble me! For I have given my word to
the LORD, and I cannot go back on it."
36 So she said to him, "My father, if
you have given your word to the LORD,

do to me according to what has gone
out of your mouth, because the LORD
has avenged you of your enemies, the
people of Ammon."
37 Then she said to her father, "Let
this thing be done for me: let me alone
for two months, that I may go and
wander on the mountains and bewail my
virginity, my friends and I."
38 So he said, "Go." And he sent her
away for two months; and she went with
her friends, and bewailed her virginity
on the mountains.
39 And it was so at the end of two
months that she returned to her father,
and he carried out his vow with her
which he had vowed. She knew no man.
And it became a custom in Israel
40 that the daughters of Israel went four
days each year to lament the daughter
of Jephthah the Gileadite.

12 [1] Then the men of Ephraim
gathered together, crossed over
toward Zaphon, and said to Jephthah,
"Why did you cross over to fight against
the people of Ammon, and did not call
us to go with you? We will burn your
house down on you with fire!"
[2] And Jephthah said to them, "My
people and I were in a great struggle
with the people of Ammon; and when I
called you, you did not deliver me out of
their hands.
[3] "So when I saw that you would not
deliver me, I took my life in my hands
and crossed over against the people of
Ammon; and the LORD delivered them
into my hand. Why then have you come
up to me this day to fight against me?"
[4] Now Jephthah gathered together
all the men of Gilead and fought
against Ephraim. And the men of Gilead
defeated Ephraim, because they said,

"You Gileadites are fugitives of Ephraim
among the Ephraimites and among the
Manassites."
5 The Gileadites seized the fords of the
Jordan before the Ephraimites arrived.
And when any Ephraimite who escaped
said, "Let me cross over," the men of
Gilead would say to him, "Are you an
Ephraimite?" If he said, "No,"
6 then they would say to him, "Then
say, 'Shibboleth'!" And he would say,
"Sibboleth," for he could not pronounce
it right. Then they would take him and
kill him at the fords of the Jordan. There
fell at that time forty–two thousand
Ephraimites.
7 And Jephthah judged Israel six years.
Then Jephthah the Gileadite died and
was buried in among the cities of Gilead.
8 After him, Ibzan of Bethlehem judged
Israel.

9 He had thirty sons. And he gave
away thirty daughters in marriage,
and brought in thirty daughters from
elsewhere for his sons. He judged Israel
seven years.
10 Then Ibzan died and was buried at
Bethlehem.
11 After him, Elon the Zebulunite judged
Israel. He judged Israel ten years.
12 And Elon the Zebulunite died and
was buried at Aijalon in the country of
Zebulun.
13 After him, Abdon the son of Hillel the
Pirathonite judged Israel.
14 He had forty sons and thirty
grandsons, who rode on seventy young
donkeys. He judged Israel eight years.
15 Then Abdon the son of Hillel the
Pirathonite died and was buried in
Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the
mountains of the Amalekites.

13 [1] Again the children of Israel did
evil in the sight of the LORD, and
the LORD delivered them into the hand
of the Philistines for forty years.
[2] Now there was a certain man from
Zorah, of the family of the Danites,
whose name was Manoah; and his wife
was barren and had no children.
[3] And the Angel of the LORD appeared
to the woman and said to her, "Indeed
now, you are barren and have borne no
children, but you shall conceive and bear
a son.
[4] "Now therefore, please be careful not
to drink wine or similar drink, and not to
eat anything unclean.
[5] "For behold, you shall conceive and
bear a son. And no razor shall come
upon his head, for the child shall be a
Nazirite to God from the womb; and he
shall begin to deliver Israel out of the
hand of the Philistines."

6 So the woman came and told her
husband, saying, "A Man of God came
to me, and His countenance was like the
countenance of the Angel of God, very
awesome; but I did not ask Him where
He was from, and He did not tell me His
name.
7 "And He said to me, ‘Behold, you shall
conceive and bear a son. Now drink no
wine or similar drink, nor eat anything
unclean, for the child shall be a Nazirite
to God from the womb to the day of his
death.’"
8 Then Manoah prayed to the LORD,
and said, "O my Lord, please let the Man
of God whom You sent come to us again
and teach us what we shall do for the
child who will be born."
9 And God listened to the voice of
Manoah, and the Angel of God came to
the woman again as she was sitting in

the field; but Manoah her husband was
not with her.
10 Then the woman ran in haste and
told her husband, and said to him, "Look,
the Man who came to me the other day
has just now appeared to me!"
11 So Manoah arose and followed his
wife. When he came to the Man, he said
to Him, "Are You the Man who spoke to
this woman?" And He said, "I am."
12 Manoah said, "Now let Your words
come to pass! What will be the boy’s
rule of life, and his work?"
13 So the Angel of the LORD said to
Manoah, "Of all that I said to the woman
let her be careful.
14 "She may not eat anything that
comes from the vine, nor may she drink
wine or similar drink, nor eat anything
unclean. All that I commanded her let
her observe."

15 Then Manoah said to the Angel of
the LORD, "Please let us detain You, and
we will prepare a young goat for You."
16 And the Angel of the LORD said to
Manoah, "Though you detain Me, I will
not eat your food. But if you offer a
burnt offering, you must offer it to the
LORD." (For Manoah did not know He
was the Angel of the LORD.)
17 Then Manoah said to the Angel of
the LORD, "What is Your name, that
when Your words come to pass we may
honor You?"
18 And the Angel of the LORD said to
him, "Why do you ask My name, seeing
it is wonderful?"
19 So Manoah took the young goat
with the grain offering, and offered it
upon the rock to the LORD. And He did
a wondrous thing while Manoah and his
wife looked on—

20 it happened as the flame went up
toward heaven from the altar—the
Angel of the LORD ascended in the flame
of the altar! When Manoah and his wife
saw this, they fell on their faces to the
ground.

21 When the Angel of the LORD
appeared no more to Manoah and his
wife, then Manoah knew that He was
the Angel of the LORD.

22 And Manoah said to his wife, "We
shall surely die, because we have seen
God!"

23 But his wife said to him, "If the LORD
had desired to kill us, He would not
have accepted a burnt offering and a
grain offering from our hands, nor would
He have shown us all these things, nor
would He have told us such things as
these at this time."

24 So the woman bore a son and called
his name Samson; and the child grew,
and the LORD blessed him.
25 And the Spirit of the LORD began
to move upon him at Mahaneh Dan
between Zorah and Eshtaol.

14 1 Now Samson went down to
Timnah, and saw a woman
in Timnah of the daughters of the
Philistines.
2 So he went up and told his father
and mother, saying, "I have seen a
woman in Timnah of the daughters of
the Philistines; now therefore, get her
for me as a wife."
3 Then his father and mother said to
him, "Is there no woman among the
daughters of your brethren, or among
all my people, that you must go and
get a wife from the uncircumcised
Philistines?" And Samson said to his

father, "Get her for me, for she pleases
me well."
4 But his father and mother did not
know that it was of the LORD—that
He was seeking an occasion to move
against the Philistines. For at that time
the Philistines had dominion over Israel.
5 So Samson went down to Timnah
with his father and mother, and came
to the vineyards of Timnah. Now to
his surprise, a young lion came roaring
against him.
6 And the Spirit of the LORD came
mightily upon him, and he tore the lion
apart as one would have torn apart a
young goat, though he had nothing in
his hand. But he did not tell his father or
his mother what he had done.
7 Then he went down and talked with
the woman; and she pleased Samson
well.

8 After some time, when he returned
to get her, he turned aside to see the
carcass of the lion. And behold, a swarm
of bees and honey were in the carcass of
the lion.
9 He took some of it in his hands and
went along, eating. When he came to
his father and mother, he gave some to
them, and they also ate. But he did not
tell them that he had taken the honey
out of the carcass of the lion.
10 So his father went down to the
woman. And Samson gave a feast there,
for young men used to do so.
11 And it happened, when they saw him,
that they brought thirty companions to
be with him.
12 Then Samson said to them, "Let me
pose a riddle to you. If you can correctly
solve and explain it to me within the
seven days of the feast, then I will give

you thirty linen garments and thirty
changes of clothing.
13 "But if you cannot explain it to
me, then you shall give me thirty
linen garments and thirty changes of
clothing." And they said to him, "Pose
your riddle, that we may hear it."
14 So he said to them: "Out of the eater
came something to eat, And out of the
strong came something sweet." Now for
three days they could not explain the
riddle.
15 But it came to pass on the seventh
day that they said to Samson's wife,
"Entice your husband, that he may
explain the riddle to us, or else we will
burn you and your father's house with
fire. Have you invited us in order to take
what is ours? Is that not so?"
16 Then Samson's wife wept on him,
and said, "You only hate me! You do
not love me! You have posed a riddle

to the sons of my people, but you have
not explained it to me." And he said to
her, "Look, I have not explained it to my
father or my mother; so should I explain
it to you?"
17 Now she had wept on him the seven
days while their feast lasted. And it
happened on the seventh day that he
told her, because she pressed him so
much. Then she explained the riddle to
the sons of her people.
18 So the men of the city said to him
on the seventh day before the sun went
down: "What is sweeter than honey?
And what is stronger than a lion?" And
he said to them: "If you had not plowed
with my heifer, You would not have
solved my riddle!"
19 Then the Spirit of the LORD came
upon him mightily, and he went down to
Ashkelon and killed thirty of their men,
took their apparel, and gave the changes

of clothing to those who had explained
the riddle. So his anger was aroused, and
he went back up to his father's house.
20 And Samson's wife was given to his
companion, who had been his best man.

15 1 After a while, in the time of
wheat harvest, it happened that
Samson visited his wife with a young
goat. And he said, "Let me go in to my
wife, into her room." But her father
would not permit him to go in.
2 Her father said, "I really thought that
you thoroughly hated her; therefore I
gave her to your companion. Is not her
younger sister better than she? Please,
take her instead."
3 And Samson said to them, "This
time I shall be blameless regarding the
Philistines if I harm them!"
4 Then Samson went and caught three
hundred foxes; and he took torches,

turned the foxes tail to tail, and put a
torch between each pair of tails.
5 When he had set the torches on fire,
he let the foxes go into the standing
grain of the Philistines, and burned up
both the shocks and the standing grain,
as well as the vineyards and olive groves.
6 Then the Philistines said, "Who
has done this?" And they answered,
"Samson, the son–in–law of the Timnite,
because he has taken his wife and given
her to his companion." So the Philistines
came up and burned her and her father
with fire.
7 Samson said to them, "Since you
would do a thing like this, I will surely
take revenge on you, and after that I will
cease."
8 So he attacked them hip and thigh
with a great slaughter; then he went
down and dwelt in the cleft of the rock
of Etam.

[9] Now the Philistines went up, encamped in Judah, and deployed themselves against Lehi.

[10] And the men of Judah said, "Why have you come up against us?" So they answered, "We have come up to arrest Samson, to do to him as he has done to us."

[11] Then three thousand men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock of Etam, and said to Samson, "Do you not know that the Philistines rule over us? What is this you have done to us?" And he said to them, "As they did to me, so I have done to them."

[12] But they said to him, "We have come down to arrest you, that we may deliver you into the hand of the Philistines." Then Samson said to them, "Swear to me that you will not kill me yourselves."

[13] So they spoke to him, saying, "No, but we will tie you securely and deliver

you into their hand; but we will surely
not kill you." And they bound him with
two new ropes and brought him up from
the rock.
14 When he came to Lehi, the Philistines
came shouting against him. Then the
Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon
him; and the ropes that were on his
arms became like flax that is burned with
fire, and his bonds broke loose from his
hands.
15 He found a fresh jawbone of a
donkey, reached out his hand and took
it, and killed a thousand men with it.
16 Then Samson said: "With the
jawbone of a donkey, Heaps upon heaps,
With the jawbone of a donkey I have
slain a thousand men!"
17 And so it was, when he had finished
speaking, that he threw the jawbone
from his hand, and called that place
Ramath Lehi.

18 Then he became very thirsty; so he
cried out to the LORD and said, "You
have given this great deliverance by the
hand of Your servant; and now shall I
die of thirst and fall into the hand of the
uncircumcised?"
19 So God split the hollow place that
is in Lehi, and water came out, and he
drank; and his spirit returned, and he
revived. Therefore he called its name En
Hakkore, which is in Lehi to this day.
20 And he judged Israel twenty years in
the days of the Philistines.

16 1 Now Samson went to Gaza and
saw a harlot there, and went in to
her.
2 When the Gazites were told, "Samson
has come here!" they surrounded the
place and lay in wait for him all night at
the gate of the city. They were quiet all
night, saying, "In the morning, when it is
daylight, we will kill him."

3 And Samson lay low till midnight; then he arose at midnight, took hold of the doors of the gate of the city and the two gateposts, pulled them up, bar and all, put them on his shoulders, and carried them to the top of the hill that faces Hebron.
4 Afterward it happened that he loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.
5 And the lords of the Philistines came up to her and said to her, "Entice him, and find out where his great strength lies, and by what means we may overpower him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and every one of us will give you eleven hundred pieces of silver."
6 So Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me where your great strength lies, and with what you may be bound to afflict you."

7 And Samson said to her, "If they bind
me with seven fresh bowstrings, not yet
dried, then I shall become weak, and be
like any other man."
8 So the lords of the Philistines brought
up to her seven fresh bowstrings, not yet
dried, and she bound him with them.
9 Now men were lying in wait, staying
with her in the room. And she said
to him, "The Philistines are upon you,
Samson!" But he broke the bowstrings as
a strand of yarn breaks when it touches
fire. So the secret of his strength was not
known.
10 Then Delilah said to Samson, "Look,
you have mocked me and told me lies.
Now, please tell me what you may be
bound with."
11 So he said to her, "If they bind me
securely with new ropes that have never
been used, then I shall become weak,
and be like any other man."

12 Therefore Delilah took new ropes
and bound him with them, and said
to him, "The Philistines are upon you,
Samson!" And men were lying in wait,
staying in the room. But he broke them
off his arms like a thread.
13 Delilah said to Samson, "Until now
you have mocked me and told me lies.
Tell me what you may be bound with."
And he said to her, "If you weave the
seven locks of my head into the web of
the loom" —
14 So she wove it tightly with the batten
of the loom, and said to him, "The
Philistines are upon you, Samson!" But
he awoke from his sleep, and pulled out
the batten and the web from the loom.
15 Then she said to him, "How can you
say, ‘I love you,’ when your heart is not
with me? You have mocked me these
three times, and have not told me where
your great strength lies."

16 And it came to pass, when she
pestered him daily with her words and
pressed him, so that his soul was vexed
to death,
17 that he told her all his heart, and said
to her, "No razor has ever come upon
my head, for I have been a Nazirite to
God from my mother’s womb. If I am
shaven, then my strength will leave me,
and I shall become weak, and be like any
other man."
18 When Delilah saw that he had told
her all his heart, she sent and called
for the lords of the Philistines, saying,
"Come up once more, for he has told
me all his heart." So the lords of the
Philistines came up to her and brought
the money in their hand.
19 Then she lulled him to sleep on her
knees, and called for a man and had him
shave off the seven locks of his head.

Then she began to torment him, and his strength left him.
20 And she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" So he awoke from his sleep, and said, "I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!" But he did not know that the LORD had departed from him.
21 Then the Philistines took him and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza. They bound him with bronze fetters, and he became a grinder in the prison.
22 However, the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaven.
23 Now the lords of the Philistines gathered together to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god, and to rejoice. And they said: "Our god has delivered into our hands Samson our enemy!"

24 When the people saw him, they
praised their god; for they said: "Our god
has delivered into our hands our enemy,
The destroyer of our land, And the one
who multiplied our dead."
25 So it happened, when their hearts
were merry, that they said, "Call for
Samson, that he may perform for us." So
they called for Samson from the prison,
and he performed for them. And they
stationed him between the pillars.
26 Then Samson said to the lad who
held him by the hand, "Let me feel the
pillars which support the temple, so that
I can lean on them."
27 Now the temple was full of men and
women. All the lords of the Philistines
were there—about three thousand men
and women on the roof watching while
Samson performed.
28 Then Samson called to the LORD,
saying, "O Lord GOD, remember me, I

pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this
once, O God, that I may with one blow
take vengeance on the Philistines for my
two eyes!"
29 And Samson took hold of the two
middle pillars which supported the
temple, and he braced himself against
them, one on his right and the other on
his left.
30 Then Samson said, "Let me die with
the Philistines!" And he pushed with all
his might, and the temple fell on the
lords and all the people who were in it.
So the dead that he killed at his death
were more than he had killed in his life.
31 And his brothers and all his father's
household came down and took him,
and brought him up and buried him
between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb
of his father Manoah. He had judged
Israel twenty years.

17 1 Now there was a man from the
mountains of Ephraim, whose
name was Micah.
2 And he said to his mother, "The eleven
hundred shekels of silver that were
taken from you, and on which you put a
curse, even saying it in my ears—here
is the silver with me; I took it." And his
mother said, "May you be blessed by the
LORD, my son!"
3 So when he had returned the eleven
hundred shekels of silver to his mother,
his mother said, "I had wholly dedicated
the silver from my hand to the LORD for
my son, to make a carved image and
a molded image; now therefore, I will
return it to you."
4 Thus he returned the silver to his
mother. Then his mother took two
hundred shekels of silver and gave them
to the silversmith, and he made it into a

carved image and a molded image; and
they were in the house of Micah.
5 The man Micah had a shrine, and
made an ephod and household idols;
and he consecrated one of his sons, who
became his priest.
6 In those days there was no king in
Israel; everyone did what was right in his
own eyes.
7 Now there was a young man from
Bethlehem in Judah, of the family of
Judah; he was a Levite, and was staying
there.
8 The man departed from the city of
Bethlehem in Judah to stay wherever he
could find a place. Then he came to the
mountains of Ephraim, to the house of
Micah, as he journeyed.
9 And Micah said to him, "Where do you
come from?" So he said to him, "I am a
Levite from Bethlehem in Judah, and I
am on my way to find a place to stay."

10 Micah said to him, "Dwell with me,
and be a father and a priest to me,
and I will give you ten shekels of silver
per year, a suit of clothes, and your
sustenance." So the Levite went in.
11 Then the Levite was content to
dwell with the man; and the young man
became like one of his sons to him.
12 So Micah consecrated the Levite, and
the young man became his priest, and
lived in the house of Micah.
13 Then Micah said, "Now I know that
the LORD will be good to me, since I
have a Levite as priest!"

18 1 In those days there was no king
in Israel. And in those days the
tribe of the Danites was seeking an
inheritance for itself to dwell in; for until
that day their inheritance among the
tribes of Israel had not fallen to them.
2 So the children of Dan sent five men
of their family from their territory, men

of valor from Zorah and Eshtaol, to spy
out the land and search it. They said to
them, "Go, search the land." So they
went to the mountains of Ephraim, to
the house of Micah, and lodged there.
3 While they were at the house of
Micah, they recognized the voice of the
young Levite. They turned aside and said
to him, "Who brought you here? What
are you doing in this place? What do you
have here?"
4 He said to them, "Thus and so Micah
did for me. He has hired me, and I have
become his priest."
5 So they said to him, "Please inquire
of God, that we may know whether
the journey on which we go will be
prosperous."
6 And the priest said to them, "Go in
peace. The presence of the LORD be
with you on your way."

7 So the five men departed and went
to Laish. They saw the people who
were there, how they dwelt safely, in
the manner of the Sidonians, quiet and
secure. There were no rulers in the
land who might put them to shame
for anything. They were far from the
Sidonians, and they had no ties with
anyone.
8 Then the spies came back to their
brethren at Zorah and Eshtaol, and their
brethren said to them, "What is your
report?"
9 So they said, "Arise, let us go up
against them. For we have seen the land,
and indeed it is very good. Would you
do nothing? Do not hesitate to go, and
enter to possess the land.
10 "When you go, you will come to a
secure people and a large land. For God
has given it into your hands, a place

where there is no lack of anything that is
on the earth."
[11] And six hundred men of the family
of the Danites went from there, from
Zorah and Eshtaol, armed with weapons
of war.
[12] Then they went up and encamped in
Kirjath Jearim in Judah. (Therefore they
call that place Mahaneh Dan to this day.
There it is, west of Kirjath Jearim.)
[13] And they passed from there to the
mountains of Ephraim, and came to the
house of Micah.
[14] Then the five men who had gone to
spy out the country of Laish answered
and said to their brethren, "Do you know
that there are in these houses an ephod,
household idols, a carved image, and a
molded image? Now therefore, consider
what you should do."
[15] So they turned aside there, and
came to the house of the young Levite

man—to the house of Micah—and
greeted him.
16 The six hundred men armed with
their weapons of war, who were of the
children of Dan, stood by the entrance
of the gate.
17 Then the five men who had gone to
spy out the land went up. Entering there,
they took the carved image, the ephod,
the household idols, and the molded
image. The priest stood at the entrance
of the gate with the six hundred men
who were armed with weapons of war.
18 When these went into Micah’s house
and took the carved image, the ephod,
the household idols, and the molded
image, the priest said to them, "What
are you doing?"
19 And they said to him, "Be quiet, put
your hand over your mouth, and come
with us; be a father and a priest to us.
Is it better for you to be a priest to the

household of one man, or that you be a
priest to a tribe and a family in Israel?"
20 So the priest’s heart was glad; and
he took the ephod, the household idols,
and the carved image, and took his place
among the people.
21 Then they turned and departed, and
put the little ones, the livestock, and the
goods in front of them.
22 When they were a good way from the
house of Micah, the men who were in
the houses near Micah’s house gathered
together and overtook the children of
Dan.
23 And they called out to the children
of Dan. So they turned around and said
to Micah, "What ails you, that you have
gathered such a company?"
24 So he said, "You have taken away my
gods which I made, and the priest, and
you have gone away. Now what more do

I have? How can you say to me, ‘What
ails you?’"
25 And the children of Dan said to him,
"Do not let your voice be heard among
us, lest angry men fall upon you, and
you lose your life, with the lives of your
household!"
26 Then the children of Dan went their
way. And when Micah saw that they
were too strong for him, he turned and
went back to his house.
27 So they took the things Micah had
made, and the priest who had belonged
to him, and went to Laish, to a people
quiet and secure; and they struck them
with the edge of the sword and burned
the city with fire.
28 There was no deliverer, because it
was far from Sidon, and they had no ties
with anyone. It was in the valley that
belongs to Beth Rehob. So they rebuilt
the city and dwelt there.

29 And they called the name of the city
Dan, after the name of Dan their father,
who was born to Israel. However, the
name of the city formerly was Laish.
30 Then the children of Dan set up
for themselves the carved image; and
Jonathan the son of Gershom, the son
of Manasseh, and his sons were priests
to the tribe of Dan until the day of the
captivity of the land.
31 So they set up for themselves Micah's
carved image which he made, all the
time that the house of God was in Shiloh.

19 1 And it came to pass in those
days, when there was no king in
Israel, that there was a certain Levite
staying in the remote mountains of
Ephraim. He took for himself a concubine
from Bethlehem in Judah.
2 But his concubine played the harlot
against him, and went away from him
to her father's house at Bethlehem

in Judah, and was there four whole
months.
3 Then her husband arose and went
after her, to speak kindly to her and
bring her back, having his servant and
a couple of donkeys with him. So she
brought him into her father's house; and
when the father of the young woman
saw him, he was glad to meet him.
4 Now his father–in–law, the young
woman's father, detained him; and he
stayed with him three days. So they ate
and drank and lodged there.
5 Then it came to pass on the fourth
day that they arose early in the morning,
and he stood to depart; but the young
woman's father said to his son–in–law,
"Refresh your heart with a morsel of
bread, and afterward go your way."
6 So they sat down, and the two of
them ate and drank together. Then the
young woman's father said to the man,

"Please be content to stay all night, and
let your heart be merry."
7 And when the man stood to depart,
his father–in–law urged him; so he
lodged there again.
8 Then he arose early in the morning on
the fifth day to depart, but the young
woman's father said, "Please refresh
your heart." So they delayed until
afternoon; and both of them ate.
9 And when the man stood to
depart—he and his concubine and his
servant—his father–in–law, the young
woman's father, said to him, "Look, the
day is now drawing toward evening;
please spend the night. See, the day is
coming to an end; lodge here, that your
heart may be merry. Tomorrow go your
way early, so that you may get home."
10 However, the man was not willing
to spend that night; so he rose and
departed, and came to opposite Jebus

(that is, Jerusalem). With him were the
two saddled donkeys; his concubine was
also with him.
11 They were near Jebus, and the day
was far spent; and the servant said to his
master, "Come, please, and let us turn
aside into this city of the Jebusites and
lodge in it."
12 But his master said to him, "We
will not turn aside here into a city of
foreigners, who are not of the children
of Israel; we will go on to Gibeah."
13 So he said to his servant, "Come, let
us draw near to one of these places, and
spend the night in Gibeah or in Ramah."
14 And they passed by and went their
way; and the sun went down on them
near Gibeah, which belongs to Benjamin.
15 They turned aside there to go in to
lodge in Gibeah. And when he went in,
he sat down in the open square of the

city, for no one would take them into his
house to spend the night.
16 Just then an old man came in from
his work in the field at evening, who also
was from the mountains of Ephraim; he
was staying in Gibeah, whereas the men
of the place were Benjamites.
17 And when he raised his eyes, he
saw the traveler in the open square of
the city; and the old man said, "Where
are you going, and where do you come
from?"
18 So he said to him, "We are passing
from Bethlehem in Judah toward the
remote mountains of Ephraim; I am from
there. I went to Bethlehem in Judah;
now I am going to the house of the
LORD. But there is no one who will take
me into his house,
19 "although we have both straw and
fodder for our donkeys, and bread and
wine for myself, for your female servant,

and for the young man who is with your
servant; there is no lack of anything."
20 And the old man said, "Peace be with
you! However, let all your needs be my
responsibility; only do not spend the
night in the open square."
21 So he brought him into his house,
and gave fodder to the donkeys. And
they washed their feet, and ate and
drank.
22 As they were enjoying themselves,
suddenly certain men of the city,
perverted men, surrounded the house
and beat on the door. They spoke to
the master of the house, the old man,
saying, "Bring out the man who came
to your house, that we may know him
carnally!"
23 But the man, the master of the
house, went out to them and said to
them, "No, my brethren! I beg you, do
not act so wickedly! Seeing this man has

come into my house, do not commit this
outrage.
24 "Look, here is my virgin daughter and
the man's concubine; let me bring them
out now. Humble them, and do with
them as you please; but to this man do
not do such a vile thing!"
25 But the men would not heed him. So
the man took his concubine and brought
her out to them. And they knew her and
abused her all night until morning; and
when the day began to break, they let
her go.
26 Then the woman came as the day
was dawning, and fell down at the door
of the man's house where her master
was, till it was light.
27 When her master arose in the
morning, and opened the doors of the
house and went out to go his way, there
was his concubine, fallen at the door

of the house with her hands on the
threshold.
28 And he said to her, "Get up and let us
be going." But there was no answer. So
the man lifted her onto the donkey; and
the man got up and went to his place.
29 When he entered his house he took
a knife, laid hold of his concubine, and
divided her into twelve pieces, limb by
limb, and sent her throughout all the
territory of Israel.
30 And so it was that all who saw it said,
"No such deed has been done or seen
from the day that the children of Israel
came up from the land of Egypt until this
day. Consider it, confer, and speak up!"

20 1 So all the children of Israel came
out, from Dan to Beersheba, as
well as from the land of Gilead, and the
congregation gathered together as one
man before the LORD at Mizpah.

2 And the leaders of all the people,
all the tribes of Israel, presented
themselves in the assembly of the
people of God, four hundred thousand
foot soldiers who drew the sword.
3 (Now the children of Benjamin heard
that the children of Israel had gone up
to Mizpah.) Then the children of Israel
said, "Tell us, how did this wicked deed
happen?"
4 So the Levite, the husband of the
woman who was murdered, answered
and said, "My concubine and I went into
Gibeah, which belongs to Benjamin, to
spend the night.
5 "And the men of Gibeah rose against
me, and surrounded the house at night
because of me. They intended to kill me,
but instead they ravished my concubine
so that she died.
6 "So I took hold of my concubine, cut
her in pieces, and sent her throughout all

the territory of the inheritance of Israel,
because they committed lewdness and
outrage in Israel.
7 "Look! All of you are children of Israel;
give your advice and counsel here and
now!"
8 So all the people arose as one man,
saying, "None of us will go to his tent,
nor will any turn back to his house;
9 "but now this is the thing which we
will do to Gibeah: We will go up against
it by lot.
10 "We will take ten men out of every
hundred throughout all the tribes of
Israel, a hundred out of every thousand,
and a thousand out of every ten
thousand, to make provisions for the
people, that when they come to Gibeah
in Benjamin, they may repay all the
vileness that they have done in Israel."

11 So all the men of Israel were gathered
against the city, united together as one
man.
12 Then the tribes of Israel sent men
through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying,
"What is this wickedness that has
occurred among you?
13 "Now therefore, deliver up the men,
the perverted men who are in Gibeah,
that we may put them to death and
remove the evil from Israel!" But the
children of Benjamin would not listen to
the voice of their brethren, the children
of Israel.
14 Instead, the children of Benjamin
gathered together from their cities
to Gibeah, to go to battle against the
children of Israel.
15 And from their cities at that time
the children of Benjamin numbered
twenty–six thousand men who drew
the sword, besides the inhabitants of

Gibeah, who numbered seven hundred
select men.
16 Among all this people were seven
hundred select men who were left–
handed; every one could sling a stone at
a hair’s breadth and not miss.
17 Now besides Benjamin, the men of
Israel numbered four hundred thousand
men who drew the sword; all of these
were men of war.
18 Then the children of Israel arose and
went up to the house of God to inquire
of God. They said, "Which of us shall go
up first to battle against the children of
Benjamin?" The LORD said, "Judah first!"
19 So the children of Israel rose in the
morning and encamped against Gibeah.
20 And the men of Israel went out to
battle against Benjamin, and the men of
Israel put themselves in battle array to
fight against them at Gibeah.

21 Then the children of Benjamin came
out of Gibeah, and on that day cut down
to the ground twenty–two thousand
men of the Israelites.
22 And the people, that is, the men of
Israel, encouraged themselves and again
formed the battle line at the place where
they had put themselves in array on the
first day.
23 Then the children of Israel went up
and wept before the LORD until evening,
and asked counsel of the LORD, saying,
"Shall I again draw near for battle against
the children of my brother Benjamin?"
And the LORD said, "Go up against him."
24 So the children of Israel approached
the children of Benjamin on the second
day.
25 And Benjamin went out against them
from Gibeah on the second day, and cut
down to the ground eighteen thousand

more of the children of Israel; all these
drew the sword.
26 Then all the children of Israel, that
is, all the people, went up and came to
the house of God and wept. They sat
there before the LORD and fasted that
day until evening; and they offered burnt
offerings and peace offerings before the
LORD.
27 So the children of Israel inquired of
the LORD (the ark of the covenant of
God was there in those days,
28 and Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the
son of Aaron, stood before it in those
days), saying, "Shall I yet again go out to
battle against the children of my brother
Benjamin, or shall I cease?" And the
LORD said, "Go up, for tomorrow I will
deliver them into your hand."
29 Then Israel set men in ambush all
around Gibeah.

30 And the children of Israel went up
against the children of Benjamin on the
third day, and put themselves in battle
array against Gibeah as at the other
times.
31 So the children of Benjamin went
out against the people, and were drawn
away from the city. They began to strike
down and kill some of the people, as at
the other times, in the highways (one of
which goes up to Bethel and the other
to Gibeah) and in the field, about thirty
men of Israel.
32 And the children of Benjamin said,
"They are defeated before us, as at first."
But the children of Israel said, "Let us
flee and draw them away from the city
to the highways."
33 So all the men of Israel rose from
their place and put themselves in battle
array at Baal Tamar. Then Israel’s men in

ambush burst forth from their position
in the plain of Geba.
34 And ten thousand select men from
all Israel came against Gibeah, and the
battle was fierce. But the Benjamites did
not know that disaster was upon them.
35 The LORD defeated Benjamin
before Israel. And the children of
Israel destroyed that day twenty–five
thousand one hundred Benjamites; all
these drew the sword.
36 So the children of Benjamin saw that
they were defeated. The men of Israel
had given ground to the Benjamites,
because they relied on the men in
ambush whom they had set against
Gibeah.
37 And the men in ambush quickly
rushed upon Gibeah; the men in ambush
spread out and struck the whole city
with the edge of the sword.

38 Now the appointed signal between
the men of Israel and the men in ambush
was that they would make a great cloud
of smoke rise up from the city,
39 whereupon the men of Israel would
turn in battle. Now Benjamin had begun
to strike and kill about thirty of the men
of Israel. For they said, "Surely they are
defeated before us, as in the first battle."
40 But when the cloud began to rise
from the city in a column of smoke, the
Benjamites looked behind them, and
there was the whole city going up in
smoke to heaven.
41 And when the men of Israel turned
back, the men of Benjamin panicked, for
they saw that disaster had come upon
them.
42 Therefore they turned their backs
before the men of Israel in the direction
of the wilderness; but the battle
overtook them, and whoever came out

of the cities they destroyed in their
midst.
43 They surrounded the Benjamites,
chased them, and easily trampled them
down as far as the front of Gibeah
toward the east.
44 And eighteen thousand men of
Benjamin fell; all these were men of
valor.
45 Then they turned and fled toward the
wilderness to the rock of Rimmon; and
they cut down five thousand of them on
the highways. Then they pursued them
relentlessly up to Gidom, and killed two
thousand of them.
46 So all who fell of Benjamin that day
were twenty–five thousand men who
drew the sword; all these were men of
valor.
47 But six hundred men turned and fled
toward the wilderness to the rock of

Rimmon, and they stayed at the rock of
Rimmon for four months.
48 And the men of Israel turned back
against the children of Benjamin, and
struck them down with the edge of the
sword—from every city, men and beasts,
all who were found. They also set fire to
all the cities they came to.

21

1 Now the men of Israel had
sworn an oath at Mizpah, saying,
"None of us shall give his daughter to
Benjamin as a wife."
2 Then the people came to the house of
God, and remained there before God till
evening. They lifted up their voices and
wept bitterly,
3 and said, "O LORD God of Israel, why
has this come to pass in Israel, that
today there should be one tribe missing
in Israel?"
4 So it was, on the next morning, that
the people rose early and built an altar

there, and offered burnt offerings and
peace offerings.
5 The children of Israel said, "Who is
there among all the tribes of Israel who
did not come up with the assembly to
the LORD?" For they had made a great
oath concerning anyone who had not
come up to the LORD at Mizpah, saying,
"He shall surely be put to death."
6 And the children of Israel grieved for
Benjamin their brother, and said, "One
tribe is cut off from Israel today.
7 "What shall we do for wives for those
who remain, seeing we have sworn by
the LORD that we will not give them our
daughters as wives?"
8 And they said, "What one is there
from the tribes of Israel who did not
come up to Mizpah to the LORD?" And,
in fact, no one had come to the camp
from Jabesh Gilead to the assembly.

9 For when the people were counted, indeed, not one of the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead was there.
10 So the congregation sent out there twelve thousand of their most valiant men, and commanded them, saying, "Go and strike the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead with the edge of the sword, including the women and children.
11 "And this is the thing that you shall do: You shall utterly destroy every male, and every woman who has known a man intimately."
12 So they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead four hundred young virgins who had not known a man intimately; and they brought them to the camp at Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.
13 Then the whole congregation sent word to the children of Benjamin

who were at the rock of Rimmon, and
announced peace to them.
14 So Benjamin came back at that time,
and they gave them the women whom
they had saved alive of the women of
Jabesh Gilead; and yet they had not
found enough for them.
15 And the people grieved for Benjamin,
because the LORD had made a void in
the tribes of Israel.
16 Then the elders of the congregation
said, "What shall we do for wives for
those who remain, since the women of
Benjamin have been destroyed?"
17 And they said, "There must be
an inheritance for the survivors of
Benjamin, that a tribe may not be
destroyed from Israel.
18 "However, we cannot give them
wives from our daughters, for the
children of Israel have sworn an oath,

saying, ‘Cursed be the one who gives a
wife to Benjamin.’"
19 Then they said, "In fact, there is a
yearly feast of the LORD in Shiloh, which
is north of Bethel, on the east side of
the highway that goes up from Bethel to
Shechem, and south of Lebonah."
20 Therefore they instructed the
children of Benjamin, saying, "Go, lie in
wait in the vineyards,
21 "and watch; and just when the
daughters of Shiloh come out to perform
their dances, then come out from the
vineyards, and every man catch a wife
for himself from the daughters of Shiloh;
then go to the land of Benjamin.
22 "Then it shall be, when their fathers
or their brothers come to us to complain,
that we will say to them, ‘Be kind to
them for our sakes, because we did not
take a wife for any of them in the war;
for it is not as though you have given

the women to them at this time, making
yourselves guilty of your oath.'"
23 And the children of Benjamin did so;
they took enough wives for their number
from those who danced, whom they
caught. Then they went and returned to
their inheritance, and they rebuilt the
cities and dwelt in them.
24 So the children of Israel departed
from there at that time, every man to
his tribe and family; they went out from
there, every man to his inheritance.
25 In those days there was no king in
Israel; everyone did what was right in his
own eyes.

Ruth

1 [1] Now it came to pass, in the days
when the judges ruled, that there
was a famine in the land. And a certain
man of Bethlehem, Judah, went to dwell
in the country of Moab, he and his wife
and his two sons.
[2] The name of the man was Elimelech,
the name of his wife was Naomi, and
the names of his two sons were Mahlon
and Chilion—Ephrathites of Bethlehem,
Judah. And they went to the country of
Moab and remained there.
[3] Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband,
died; and she was left, and her two sons.
[4] Now they took wives of the women of
Moab: the name of the one was Orpah,
and the name of the other Ruth. And
they dwelt there about ten years.

5 Then both Mahlon and Chilion also
died; so the woman survived her two
sons and her husband.
6 Then she arose with her daughters–
in–law that she might return from the
country of Moab, for she had heard in
the country of Moab that the LORD had
visited His people by giving them bread.
7 Therefore she went out from the
place where she was, and her two
daughters–in–law with her; and they
went on the way to return to the land of
Judah.
8 And Naomi said to her two daughters–
in–law, "Go, return each to her mother's
house. The LORD deal kindly with you, as
you have dealt with the dead and with
me.
9 "The LORD grant that you may find
rest, each in the house of her husband."
Then she kissed them, and they lifted up
their voices and wept.

10 And they said to her, "Surely we will
return with you to your people."
11 But Naomi said, "Turn back, my
daughters; why will you go with me? Are
there still sons in my womb, that they
may be your husbands?
12 "Turn back, my daughters, go—for
I am too old to have a husband. If I
should say I have hope, if I should have
a husband tonight and should also bear
sons,
13 "would you wait for them till they
were grown? Would you restrain
yourselves from having husbands? No,
my daughters; for it grieves me very
much for your sakes that the hand of the
LORD has gone out against me!"
14 Then they lifted up their voices
and wept again; and Orpah kissed her
mother–in–law, but Ruth clung to her.
15 And she said, "Look, your sister–
in–law has gone back to her people

and to her gods; return after your
sister–in–law."
16 But Ruth said: "Entreat me not to
leave you, Or to turn back from following
after you; For wherever you go, I will go;
And wherever you lodge, I will lodge;
Your people shall be my people, And
your God, my God.
17 Where you die, I will die, And there
will I be buried. The LORD do so to me,
and more also, If anything but death
parts you and me."
18 When she saw that she was
determined to go with her, she stopped
speaking to her.
19 Now the two of them went until they
came to Bethlehem. And it happened,
when they had come to Bethlehem, that
all the city was excited because of them;
and the women said, "Is this Naomi?"

[20] But she said to them, "Do not call me
Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty
has dealt very bitterly with me.
[21] "I went out full, and the LORD has
brought me home again empty. Why do
you call me Naomi, since the LORD has
testified against me, and the Almighty
has afflicted me?"
[22] So Naomi returned, and Ruth the
Moabitess her daughter–in–law with
her, who returned from the country of
Moab. Now they came to Bethlehem at
the beginning of barley harvest.

2 [1] There was a relative of Naomi's
husband, a man of great wealth, of
the family of Elimelech. His name was
Boaz.
[2] So Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi,
"Please let me go to the field, and glean
heads of grain after him in whose sight I
may find favor." And she said to her, "Go,
my daughter."

3 Then she left, and went and gleaned
in the field after the reapers. And she
happened to come to the part of the
field belonging to Boaz, who was of the
family of Elimelech.
4 Now behold, Boaz came from
Bethlehem, and said to the reapers, "The
LORD be with you!" And they answered
him, "The LORD bless you!"
5 Then Boaz said to his servant who was
in charge of the reapers, "Whose young
woman is this?"
6 So the servant who was in charge of
the reapers answered and said, "It is the
young Moabite woman who came back
with Naomi from the country of Moab.
7 "And she said, 'Please let me glean
and gather after the reapers among the
sheaves.' So she came and has continued
from morning until now, though she
rested a little in the house."

8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, "You will
listen, my daughter, will you not? Do
not go to glean in another field, nor go
from here, but stay close by my young
women.
9 "Let your eyes be on the field which
they reap, and go after them. Have I
not commanded the young men not to
touch you? And when you are thirsty, go
to the vessels and drink from what the
young men have drawn."
10 So she fell on her face, bowed down
to the ground, and said to him, "Why
have I found favor in your eyes, that you
should take notice of me, since I am a
foreigner?"
11 And Boaz answered and said to her,
"It has been fully reported to me, all that
you have done for your mother–in–law
since the death of your husband, and
how you have left your father and your
mother and the land of your birth, and

have come to a people whom you did
not know before.
12 "The LORD repay your work, and a
full reward be given you by the LORD
God of Israel, under whose wings you
have come for refuge."
13 Then she said, "Let me find favor
in your sight, my lord; for you have
comforted me, and have spoken kindly
to your maidservant, though I am not
like one of your maidservants."
14 Now Boaz said to her at mealtime,
"Come here, and eat of the bread, and
dip your piece of bread in the vinegar."
So she sat beside the reapers, and he
passed parched grain to her; and she ate
and was satisfied, and kept some back.
15 And when she rose up to glean, Boaz
commanded his young men, saying, "Let
her glean even among the sheaves, and
do not reproach her.

16 "Also let grain from the bundles fall
purposely for her; leave it that she may
glean, and do not rebuke her."
17 So she gleaned in the field until
evening, and beat out what she had
gleaned, and it was about an ephah of
barley.
18 Then she took it up and went into the
city, and her mother–in–law saw what
she had gleaned. So she brought out and
gave to her what she had kept back after
she had been satisfied.
19 And her mother–in–law said to her,
"Where have you gleaned today? And
where did you work? Blessed be the one
who took notice of you." So she told
her mother–in–law with whom she had
worked, and said, "The man's name with
whom I worked today is Boaz."
20 Then Naomi said to her daughter–in–
law, "Blessed be he of the LORD, who
has not forsaken His kindness to the

living and the dead!" And Naomi said to
her, "This man is a relation of ours, one
of our close relatives."
21 Ruth the Moabitess said, "He also
said to me, ‘You shall stay close by my
young men until they have finished all
my harvest.’"
22 And Naomi said to Ruth her
daughter–in–law, "It is good, my
daughter, that you go out with his young
women, and that people do not meet
you in any other field."
23 So she stayed close by the young
women of Boaz, to glean until the end of
barley harvest and wheat harvest; and
she dwelt with her mother–in–law.

3

1 Then Naomi her mother–in–law
said to her, "My daughter, shall I not
seek security for you, that it may be well
with you?
2 "Now Boaz, whose young women you
were with, is he not our relative? In fact,

he is winnowing barley tonight at the
threshing floor.
3 "Therefore wash yourself and anoint
yourself, put on your best garment and
go down to the threshing floor; but do
not make yourself known to the man
until he has finished eating and drinking.
4 "Then it shall be, when he lies down,
that you shall notice the place where he
lies; and you shall go in, uncover his feet,
and lie down; and he will tell you what
you should do."
5 And she said to her, "All that you say
to me I will do."
6 So she went down to the threshing
floor and did according to all that her
mother–in–law instructed her.
7 And after Boaz had eaten and drunk,
and his heart was cheerful, he went to
lie down at the end of the heap of grain;
and she came softly, uncovered his feet,
and lay down.

8 Now it happened at midnight that the
man was startled, and turned himself;
and there, a woman was lying at his feet.
9 And he said, "Who are you?" So she
answered, "I am Ruth, your maidservant.
Take your maidservant under your wing,
for you are a close relative."
10 Then he said, "Blessed are you of the
LORD, my daughter! For you have shown
more kindness at the end than at the
beginning, in that you did not go after
young men, whether poor or rich.
11 "And now, my daughter, do not fear.
I will do for you all that you request, for
all the people of my town know that you
are a virtuous woman.
12 "Now it is true that I am a close
relative; however, there is a relative
closer than I.
13 "Stay this night, and in the morning it
shall be that if he will perform the duty
of a close relative for you—good; let him

do it. But if he does not want to perform
the duty for you, then I will perform the
duty for you, as the LORD lives! Lie down
until morning."
14 So she lay at his feet until morning,
and she arose before one could
recognize another. Then he said, "Do not
let it be known that the woman came to
the threshing floor."
15 Also he said, "Bring the shawl that is
on you and hold it." And when she held
it, he measured six ephahs of barley, and
laid it on her. Then she went into the city.
16 So when she came to her mother–in–
law, she said, "Is that you, my daughter?"
Then she told her all that the man had
done for her.
17 And she said, "These six ephahs
of barley he gave me; for he said to
me, 'Do not go empty–handed to your
mother–in–law.'"

18 Then she said, "Sit still, my daughter,
until you know how the matter will turn
out; for the man will not rest until he has
concluded the matter this day."

4 1 Now Boaz went up to the gate and
sat down there; and behold, the
close relative of whom Boaz had spoken
came by. So Boaz said, "Come aside,
friend, sit down here." So he came aside
and sat down.

2 And he took ten men of the elders of
the city, and said, "Sit down here." So
they sat down.

3 Then he said to the close relative,
"Naomi, who has come back from the
country of Moab, sold the piece of
land which belonged to our brother
Elimelech.

4 "And I thought to inform you, saying,
'Buy it back in the presence of the
inhabitants and the elders of my people.
If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if

you will not redeem it, then tell me, that
I may know; for there is no one but you
to redeem it, and I am next after you.’"
And he said, "I will redeem it."
5 Then Boaz said, "On the day you
buy the field from the hand of Naomi,
you must also buy it from Ruth the
Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to
perpetuate the name of the dead
through his inheritance."
6 And the close relative said, "I cannot
redeem it for myself, lest I ruin my own
inheritance. You redeem my right of
redemption for yourself, for I cannot
redeem it."
7 Now this was the custom in former
times in Israel concerning redeeming
and exchanging, to confirm anything:
one man took off his sandal and gave it
to the other, and this was a confirmation
in Israel.

8 Therefore the close relative said to
Boaz, "Buy it for yourself." So he took off
his sandal.
9 And Boaz said to the elders and all the
people, "You are witnesses this day that
I have bought all that was Elimelech's,
and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's,
from the hand of Naomi.
10 "Moreover, Ruth the Moabitess, the
widow of Mahlon, I have acquired as
my wife, to perpetuate the name of the
dead through his inheritance, that the
name of the dead may not be cut off
from among his brethren and from his
position at the gate. You are witnesses
this day."
11 And all the people who were at
the gate, and the elders, said, "We are
witnesses. The LORD make the woman
who is coming to your house like Rachel
and Leah, the two who built the house of

Israel; and may you prosper in Ephrathah
and be famous in Bethlehem.
12 "May your house be like the house
of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah,
because of the offspring which the LORD
will give you from this young woman."
13 So Boaz took Ruth and she became
his wife; and when he went in to her, the
LORD gave her conception, and she bore
a son.
14 Then the women said to Naomi,
"Blessed be the LORD, who has not left
you this day without a close relative; and
may his name be famous in Israel!
15 "And may he be to you a restorer of
life and a nourisher of your old age; for
your daughter–in–law, who loves you,
who is better to you than seven sons,
has borne him."
16 Then Naomi took the child and laid
him on her bosom, and became a nurse
to him.

17 Also the neighbor women gave him
a name, saying, "There is a son born to
Naomi." And they called his name Obed.
He is the father of Jesse, the father of
David.
18 Now this is the genealogy of Perez:
Perez begot Hezron;
19 Hezron begot Ram, and Ram begot
Amminadab;
20 Amminadab begot Nahshon, and
Nahshon begot Salmon;
21 Salmon begot Boaz, and Boaz begot
Obed;
22 Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot
David.

1 Samuel

1 1 Now there was a certain man
of Ramathaim Zophim, of the
mountains of Ephraim, and his name
was Elkanah the son of Jeroham, the
son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of
Zuph, an Ephraimite.
2 And he had two wives: the name of
one was Hannah, and the name of the
other Peninnah. Peninnah had children,
but Hannah had no children.
3 This man went up from his city yearly
to worship and sacrifice to the LORD of
hosts in Shiloh. Also the two sons of Eli,
Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the
LORD, were there.
4 And whenever the time came for
Elkanah to make an offering, he would

give portions to Peninnah his wife and to
all her sons and daughters.
5 But to Hannah he would give a double
portion, for he loved Hannah, although
the LORD had closed her womb.
6 And her rival also provoked her
severely, to make her miserable, because
the LORD had closed her womb.
7 So it was, year by year, when she went
up to the house of the LORD, that she
provoked her; therefore she wept and
did not eat.
8 Then Elkanah her husband said to her,
"Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you
not eat? And why is your heart grieved?
Am I not better to you than ten sons?"
9 So Hannah arose after they had
finished eating and drinking in Shiloh.
Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat
by the doorpost of the tabernacle of the
LORD.

10 And she was in bitterness of soul, and
prayed to the LORD and wept in anguish.
11 Then she made a vow and said, "O
LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look
on the affliction of Your maidservant
and remember me, and not forget
Your maidservant, but will give Your
maidservant a male child, then I will give
him to the LORD all the days of his life,
and no razor shall come upon his head."
12 And it happened, as she continued
praying before the LORD, that Eli
watched her mouth.
13 Now Hannah spoke in her heart; only
her lips moved, but her voice was not
heard. Therefore Eli thought she was
drunk.
14 So Eli said to her, "How long will you
be drunk? Put your wine away from
you!"
15 And Hannah answered and said, "No,
my lord, I am a woman of sorrowful

spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor
intoxicating drink, but have poured out
my soul before the LORD.
16 "Do not consider your maidservant a
wicked woman, for out of the abundance
of my complaint and grief I have spoken
until now."
17 Then Eli answered and said, "Go in
peace, and the God of Israel grant your
petition which you have asked of Him."
18 And she said, "Let your maidservant
find favor in your sight." So the woman
went her way and ate, and her face was
no longer sad.
19 Then they rose early in the morning
and worshiped before the LORD, and
returned and came to their house at
Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his
wife, and the LORD remembered her.
20 So it came to pass in the process of
time that Hannah conceived and bore a
son, and called his name Samuel, saying,

"Because I have asked for him from the
LORD."
21 Now the man Elkanah and all his
house went up to offer to the LORD the
yearly sacrifice and his vow.
22 But Hannah did not go up, for she
said to her husband, "Not until the child
is weaned; then I will take him, that he
may appear before the LORD and remain
there forever."
23 And Elkanah her husband said to
her, "Do what seems best to you; wait
until you have weaned him. Only let the
LORD establish His word." So the woman
stayed and nursed her son until she had
weaned him.
24 Now when she had weaned him, she
took him up with her, with three bulls,
one ephah of flour, and a skin of wine,
and brought him to the house of the
LORD in Shiloh. And the child was young.

25 Then they slaughtered a bull, and
brought the child to Eli.
26 And she said, "O my lord! As your
soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who
stood by you here, praying to the LORD.
27 "For this child I prayed, and the LORD
has granted me my petition which I
asked of Him.
28 "Therefore I also have lent him to the
LORD; as long as he lives he shall be lent
to the LORD." So they worshiped the
LORD there.

2 1 And Hannah prayed and said:
"My heart rejoices in the LORD; My
horn is exalted in the LORD. I smile at
my enemies, Because I rejoice in Your
salvation.
2 "No one is holy like the LORD, For
there is none besides You, Nor is there
any rock like our God.
3 "Talk no more so very proudly; Let no
arrogance come from your mouth, For

the LORD is the God of knowledge; And
by Him actions are weighed.
4 "The bows of the mighty men are
broken, And those who stumbled are
girded with strength.
5 Those who were full have hired
themselves out for bread, And the
hungry have ceased to hunger. Even the
barren has borne seven, And she who
has many children has become feeble.
6 "The LORD kills and makes alive; He
brings down to the grave and brings up.
7 The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
He brings low and lifts up.
8 He raises the poor from the dust And
lifts the beggar from the ash heap, To
set them among princes And make them
inherit the throne of glory. "For the
pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, And
He has set the world upon them.

9 He will guard the feet of His saints, But
the wicked shall be silent in darkness.
"For by strength no man shall prevail.
10 The adversaries of the LORD shall be
broken in pieces; From heaven He will
thunder against them. The LORD will
judge the ends of the earth. "He will give
strength to His king, And exalt the horn
of His anointed."
11 Then Elkanah went to his house at
Ramah. But the child ministered to the
LORD before Eli the priest.
12 Now the sons of Eli were corrupt;
they did not know the LORD.
13 And the priests' custom with the
people was that when any man offered
a sacrifice, the priest's servant would
come with a three–pronged fleshhook in
his hand while the meat was boiling.
14 Then he would thrust it into the pan,
or kettle, or caldron, or pot; and the
priest would take for himself all that

the fleshhook brought up. So they did
in Shiloh to all the Israelites who came
there.
15 Also, before they burned the fat, the
priest's servant would come and say to
the man who sacrificed, "Give meat for
roasting to the priest, for he will not take
boiled meat from you, but raw."
16 And if the man said to him, "They
should really burn the fat first; then you
may take as much as your heart desires,"
he would then answer him, "No, but you
must give it now; and if not, I will take it
by force."
17 Therefore the sin of the young men
was very great before the LORD, for men
abhorred the offering of the LORD.
18 But Samuel ministered before the
LORD, even as a child, wearing a linen
ephod.
19 Moreover his mother used to make
him a little robe, and bring it to him year

by year when she came up with her
husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.
20 And Eli would bless Elkanah and
his wife, and say, "The LORD give you
descendants from this woman for the
loan that was given to the LORD." Then
they would go to their own home.
21 And the LORD visited Hannah, so
that she conceived and bore three sons
and two daughters. Meanwhile the child
Samuel grew before the LORD.
22 Now Eli was very old; and he heard
everything his sons did to all Israel,
and how they lay with the women who
assembled at the door of the tabernacle
of meeting.
23 So he said to them, "Why do you
do such things? For I hear of your evil
dealings from all the people.
24 "No, my sons! For it is not a good
report that I hear. You make the LORD'S
people transgress.

25 "If one man sins against another, God
will judge him. But if a man sins against
the LORD, who will intercede for him?"
Nevertheless they did not heed the
voice of their father, because the LORD
desired to kill them.
26 And the child Samuel grew in stature,
and in favor both with the LORD and
men.
27 Then a man of God came to Eli and
said to him, "Thus says the LORD: ‘Did I
not clearly reveal Myself to the house of
your father when they were in Egypt in
Pharaoh’s house?
28 ‘Did I not choose him out of all the
tribes of Israel to be My priest, to offer
upon My altar, to burn incense, and to
wear an ephod before Me? And did I not
give to the house of your father all the
offerings of the children of Israel made
by fire?

29 ‘Why do you kick at My sacrifice and
My offering which I have commanded in
My dwelling place, and honor your sons
more than Me, to make yourselves fat
with the best of all the offerings of Israel
My people?’
30 "Therefore the LORD God of Israel
says: ‘I said indeed that your house and
the house of your father would walk
before Me forever.’ But now the LORD
says: ‘Far be it from Me; for those who
honor Me I will honor, and those who
despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.
31 ‘Behold, the days are coming that I
will cut off your arm and the arm of your
father’s house, so that there will not be
an old man in your house.
32 ‘And you will see an enemy in My
dwelling place, despite all the good
which God does for Israel. And there
shall not be an old man in your house
forever.

33 'But any of your men whom I do not
cut off from My altar shall consume your
eyes and grieve your heart. And all the
descendants of your house shall die in
the flower of their age.
34 'Now this shall be a sign to you
that will come upon your two sons, on
Hophni and Phinehas: in one day they
shall die, both of them.
35 'Then I will raise up for Myself a
faithful priest who shall do according to
what is in My heart and in My mind. I
will build him a sure house, and he shall
walk before My anointed forever.
36 'And it shall come to pass that
everyone who is left in your house will
come and bow down to him for a piece
of silver and a morsel of bread, and say,
"Please, put me in one of the priestly
positions, that I may eat a piece of
bread."'"

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1 Then the boy Samuel ministered to
the LORD before Eli. And the word of
the LORD was rare in those days; there
was no widespread revelation.
2 And it came to pass at that time, while
Eli was lying down in his place, and when
his eyes had begun to grow so dim that
he could not see,
3 and before the lamp of God went out
in the tabernacle of the LORD where the
ark of God was, and while Samuel was
lying down,
4 that the LORD called Samuel. And he
answered, "Here I am!"
5 So he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am,
for you called me." And he said, "I did
not call; lie down again." And he went
and lay down.
6 Then the LORD called yet again,
"Samuel!" So Samuel arose and went to
Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called

me." He answered, "I did not call, my
son; lie down again."
7 (Now Samuel did not yet know the
LORD, nor was the word of the LORD yet
revealed to him.)
8 And the LORD called Samuel again the
third time. Then he arose and went to
Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call
me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD
had called the boy.
9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie
down; and it shall be, if He calls you,
that you must say, 'Speak, LORD, for Your
servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay
down in his place.
10 Now the LORD came and stood
and called as at other times, "Samuel!
Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "Speak,
for Your servant hears."
11 Then the LORD said to Samuel:
"Behold, I will do something in Israel at

which both ears of everyone who hears
it will tingle.
12 "In that day I will perform against
Eli all that I have spoken concerning his
house, from beginning to end.
13 "For I have told him that I will judge
his house forever for the iniquity which
he knows, because his sons made
themselves vile, and he did not restrain
them.
14 "And therefore I have sworn to the
house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's
house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice
or offering forever."
15 So Samuel lay down until morning,
and opened the doors of the house of
the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell
Eli the vision.
16 Then Eli called Samuel and said,
"Samuel, my son!" And he answered,
"Here I am."

17 And he said, "What is the word that
the LORD spoke to you? Please do not
hide it from me. God do so to you, and
more also, if you hide anything from me
of all the things that He said to you."
18 Then Samuel told him everything,
and hid nothing from him. And he said,
"It is the LORD. Let Him do what seems
good to Him."
19 So Samuel grew, and the LORD was
with him and let none of his words fall to
the ground.
20 And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba
knew that Samuel had been established
as a prophet of the LORD.
21 Then the LORD appeared again in
Shiloh. For the LORD revealed Himself
to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the
LORD.

4 1 And the word of Samuel came to all
Israel. Now Israel went out to battle
against the Philistines, and encamped

beside Ebenezer; and the Philistines
encamped in Aphek.
2 Then the Philistines put themselves
in battle array against Israel. And when
they joined battle, Israel was defeated
by the Philistines, who killed about four
thousand men of the army in the field.
3 And when the people had come into
the camp, the elders of Israel said, "Why
has the LORD defeated us today before
the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of
the covenant of the LORD from Shiloh to
us, that when it comes among us it may
save us from the hand of our enemies."
4 So the people sent to Shiloh, that
they might bring from there the ark of
the covenant of the LORD of hosts, who
dwells between the cherubim. And the
two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas,
were there with the ark of the covenant
of God.

5 And when the ark of the covenant of
the LORD came into the camp, all Israel
shouted so loudly that the earth shook.
6 Now when the Philistines heard the
noise of the shout, they said, "What
does the sound of this great shout in the
camp of the Hebrews mean?" Then they
understood that the ark of the LORD had
come into the camp.
7 So the Philistines were afraid, for they
said, "God has come into the camp!"
And they said, "Woe to us! For such a
thing has never happened before.
8 "Woe to us! Who will deliver us from
the hand of these mighty gods? These
are the gods who struck the Egyptians
with all the plagues in the wilderness.
9 "Be strong and conduct yourselves
like men, you Philistines, that you do
not become servants of the Hebrews,
as they have been to you. Conduct
yourselves like men, and fight!"

10 So the Philistines fought, and Israel
was defeated, and every man fled to his
tent. There was a very great slaughter,
and there fell of Israel thirty thousand
foot soldiers.
11 Also the ark of God was captured;
and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and
Phinehas, died.
12 Then a man of Benjamin ran from the
battle line the same day, and came to
Shiloh with his clothes torn and dirt on
his head.
13 Now when he came, there was
Eli, sitting on a seat by the wayside
watching, for his heart trembled for the
ark of God. And when the man came into
the city and told it, all the city cried out.
14 When Eli heard the noise of the
outcry, he said, "What does the sound of
this tumult mean?" And the man came
quickly and told Eli.

15 Eli was ninety–eight years old, and
his eyes were so dim that he could not
see.
16 Then the man said to Eli, "I am he
who came from the battle. And I fled
today from the battle line." And he said,
"What happened, my son?"
17 So the messenger answered and said,
"Israel has fled before the Philistines,
and there has been a great slaughter
among the people. Also your two sons,
Hophni and Phinehas, are dead; and the
ark of God has been captured."
18 Then it happened, when he made
mention of the ark of God, that Eli fell
off the seat backward by the side of the
gate; and his neck was broken and he
died, for the man was old and heavy.
And he had judged Israel forty years.
19 Now his daughter–in–law, Phinehas'
wife, was with child, due to be delivered;
and when she heard the news that the

ark of God was captured, and that her
father–in–law and her husband were
dead, she bowed herself and gave birth,
for her labor pains came upon her.
20 And about the time of her death
the women who stood by her said to
her, "Do not fear, for you have borne a
son." But she did not answer, nor did she
regard it.
21 Then she named the child Ichabod,
saying, "The glory has departed from
Israel!" because the ark of God had
been captured and because of her
father–in–law and her husband.
22 And she said, "The glory has departed
from Israel, for the ark of God has been
captured."

5 1 Then the Philistines took the ark of
God and brought it from Ebenezer to
Ashdod.

2 When the Philistines took the ark of
God, they brought it into the temple of
Dagon and set it by Dagon.
3 And when the people of Ashdod arose
early in the morning, there was Dagon,
fallen on its face to the earth before the
ark of the LORD. So they took Dagon and
set it in its place again.
4 And when they arose early the next
morning, there was Dagon, fallen on its
face to the ground before the ark of the
LORD. The head of Dagon and both the
palms of its hands were broken off on
the threshold; only Dagon's torso was
left of it.
5 Therefore neither the priests of Dagon
nor any who come into Dagon's house
tread on the threshold of Dagon in
Ashdod to this day.
6 But the hand of the LORD was heavy
on the people of Ashdod, and He ravaged

them and struck them with tumors, both
Ashdod and its territory.
7 And when the men of Ashdod saw
how it was, they said, "The ark of the
God of Israel must not remain with us,
for His hand is harsh toward us and
Dagon our god."
8 Therefore they sent and gathered
to themselves all the lords of the
Philistines, and said, "What shall we do
with the ark of the God of Israel?" And
they answered, "Let the ark of the God
of Israel be carried away to Gath." So
they carried the ark of the God of Israel
away.
9 So it was, after they had carried
it away, that the hand of the LORD
was against the city with a very great
destruction; and He struck the men
of the city, both small and great, and
tumors broke out on them.

10 Therefore they sent the ark of God to
Ekron. So it was, as the ark of God came
to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out,
saying, "They have brought the ark of
the God of Israel to us, to kill us and our
people!"
11 So they sent and gathered together
all the lords of the Philistines, and said,
"Send away the ark of the God of Israel,
and let it go back to its own place, so
that it does not kill us and our people."
For there was a deadly destruction
throughout all the city; the hand of God
was very heavy there.
12 And the men who did not die were
stricken with the tumors, and the cry of
the city went up to heaven.

6 1 Now the ark of the LORD was in
the country of the Philistines seven
months.
2 And the Philistines called for the
priests and the diviners, saying, "What

shall we do with the ark of the LORD?
Tell us how we should send it to its
place."
3 So they said, "If you send away the
ark of the God of Israel, do not send it
empty; but by all means return it to Him
with a trespass offering. Then you will be
healed, and it will be known to you why
His hand is not removed from you."
4 Then they said, "What is the trespass
offering which we shall return to Him?"
They answered, "Five golden tumors
and five golden rats, according to the
number of the lords of the Philistines.
For the same plague was on all of you
and on your lords.
5 "Therefore you shall make images of
your tumors and images of your rats
that ravage the land, and you shall give
glory to the God of Israel; perhaps He
will lighten His hand from you, from your
gods, and from your land.

6 "Why then do you harden your hearts
as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened
their hearts? When He did mighty things
among them, did they not let the people
go, that they might depart?
7 "Now therefore, make a new cart,
take two milk cows which have never
been yoked, and hitch the cows to the
cart; and take their calves home, away
from them.
8 "Then take the ark of the LORD and
set it on the cart; and put the articles of
gold which you are returning to Him as
a trespass offering in a chest by its side.
Then send it away, and let it go.
9 "And watch: if it goes up the road to
its own territory, to Beth Shemesh, then
He has done us this great evil. But if not,
then we shall know that it is not His
hand that struck us—it happened to us
by chance."

10 Then the men did so; they took two
milk cows and hitched them to the cart,
and shut up their calves at home.
11 And they set the ark of the LORD on
the cart, and the chest with the gold rats
and the images of their tumors.
12 Then the cows headed straight for
the road to Beth Shemesh, and went
along the highway, lowing as they went,
and did not turn aside to the right
hand or the left. And the lords of the
Philistines went after them to the border
of Beth Shemesh.
13 Now the people of Beth Shemesh
were reaping their wheat harvest in the
valley; and they lifted their eyes and saw
the ark, and rejoiced to see it.
14 Then the cart came into the field
of Joshua of Beth Shemesh, and stood
there; a large stone was there. So they
split the wood of the cart and offered
the cows as a burnt offering to the LORD.

15 The Levites took down the ark of the
LORD and the chest that was with it, in
which were the articles of gold, and put
them on the large stone. Then the men
of Beth Shemesh offered burnt offerings
and made sacrifices the same day to the
LORD.
16 So when the five lords of the
Philistines had seen it, they returned to
Ekron the same day.
17 These are the golden tumors which
the Philistines returned as a trespass
offering to the LORD: one for Ashdod,
one for Gaza, one for Ashkelon, one for
Gath, one for Ekron;
18 and the golden rats, according to the
number of all the cities of the Philistines
belonging to the five lords, both fortified
cities and country villages, even as far
as the large stone of Abel on which they
set the ark of the LORD, which stone

remains to this day in the field of Joshua
of Beth Shemesh.
19 Then He struck the men of Beth
Shemesh, because they had looked
into the ark of the LORD. He struck
fifty thousand and seventy men of
the people, and the people lamented
because the LORD had struck the people
with a great slaughter.
20 And the men of Beth Shemesh said,
"Who is able to stand before this holy
LORD God? And to whom shall it go up
from us?"
21 So they sent messengers to the
inhabitants of Kirjath Jearim, saying,
"The Philistines have brought back the
ark of the LORD; come down and take it
up with you."

7

1 Then the men of Kirjath Jearim
came and took the ark of the
LORD, and brought it into the house of
Abinadab on the hill, and consecrated

Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the
LORD.
2 So it was that the ark remained in
Kirjath Jearim a long time; it was there
twenty years. And all the house of Israel
lamented after the LORD.
3 Then Samuel spoke to all the house of
Israel, saying, "If you return to the LORD
with all your hearts, then put away the
foreign gods and the Ashtoreths from
among you, and prepare your hearts for
the LORD, and serve Him only; and He
will deliver you from the hand of the
Philistines."
4 So the children of Israel put away the
Baals and the Ashtoreths, and served
the LORD only.
5 And Samuel said, "Gather all Israel to
Mizpah, and I will pray to the LORD for
you."
6 So they gathered together at Mizpah,
drew water, and poured it out before

the LORD. And they fasted that day, and
said there, "We have sinned against the
LORD." And Samuel judged the children
of Israel at Mizpah.
7 Now when the Philistines heard that
the children of Israel had gathered
together at Mizpah, the lords of the
Philistines went up against Israel. And
when the children of Israel heard of it,
they were afraid of the Philistines.
8 So the children of Israel said to
Samuel, "Do not cease to cry out to the
LORD our God for us, that He may save
us from the hand of the Philistines."
9 And Samuel took a suckling lamb and
offered it as a whole burnt offering to
the LORD. Then Samuel cried out to the
LORD for Israel, and the LORD answered
him.
10 Now as Samuel was offering up the
burnt offering, the Philistines drew near
to battle against Israel. But the LORD

thundered with a loud thunder upon
the Philistines that day, and so confused
them that they were overcome before
Israel.
11 And the men of Israel went out of
Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, and
drove them back as far as below Beth
Car.
12 Then Samuel took a stone and set
it up between Mizpah and Shen, and
called its name Ebenezer, saying, "Thus
far the LORD has helped us."
13 So the Philistines were subdued, and
they did not come anymore into the
territory of Israel. And the hand of the
LORD was against the Philistines all the
days of Samuel.
14 Then the cities which the Philistines
had taken from Israel were restored to
Israel, from Ekron to Gath; and Israel
recovered its territory from the hands

of the Philistines. Also there was peace
between Israel and the Amorites.
15 And Samuel judged Israel all the days
of his life.
16 He went from year to year on a
circuit to Bethel, Gilgal, and Mizpah, and
judged Israel in all those places.
17 But he always returned to Ramah,
for his home was there. There he judged
Israel, and there he built an altar to the
LORD.
8 1 Now it came to pass when Samuel
was old that he made his sons judges
over Israel.
2 The name of his firstborn was Joel,
and the name of his second, Abijah; they
were judges in Beersheba.
3 But his sons did not walk in his ways;
they turned aside after dishonest gain,
took bribes, and perverted justice.
4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered
together and came to Samuel at Ramah,

5 and said to him, "Look, you are old,
and your sons do not walk in your ways.
Now make us a king to judge us like all
the nations."
6 But the thing displeased Samuel when
they said, "Give us a king to judge us."
So Samuel prayed to the LORD.
7 And the LORD said to Samuel, "Heed
the voice of the people in all that they
say to you; for they have not rejected
you, but they have rejected Me, that I
should not reign over them.
8 "According to all the works which
they have done since the day that I
brought them up out of Egypt, even to
this day—with which they have forsaken
Me and served other gods—so they are
doing to you also.
9 "Now therefore, heed their voice.
However, you shall solemnly forewarn
them, and show them the behavior of
the king who will reign over them."

10 So Samuel told all the words of the
LORD to the people who asked him for a
king.
11 And he said, "This will be the
behavior of the king who will reign over
you: He will take your sons and appoint
them for his own chariots and to be his
horsemen, and some will run before his
chariots.
12 "He will appoint captains over his
thousands and captains over his fifties,
will set some to plow his ground and
reap his harvest, and some to make his
weapons of war and equipment for his
chariots.
13 "He will take your daughters to be
perfumers, cooks, and bakers.
14 "And he will take the best of your
fields, your vineyards, and your olive
groves, and give them to his servants.

15 "He will take a tenth of your grain and
your vintage, and give it to his officers
and servants.
16 "And he will take your male servants,
your female servants, your finest young
men, and your donkeys, and put them to
his work.
17 "He will take a tenth of your sheep.
And you will be his servants.
18 "And you will cry out in that day
because of your king whom you have
chosen for yourselves, and the LORD will
not hear you in that day."
19 Nevertheless the people refused to
obey the voice of Samuel; and they said,
"No, but we will have a king over us,
20 that we also may be like all the
nations, and that our king may judge
us and go out before us and fight our
battles."

[21] And Samuel heard all the words of
the people, and he repeated them in the
hearing of the LORD.
[22] So the LORD said to Samuel, "Heed
their voice, and make them a king." And
Samuel said to the men of Israel, "Every
man go to his city."

9 [1] There was a man of Benjamin
whose name was Kish the son
of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son
of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a
Benjamite, a mighty man of power.
[2] And he had a choice and handsome
son whose name was Saul. There was
not a more handsome person than he
among the children of Israel. From his
shoulders upward he was taller than any
of the people.
[3] Now the donkeys of Kish, Saul's father,
were lost. And Kish said to his son Saul,
"Please, take one of the servants with

you, and arise, go and look for the
donkeys."
4 So he passed through the mountains
of Ephraim and through the land of
Shalisha, but they did not find them.
Then they passed through the land
of Shaalim, and they were not there.
Then he passed through the land of the
Benjamites, but they did not find them.
5 When they had come to the land of
Zuph, Saul said to his servant who was
with him, "Come, let us return, lest my
father cease caring about the donkeys
and become worried about us."
6 And he said to him, "Look now, there
is in this city a man of God, and he
is an honorable man; all that he says
surely comes to pass. So let us go there;
perhaps he can show us the way that we
should go."
7 Then Saul said to his servant, "But
look, if we go, what shall we bring the

man? For the bread in our vessels is all
gone, and there is no present to bring to
the man of God. What do we have?"
8 And the servant answered Saul again
and said, "Look, I have here at hand one
fourth of a shekel of silver. I will give that
to the man of God, to tell us our way."
9 (Formerly in Israel, when a man went
to inquire of God, he spoke thus: "Come,
let us go to the seer"; for he who is now
called a prophet was formerly called a
seer.)
10 Then Saul said to his servant, "Well
said; come, let us go." So they went to
the city where the man of God was.
11 As they went up the hill to the city,
they met some young women going out
to draw water, and said to them, "Is the
seer here?"
12 And they answered them and said,
"Yes, there he is, just ahead of you.
Hurry now; for today he came to this

city, because there is a sacrifice of the
people today on the high place.
13 "As soon as you come into the city,
you will surely find him before he goes
up to the high place to eat. For the
people will not eat until he comes,
because he must bless the sacrifice;
afterward those who are invited will eat.
Now therefore, go up, for about this
time you will find him."
14 So they went up to the city. As they
were coming into the city, there was
Samuel, coming out toward them on his
way up to the high place.
15 Now the LORD had told Samuel in his
ear the day before Saul came, saying,
16 "Tomorrow about this time I will send
you a man from the land of Benjamin,
and you shall anoint him commander
over My people Israel, that he may
save My people from the hand of the
Philistines; for I have looked upon My

people, because their cry has come to
me."
17 And when Samuel saw Saul, the
LORD said to him, "There he is, the man
of whom I spoke to you. This one shall
reign over My people."
18 Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the
gate, and said, "Please tell me, where is
the seer's house?"
19 And Samuel answered Saul and said,
"I am the seer. Go up before me to the
high place, for you shall eat with me
today; and tomorrow I will let you go
and will tell you all that is in your heart.
20 "But as for your donkeys that were
lost three days ago, do not be anxious
about them, for they have been found.
And on whom is all the desire of Israel?
Is it not on you and on all your father's
house?"
21 And Saul answered and said, "Am I
not a Benjamite, of the smallest of the

tribes of Israel, and my family the least of
all the families of the tribe of Benjamin?
Why then do you speak like this to me?"
22 Now Samuel took Saul and his
servant and brought them into the hall,
and had them sit in the place of honor
among those who were invited; there
were about thirty persons.
23 And Samuel said to the cook, "Bring
the portion which I gave you, of which I
said to you, ‘Set it apart.’"
24 So the cook took up the thigh with its
upper part and set it before Saul. And
Samuel said, "Here it is, what was kept
back. It was set apart for you. Eat; for
until this time it has been kept for you,
since I said I invited the people." So Saul
ate with Samuel that day.
25 When they had come down from the
high place into the city, Samuel spoke
with Saul on the top of the house.

26 They arose early; and it was about
the dawning of the day that Samuel
called to Saul on the top of the house,
saying, "Get up, that I may send you on
your way." And Saul arose, and both of
them went outside, he and Samuel.
27 As they were going down to the
outskirts of the city, Samuel said to Saul,
"Tell the servant to go on ahead of us."
And he went on. "But you stand here
awhile, that I may announce to you the
word of God."
10 1 Then Samuel took a flask of oil
and poured it on his head, and
kissed him and said: "Is it not because
the LORD has anointed you commander
over His inheritance?
2 "When you have departed from me
today, you will find two men by Rachel's
tomb in the territory of Benjamin at
Zelzah; and they will say to you, 'The
donkeys which you went to look for have

been found. And now your father has
ceased caring about the donkeys and is
worrying about you, saying, "What shall
I do about my son?"'
3 "Then you shall go on forward from
there and come to the terebinth tree of
Tabor. There three men going up to God
at Bethel will meet you, one carrying
three young goats, another carrying
three loaves of bread, and another
carrying a skin of wine.
4 "And they will greet you and give you
two loaves of bread, which you shall
receive from their hands.
5 "After that you shall come to the hill
of God where the Philistine garrison
is. And it will happen, when you have
come there to the city, that you will
meet a group of prophets coming down
from the high place with a stringed
instrument, a tambourine, a flute, and

a harp before them; and they will be
prophesying.
6 "Then the Spirit of the LORD will come
upon you, and you will prophesy with
them and be turned into another man.
7 "And let it be, when these signs come
to you, that you do as the occasion
demands; for God is with you.
8 "You shall go down before me to
Gilgal; and surely I will come down to
you to offer burnt offerings and make
sacrifices of peace offerings. Seven days
you shall wait, till I come to you and
show you what you should do."
9 So it was, when he had turned his
back to go from Samuel, that God gave
him another heart; and all those signs
came to pass that day.
10 When they came there to the hill,
there was a group of prophets to meet
him; then the Spirit of God came upon
him, and he prophesied among them.

11 And it happened, when all who
knew him formerly saw that he indeed
prophesied among the prophets, that
the people said to one another, "What is
this that has come upon the son of Kish?
Is Saul also among the prophets?"
12 Then a man from there answered
and said, "But who is their father?"
Therefore it became a proverb: "Is Saul
also among the prophets?"
13 And when he had finished
prophesying, he went to the high place.
14 Then Saul's uncle said to him and his
servant, "Where did you go?" So he said,
"To look for the donkeys. When we saw
that they were nowhere to be found, we
went to Samuel."
15 And Saul's uncle said, "Tell me,
please, what Samuel said to you."
16 So Saul said to his uncle, "He told
us plainly that the donkeys had been
found." But about the matter of the

kingdom, he did not tell him what
Samuel had said.
17 Then Samuel called the people
together to the LORD at Mizpah,
18 and said to the children of Israel,
"Thus says the LORD God of Israel:
'I brought up Israel out of Egypt,
and delivered you from the hand of
the Egyptians and from the hand of
all kingdoms and from those who
oppressed you.'
19 "But you have today rejected your
God, who Himself saved you from all
your adversities and your tribulations;
and you have said to Him, 'No, set a
king over us!' Now therefore, present
yourselves before the LORD by your
tribes and by your clans."
20 And when Samuel had caused all the
tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of
Benjamin was chosen.

21 When he had caused the tribe of
Benjamin to come near by their families,
the family of Matri was chosen. And Saul
the son of Kish was chosen. But when
they sought him, he could not be found.
22 Therefore they inquired of the LORD
further, "Has the man come here yet?"
And the LORD answered, "There he is,
hidden among the equipment."
23 So they ran and brought him from
there; and when he stood among the
people, he was taller than any of the
people from his shoulders upward.
24 And Samuel said to all the people,
"Do you see him whom the LORD has
chosen, that there is no one like him
among all the people?" So all the people
shouted and said, "Long live the king!"
25 Then Samuel explained to the people
the behavior of royalty, and wrote it in a
book and laid it up before the LORD. And

Samuel sent all the people away, every
man to his house.
26 And Saul also went home to Gibeah;
and valiant men went with him, whose
hearts God had touched.
27 But some rebels said, "How can this
man save us?" So they despised him,
and brought him no presents. But he
held his peace.

11 1 Then Nahash the Ammonite
came up and encamped against
Jabesh Gilead; and all the men of Jabesh
said to Nahash, "Make a covenant with
us, and we will serve you."
2 And Nahash the Ammonite answered
them, "On this condition I will make a
covenant with you, that I may put out all
your right eyes, and bring reproach on
all Israel."
3 Then the elders of Jabesh said to him,
"Hold off for seven days, that we may
send messengers to all the territory of

Israel. And then, if there is no one to
save us, we will come out to you."
4 So the messengers came to Gibeah of
Saul and told the news in the hearing of
the people. And all the people lifted up
their voices and wept.
5 Now there was Saul, coming behind
the herd from the field; and Saul said,
"What troubles the people, that they
weep?" And they told him the words of
the men of Jabesh.
6 Then the Spirit of God came upon Saul
when he heard this news, and his anger
was greatly aroused.
7 So he took a yoke of oxen and
cut them in pieces, and sent them
throughout all the territory of Israel
by the hands of messengers, saying,
"Whoever does not go out with Saul and
Samuel to battle, so it shall be done to
his oxen." And the fear of the LORD fell

on the people, and they came out with
one consent.
8 When he numbered them in Bezek,
the children of Israel were three hundred
thousand, and the men of Judah thirty
thousand.
9 And they said to the messengers who
came, "Thus you shall say to the men of
Jabesh Gilead: ‘Tomorrow, by the time
the sun is hot, you shall have help.’"
Then the messengers came and reported
it to the men of Jabesh, and they were
glad.
10 Therefore the men of Jabesh said,
"Tomorrow we will come out to you,
and you may do with us whatever seems
good to you."
11 So it was, on the next day, that Saul
put the people in three companies;
and they came into the midst of the
camp in the morning watch, and killed
Ammonites until the heat of the day. And

it happened that those who survived
were scattered, so that no two of them
were left together.
12 Then the people said to Samuel,
"Who is he who said, ‘Shall Saul reign
over us?’ Bring the men, that we may
put them to death."
13 But Saul said, "Not a man shall be put
to death this day, for today the LORD has
accomplished salvation in Israel."
14 Then Samuel said to the people,
"Come, let us go to Gilgal and renew the
kingdom there."
15 So all the people went to Gilgal,
and there they made Saul king before
the LORD in Gilgal. There they made
sacrifices of peace offerings before the
LORD, and there Saul and all the men of
Israel rejoiced greatly.

12

1 Now Samuel said to all Israel:
"Indeed I have heeded your voice

in all that you said to me, and have made
a king over you.
2 "And now here is the king, walking
before you; and I am old and grayheaded,
and look, my sons are with you. I have
walked before you from my childhood to
this day.
3 "Here I am. Witness against me before
the LORD and before His anointed:
Whose ox have I taken, or whose donkey
have I taken, or whom have I cheated?
Whom have I oppressed, or from whose
hand have I received any bribe with
which to blind my eyes? I will restore it
to you."
4 And they said, "You have not cheated
us or oppressed us, nor have you taken
anything from any man’s hand."
5 Then he said to them, "The LORD is
witness against you, and His anointed
is witness this day, that you have not

found anything in my hand." And they
answered, "He is witness."
6 Then Samuel said to the people, "It
is the LORD who raised up Moses and
Aaron, and who brought your fathers up
from the land of Egypt.
7 "Now therefore, stand still, that I
may reason with you before the LORD
concerning all the righteous acts of the
LORD which He did to you and your
fathers:
8 "When Jacob had gone into Egypt,
and your fathers cried out to the LORD,
then the LORD sent Moses and Aaron,
who brought your fathers out of Egypt
and made them dwell in this place.
9 "And when they forgot the LORD their
God, He sold them into the hand of
Sisera, commander of the army of Hazor,
into the hand of the Philistines, and into
the hand of the king of Moab; and they
fought against them.

10 "Then they cried out to the LORD,
and said, 'We have sinned, because we
have forsaken the LORD and served the
Baals and Ashtoreths; but now deliver us
from the hand of our enemies, and we
will serve You.'
11 "And the LORD sent Jerubbaal,
Bedan, Jephthah, and Samuel, and
delivered you out of the hand of your
enemies on every side; and you dwelt in
safety.
12 "And when you saw that Nahash king
of the Ammonites came against you, you
said to me, 'No, but a king shall reign
over us,' when the LORD your God was
your king.
13 "Now therefore, here is the king
whom you have chosen and whom you
have desired. And take note, the LORD
has set a king over you.
14 "If you fear the LORD and serve Him
and obey His voice, and do not rebel

against the commandment of the LORD,
then both you and the king who reigns
over you will continue following the
LORD your God.
15 "However, if you do not obey the
voice of the LORD, but rebel against the
commandment of the LORD, then the
hand of the LORD will be against you, as
it was against your fathers.
16 "Now therefore, stand and see this
great thing which the LORD will do
before your eyes:
17 "Is today not the wheat harvest? I
will call to the LORD, and He will send
thunder and rain, that you may perceive
and see that your wickedness is great,
which you have done in the sight of the
LORD, in asking a king for yourselves."
18 So Samuel called to the LORD, and
the LORD sent thunder and rain that
day; and all the people greatly feared
the LORD and Samuel.

19 And all the people said to Samuel,
"Pray for your servants to the LORD your
God, that we may not die; for we have
added to all our sins the evil of asking a
king for ourselves."
20 Then Samuel said to the people,
"Do not fear. You have done all this
wickedness; yet do not turn aside from
following the LORD, but serve the LORD
with all your heart.
21 "And do not turn aside; for then
you would go after empty things which
cannot profit or deliver, for they are
nothing.
22 "For the LORD will not forsake His
people, for His great name’s sake,
because it has pleased the LORD to make
you His people.
23 "Moreover, as for me, far be it from
me that I should sin against the LORD in
ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach
you the good and the right way.

24 "Only fear the LORD, and serve Him
in truth with all your heart; for consider
what great things He has done for you.
25 "But if you still do wickedly, you shall
be swept away, both you and your king."

13

1 Saul reigned one year; and when
he had reigned two years over
Israel,
2 Saul chose for himself three thousand
men of Israel. Two thousand were with
Saul in Michmash and in the mountains
of Bethel, and a thousand were with
Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin. The
rest of the people he sent away, every
man to his tent.
3 And Jonathan attacked the garrison of
the Philistines that was in Geba, and the
Philistines heard of it. Then Saul blew
the trumpet throughout all the land,
saying, "Let the Hebrews hear!"
4 Now all Israel heard it said that Saul
had attacked a garrison of the Philistines,

and that Israel had also become an
abomination to the Philistines. And the
people were called together to Saul at
Gilgal.
5 Then the Philistines gathered together
to fight with Israel, thirty thousand
chariots and six thousand horsemen,
and people as the sand which is on the
seashore in multitude. And they came
up and encamped in Michmash, to the
east of Beth Aven.
6 When the men of Israel saw that they
were in danger (for the people were
distressed), then the people hid in caves,
in thickets, in rocks, in holes, and in pits.
7 And some of the Hebrews crossed
over the Jordan to the land of Gad
and Gilead. As for Saul, he was still in
Gilgal, and all the people followed him
trembling.
8 Then he waited seven days, according
to the time set by Samuel. But Samuel

did not come to Gilgal; and the people
were scattered from him.
9 So Saul said, "Bring a burnt offering
and peace offerings here to me." And he
offered the burnt offering.
10 Now it happened, as soon as he had
finished presenting the burnt offering,
that Samuel came; and Saul went out to
meet him, that he might greet him.
11 And Samuel said, "What have you
done?" And Saul said, "When I saw that
the people were scattered from me,
and that you did not come within the
days appointed, and that the Philistines
gathered together at Michmash,
12 "then I said, 'The Philistines will now
come down on me at Gilgal, and I have
not made supplication to the LORD.'
Therefore I felt compelled, and offered a
burnt offering."
13 And Samuel said to Saul, "You have
done foolishly. You have not kept the

commandment of the LORD your God,
which He commanded you. For now
the LORD would have established your
kingdom over Israel forever.
14 "But now your kingdom shall not
continue. The LORD has sought for
Himself a man after His own heart, and
the LORD has commanded him to be
commander over His people, because
you have not kept what the LORD
commanded you."
15 Then Samuel arose and went up from
Gilgal to Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul
numbered the people present with him,
about six hundred men.
16 Saul, Jonathan his son, and the
people present with them remained in
Gibeah of Benjamin. But the Philistines
encamped in Michmash.
17 Then raiders came out of the camp of
the Philistines in three companies. One

company turned to the road to Ophrah,
to the land of Shual,
18 another company turned to the road
to Beth Horon, and another company
turned to the road of the border that
overlooks the Valley of Zeboim toward
the wilderness.
19 Now there was no blacksmith to
be found throughout all the land of
Israel, for the Philistines said, "Lest the
Hebrews make swords or spears."
20 But all the Israelites would go down
to the Philistines to sharpen each man's
plowshare, his mattock, his ax, and his
sickle;
21 and the charge for a sharpening was
a pim for the plowshares, the mattocks,
the forks, and the axes, and to set the
points of the goads.
22 So it came about, on the day of
battle, that there was neither sword
nor spear found in the hand of any of

the people who were with Saul and
Jonathan. But they were found with Saul
and Jonathan his son.
23 And the garrison of the Philistines
went out to the pass of Michmash.

14

1 Now it happened one day that
Jonathan the son of Saul said
to the young man who bore his armor,
"Come, let us go over to the Philistines'
garrison that is on the other side." But
he did not tell his father.
2 And Saul was sitting in the outskirts of
Gibeah under a pomegranate tree which
is in Migron. The people who were with
him were about six hundred men.
3 Ahijah the son of Ahitub, Ichabod's
brother, the son of Phinehas, the son
of Eli, the LORD'S priest in Shiloh, was
wearing an ephod. But the people did
not know that Jonathan had gone.
4 Between the passes, by which
Jonathan sought to go over to the

Philistines' garrison, there was a sharp
rock on one side and a sharp rock on the
other side. And the name of one was
Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.
5 The front of one faced northward
opposite Michmash, and the other
southward opposite Gibeah.
6 Then Jonathan said to the young
man who bore his armor, "Come, let
us go over to the garrison of these
uncircumcised; it may be that the LORD
will work for us. For nothing restrains the
LORD from saving by many or by few."
7 So his armorbearer said to him, "Do
all that is in your heart. Go then; here I
am with you, according to your heart."
8 Then Jonathan said, "Very well, let
us cross over to these men, and we will
show ourselves to them.
9 "If they say thus to us, 'Wait until we
come to you,' then we will stand still in
our place and not go up to them.

10 "But if they say thus, ‘Come up to us,’
then we will go up. For the LORD has
delivered them into our hand, and this
will be a sign to us."
11 So both of them showed themselves
to the garrison of the Philistines. And
the Philistines said, "Look, the Hebrews
are coming out of the holes where they
have hidden."
12 Then the men of the garrison called
to Jonathan and his armorbearer, and
said, "Come up to us, and we will show
you something." Jonathan said to his
armorbearer, "Come up after me, for the
LORD has delivered them into the hand
of Israel."
13 And Jonathan climbed up on his
hands and knees with his armorbearer
after him; and they fell before
Jonathan. And as he came after him, his
armorbearer killed them.

14 That first slaughter which Jonathan and his armorbearer made was about twenty men within about half an acre of land.

15 And there was trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. The garrison and the raiders also trembled; and the earth quaked, so that it was a very great trembling.

16 Now the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked, and there was the multitude, melting away; and they went here and there.

17 Then Saul said to the people who were with him, "Now call the roll and see who has gone from us." And when they had called the roll, surprisingly, Jonathan and his armorbearer were not there.

18 And Saul said to Ahijah, "Bring the ark of God here" (for at that time the ark of God was with the children of Israel).

19 Now it happened, while Saul talked
to the priest, that the noise which was
in the camp of the Philistines continued
to increase; so Saul said to the priest,
"Withdraw your hand."
20 Then Saul and all the people who
were with him assembled, and they
went to the battle; and indeed every
man’s sword was against his neighbor,
and there was very great confusion.
21 Moreover the Hebrews who were
with the Philistines before that time,
who went up with them into the camp
from the surrounding country, they also
joined the Israelites who were with Saul
and Jonathan.
22 Likewise all the men of Israel who
had hidden in the mountains of Ephraim,
when they heard that the Philistines
fled, they also followed hard after them
in the battle.

23 So the LORD saved Israel that day,
and the battle shifted to Beth Aven.
24 And the men of Israel were distressed
that day, for Saul had placed the people
under oath, saying, "Cursed is the man
who eats any food until evening, before I
have taken vengeance on my enemies."
So none of the people tasted food.
25 Now all the people of the land came
to a forest; and there was honey on the
ground.
26 And when the people had come
into the woods, there was the honey,
dripping; but no one put his hand to his
mouth, for the people feared the oath.
27 But Jonathan had not heard his
father charge the people with the oath;
therefore he stretched out the end of the
rod that was in his hand and dipped it
in a honeycomb, and put his hand to his
mouth; and his countenance brightened.

28 Then one of the people said, "Your
father strictly charged the people with
an oath, saying, ‘Cursed is the man who
eats food this day.’" And the people were
faint.
29 But Jonathan said, "My father has
troubled the land. Look now, how my
countenance has brightened because I
tasted a little of this honey.
30 "How much better if the people
had eaten freely today of the spoil
of their enemies which they found!
For now would there not have been
a much greater slaughter among the
Philistines?"
31 Now they had driven back the
Philistines that day from Michmash to
Aijalon. So the people were very faint.
32 And the people rushed on the spoil,
and took sheep, oxen, and calves, and
slaughtered them on the ground; and
the people ate them with the blood.

33 Then they told Saul, saying, "Look,
the people are sinning against the LORD
by eating with the blood!" So he said,
"You have dealt treacherously; roll a
large stone to me this day."
34 And Saul said, "Disperse yourselves
among the people, and say to them,
‘Bring me here every man’s ox and every
man’s sheep, slaughter them here, and
eat; and do not sin against the LORD by
eating with the blood.’" So every one of
the people brought his ox with him that
night, and slaughtered it there.
35 Then Saul built an altar to the LORD.
This was the first altar that he built to
the LORD.
36 Now Saul said, "Let us go down after
the Philistines by night, and plunder
them until the morning light; and let us
not leave a man of them." And they said,
"Do whatever seems good to you." Then

the priest said, "Let us draw near to God
here."
37 So Saul asked counsel of God, "Shall
I go down after the Philistines? Will You
deliver them into the hand of Israel?"
But He did not answer him that day.
38 And Saul said, "Come over here, all
you chiefs of the people, and know and
see what this sin was today.
39 "For as the LORD lives, who saves
Israel, though it be in Jonathan my
son, he shall surely die." But not a man
among all the people answered him.
40 Then he said to all Israel, "You be on
one side, and my son Jonathan and I will
be on the other side." And the people
said to Saul, "Do what seems good to
you."
41 Therefore Saul said to the LORD God
of Israel, "Give a perfect lot." So Saul and
Jonathan were taken, but the people
escaped.

42 And Saul said, "Cast lots between my son Jonathan and me." So Jonathan was taken.

43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, "Tell me what you have done." And Jonathan told him, and said, "I only tasted a little honey with the end of the rod that was in my hand. So now I must die!"

44 And Saul answered, "God do so and more also; for you shall surely die, Jonathan."

45 But the people said to Saul, "Shall Jonathan die, who has accomplished this great deliverance in Israel? Certainly not! As the LORD lives, not one hair of his head shall fall to the ground, for he has worked with God this day." So the people rescued Jonathan, and he did not die.

46 Then Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, and the Philistines went to their own place.

47 So Saul established his sovereignty
over Israel, and fought against all his
enemies on every side, against Moab,
against the people of Ammon, against
Edom, against the kings of Zobah, and
against the Philistines. Wherever he
turned, he harassed them.
48 And he gathered an army and
attacked the Amalekites, and delivered
Israel from the hands of those who
plundered them.
49 The sons of Saul were Jonathan,
Jishui and Malchishua. And the names of
his two daughters were these: the name
of the firstborn Merab, and the name of
the younger Michal.
50 The name of Saul’s wife was Ahinoam
the daughter of Ahimaaz. And the name
of the commander of his army was
Abner the son of Ner, Saul’s uncle.
51 Kish was the father of Saul, and Ner
the father of Abner was the son of Abiel.

52 Now there was fierce war with the
Philistines all the days of Saul. And when
Saul saw any strong man or any valiant
man, he took him for himself.
15 1 Samuel also said to Saul, "The
LORD sent me to anoint you
king over His people, over Israel. Now
therefore, heed the voice of the words
of the LORD.
2 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘I will
punish Amalek for what he did to Israel,
how he ambushed him on the way when
he came up from Egypt.
3 ‘Now go and attack Amalek, and
utterly destroy all that they have, and do
not spare them. But kill both man and
woman, infant and nursing child, ox and
sheep, camel and donkey.’"
4 So Saul gathered the people together
and numbered them in Telaim, two
hundred thousand foot soldiers and ten
thousand men of Judah.

5 And Saul came to a city of Amalek,
and lay in wait in the valley.
6 Then Saul said to the Kenites, "Go,
depart, get down from among the
Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them.
For you showed kindness to all the
children of Israel when they came up out
of Egypt." So the Kenites departed from
among the Amalekites.
7 And Saul attacked the Amalekites,
from Havilah all the way to Shur, which
is east of Egypt.
8 He also took Agag king of the
Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed
all the people with the edge of the
sword.
9 But Saul and the people spared
Agag and the best of the sheep, the
oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all
that was good, and were unwilling to
utterly destroy them. But everything

despised and worthless, that they utterly
destroyed.
10 Now the word of the LORD came to
Samuel, saying,
11 "I greatly regret that I have set up
Saul as king, for he has turned back from
following Me, and has not performed
My commandments." And it grieved
Samuel, and he cried out to the LORD all
night.
12 So when Samuel rose early in the
morning to meet Saul, it was told
Samuel, saying, "Saul went to Carmel,
and indeed, he set up a monument for
himself; and he has gone on around,
passed by, and gone down to Gilgal."
13 Then Samuel went to Saul, and
Saul said to him, "Blessed are you
of the LORD! I have performed the
commandment of the LORD."

14 But Samuel said, "What then is this
bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the
lowing of the oxen which I hear?"
15 And Saul said, "They have brought
them from the Amalekites; for the
people spared the best of the sheep
and the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD
your God; and the rest we have utterly
destroyed."
16 Then Samuel said to Saul, "Be quiet!
And I will tell you what the LORD said
to me last night." And he said to him,
"Speak on."
17 So Samuel said, "When you were
little in your own eyes, were you not
head of the tribes of Israel? And did not
the LORD anoint you king over Israel?
18 "Now the LORD sent you on a
mission, and said, 'Go, and utterly
destroy the sinners, the Amalekites,
and fight against them until they are
consumed.'

19 "Why then did you not obey the
voice of the LORD? Why did you swoop
down on the spoil, and do evil in the
sight of the LORD?"
20 And Saul said to Samuel, "But I have
obeyed the voice of the LORD, and
gone on the mission on which the LORD
sent me, and brought back Agag king
of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the
Amalekites.
21 "But the people took of the plunder,
sheep and oxen, the best of the
things which should have been utterly
destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your
God in Gilgal."
22 Then Samuel said: "Has the LORD
as great delight in burnt offerings and
sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the
LORD? Behold, to obey is better than
sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of
rams.

23 For rebellion is as the sin of
witchcraft, And stubbornness is as
iniquity and idolatry. Because you have
rejected the word of the LORD, He also
has rejected you from being king."
24 Then Saul said to Samuel, "I have
sinned, for I have transgressed the
commandment of the LORD and your
words, because I feared the people and
obeyed their voice.
25 "Now therefore, please pardon my
sin, and return with me, that I may
worship the LORD."
26 But Samuel said to Saul, "I will not
return with you, for you have rejected
the word of the LORD, and the LORD
has rejected you from being king over
Israel."
27 And as Samuel turned around to go
away, Saul seized the edge of his robe,
and it tore.

28 So Samuel said to him, "The LORD
has torn the kingdom of Israel from you
today, and has given it to a neighbor of
yours, who is better than you.
29 "And also the Strength of Israel will
not lie nor relent. For He is not a man,
that He should relent."
30 Then he said, "I have sinned; yet
honor me now, please, before the elders
of my people and before Israel, and
return with me, that I may worship the
LORD your God."
31 So Samuel turned back after Saul,
and Saul worshiped the LORD.
32 Then Samuel said, "Bring Agag king
of the Amalekites here to me." So Agag
came to him cautiously. And Agag said,
"Surely the bitterness of death is past."
33 But Samuel said, "As your sword has
made women childless, so shall your
mother be childless among women."

And Samuel hacked Agag in pieces
before the LORD in Gilgal.
34 Then Samuel went to Ramah, and
Saul went up to his house at Gibeah of
Saul.
35 And Samuel went no more to see Saul
until the day of his death. Nevertheless
Samuel mourned for Saul, and the LORD
regretted that He had made Saul king
over Israel.
16 1 Now the LORD said to Samuel,
"How long will you mourn for
Saul, seeing I have rejected him from
reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with
oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse
the Bethlehemite. For I have provided
Myself a king among his sons."
2 And Samuel said, "How can I go? If
Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the
LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and
say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the
LORD.'

3 "Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and
I will show you what you shall do; you
shall anoint for Me the one I name to
you."
4 So Samuel did what the LORD said,
and went to Bethlehem. And the elders
of the town trembled at his coming, and
said, "Do you come peaceably?"
5 And he said, "Peaceably; I have
come to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify
yourselves, and come with me to the
sacrifice." Then he consecrated Jesse
and his sons, and invited them to the
sacrifice.
6 So it was, when they came, that he
looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the
LORD'S anointed is before Him."
7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not
look at his appearance or at the height
of his stature, because I have refused
him. For the LORD does not see as man
sees; for man looks at the outward

appearance, but the LORD looks at the
heart."
8 So Jesse called Abinadab, and made
him pass before Samuel. And he said,
"Neither has the LORD chosen this one."
9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by.
And he said, "Neither has the LORD
chosen this one."
10 Thus Jesse made seven of his sons
pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to
Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these."
11 And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the
young men here?" Then he said, "There
remains yet the youngest, and there he
is, keeping the sheep." And Samuel said
to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we
will not sit down till he comes here."
12 So he sent and brought him in.
Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes,
and good–looking. And the LORD said,
"Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!"

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil
and anointed him in the midst of his
brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD
came upon David from that day forward.
So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.
14 But the Spirit of the LORD departed
from Saul, and a distressing spirit from
the LORD troubled him.
15 And Saul’s servants said to him,
"Surely, a distressing spirit from God is
troubling you.
16 "Let our master now command your
servants, who are before you, to seek
out a man who is a skillful player on the
harp; and it shall be that he will play it
with his hand when the distressing spirit
from God is upon you, and you shall be
well."
17 So Saul said to his servants, "Provide
me now a man who can play well, and
bring him to me."

18 Then one of the servants answered
and said, "Look, I have seen a son of
Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in
playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of
war, prudent in speech, and a handsome
person; and the LORD is with him."
19 Therefore Saul sent messengers to
Jesse, and said, "Send me your son
David, who is with the sheep."
20 And Jesse took a donkey loaded with
bread, a skin of wine, and a young goat,
and sent them by his son David to Saul.
21 So David came to Saul and stood
before him. And he loved him greatly,
and he became his armorbearer.
22 Then Saul sent to Jesse, saying,
"Please let David stand before me, for he
has found favor in my sight."
23 And so it was, whenever the spirit
from God was upon Saul, that David
would take a harp and play it with
his hand. Then Saul would become

refreshed and well, and the distressing
spirit would depart from him.

17 1 Now the Philistines gathered
their armies together to battle,
and were gathered together at Sochoh,
which belongs to Judah; they encamped
between Sochoh and Azekah, in Ephes
Dammim.
2 And Saul and the men of Israel were
gathered together, and they encamped
in the Valley of Elah, and drew up in
battle array against the Philistines.
3 The Philistines stood on a mountain
on one side, and Israel stood on a
mountain on the other side, with a valley
between them.
4 And a champion went out from the
camp of the Philistines, named Goliath,
from Gath, whose height was six cubits
and a span.
5 He had a bronze helmet on his head,
and he was armed with a coat of mail,

and the weight of the coat was five
thousand shekels of bronze.
6 And he had bronze armor on his
legs and a bronze javelin between his
shoulders.
7 Now the staff of his spear was like a
weaver’s beam, and his iron spearhead
weighed six hundred shekels; and a
shield–bearer went before him.
8 Then he stood and cried out to the
armies of Israel, and said to them,
"Why have you come out to line up for
battle? Am I not a Philistine, and you
the servants of Saul? Choose a man for
yourselves, and let him come down to
me.
9 "If he is able to fight with me and kill
me, then we will be your servants. But if
I prevail against him and kill him, then
you shall be our servants and serve us."

10 And the Philistine said, "I defy the
armies of Israel this day; give me a man,
that we may fight together."
11 When Saul and all Israel heard
these words of the Philistine, they were
dismayed and greatly afraid.
12 Now David was the son of that
Ephrathite of Bethlehem Judah, whose
name was Jesse, and who had eight
sons. And the man was old, advanced in
years, in the days of Saul.
13 The three oldest sons of Jesse had
gone to follow Saul to the battle. The
names of his three sons who went to the
battle were Eliab the firstborn, next to
him Abinadab, and the third Shammah.
14 David was the youngest. And the
three oldest followed Saul.
15 But David occasionally went and
returned from Saul to feed his father’s
sheep at Bethlehem.

16 And the Philistine drew near and
presented himself forty days, morning
and evening.
17 Then Jesse said to his son David,
"Take now for your brothers an ephah
of this dried grain and these ten loaves,
and run to your brothers at the camp.
18 "And carry these ten cheeses to the
captain of their thousand, and see how
your brothers fare, and bring back news
of them."
19 Now Saul and they and all the men of
Israel were in the Valley of Elah, fighting
with the Philistines.
20 So David rose early in the morning,
left the sheep with a keeper, and took
the things and went as Jesse had
commanded him. And he came to the
camp as the army was going out to the
fight and shouting for the battle.

21 For Israel and the Philistines had
drawn up in battle array, army against
army.
22 And David left his supplies in the
hand of the supply keeper, ran to
the army, and came and greeted his
brothers.
23 Then as he talked with them, there
was the champion, the Philistine of Gath,
Goliath by name, coming up from the
armies of the Philistines; and he spoke
according to the same words. So David
heard them.
24 And all the men of Israel, when they
saw the man, fled from him and were
dreadfully afraid.
25 So the men of Israel said, "Have you
seen this man who has come up? Surely
he has come up to defy Israel; and it shall
be that the man who kills him the king
will enrich with great riches, will give

him his daughter, and give his father's
house exemption from taxes in Israel."
26 Then David spoke to the men who
stood by him, saying, "What shall be
done for the man who kills this Philistine
and takes away the reproach from Israel?
For who is this uncircumcised Philistine,
that he should defy the armies of the
living God?"
27 And the people answered him in this
manner, saying, "So shall it be done for
the man who kills him."
28 Now Eliab his oldest brother heard
when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's
anger was aroused against David, and he
said, "Why did you come down here?
And with whom have you left those few
sheep in the wilderness? I know your
pride and the insolence of your heart, for
you have come down to see the battle."
29 And David said, "What have I done
now? Is there not a cause?"

30 Then he turned from him toward
another and said the same thing; and
these people answered him as the first
ones did.
31 Now when the words which David
spoke were heard, they reported them
to Saul; and he sent for him.
32 Then David said to Saul, "Let no man’s
heart fail because of him; your servant
will go and fight with this Philistine."
33 And Saul said to David, "You are not
able to go against this Philistine to fight
with him; for you are a youth, and he a
man of war from his youth."
34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant
used to keep his father’s sheep, and
when a lion or a bear came and took a
lamb out of the flock,
35 I went out after it and struck it, and
delivered the lamb from its mouth; and
when it arose against me, I caught it by
its beard, and struck and killed it.

36 "Your servant has killed both lion and
bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine
will be like one of them, seeing he has
defied the armies of the living God."
37 Moreover David said, "The LORD,
who delivered me from the paw of the
lion and from the paw of the bear, He
will deliver me from the hand of this
Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go,
and the LORD be with you!"
38 So Saul clothed David with his armor,
and he put a bronze helmet on his head;
he also clothed him with a coat of mail.
39 David fastened his sword to his armor
and tried to walk, for he had not tested
them. And David said to Saul, "I cannot
walk with these, for I have not tested
them." So David took them off.
40 Then he took his staff in his hand;
and he chose for himself five smooth
stones from the brook, and put them in
a shepherd's bag, in a pouch which he

had, and his sling was in his hand. And
he drew near to the Philistine.
41 So the Philistine came, and began
drawing near to David, and the man who
bore the shield went before him.
42 And when the Philistine looked
about and saw David, he disdained him;
for he was only a youth, ruddy and
good–looking.
43 So the Philistine said to David, "Am I
a dog, that you come to me with sticks?"
And the Philistine cursed David by his
gods.
44 And the Philistine said to David,
"Come to me, and I will give your flesh
to the birds of the air and the beasts of
the field!"
45 Then David said to the Philistine,
"You come to me with a sword, with a
spear, and with a javelin. But I come to
you in the name of the LORD of hosts,

the God of the armies of Israel, whom
you have defied.
46 "This day the LORD will deliver you
into my hand, and I will strike you and
take your head from you. And this day
I will give the carcasses of the camp of
the Philistines to the birds of the air and
the wild beasts of the earth, that all the
earth may know that there is a God in
Israel.
47 "Then all this assembly shall know
that the LORD does not save with sword
and spear; for the battle is the LORD'S,
and He will give you into our hands."
48 So it was, when the Philistine arose
and came and drew near to meet David,
that David hastened and ran toward the
army to meet the Philistine.
49 Then David put his hand in his bag
and took out a stone; and he slung it
and struck the Philistine in his forehead,

so that the stone sank into his forehead,
and he fell on his face to the earth.
50 So David prevailed over the Philistine
with a sling and a stone, and struck the
Philistine and killed him. But there was
no sword in the hand of David.
51 Therefore David ran and stood over
the Philistine, took his sword and drew
it out of its sheath and killed him, and
cut off his head with it. And when the
Philistines saw that their champion was
dead, they fled.
52 Now the men of Israel and Judah
arose and shouted, and pursued the
Philistines as far as the entrance of the
valley and to the gates of Ekron. And the
wounded of the Philistines fell along the
road to Shaaraim, even as far as Gath
and Ekron.
53 Then the children of Israel returned
from chasing the Philistines, and they
plundered their tents.

54 And David took the head of the
Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem,
but he put his armor in his tent.
55 When Saul saw David going out
against the Philistine, he said to Abner,
the commander of the army, "Abner,
whose son is this youth?" And Abner
said, "As your soul lives, O king, I do not
know."
56 So the king said, "Inquire whose son
this young man is."
57 Then, as David returned from the
slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took
him and brought him before Saul with
the head of the Philistine in his hand.
58 And Saul said to him, "Whose son are
you, young man?" So David answered,
"I am the son of your servant Jesse the
Bethlehemite."

18 1 Now when he had finished
speaking to Saul, the soul of

Jonathan was knit to the soul of David,
and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.
2 Saul took him that day, and would not
let him go home to his father's house
anymore.
3 Then Jonathan and David made a
covenant, because he loved him as his
own soul.
4 And Jonathan took off the robe that
was on him and gave it to David, with his
armor, even to his sword and his bow
and his belt.
5 So David went out wherever Saul sent
him, and behaved wisely. And Saul set
him over the men of war, and he was
accepted in the sight of all the people
and also in the sight of Saul's servants.
6 Now it had happened as they were
coming home, when David was returning
from the slaughter of the Philistine, that
the women had come out of all the cities
of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet

King Saul, with tambourines, with joy,
and with musical instruments.
7 So the women sang as they danced,
and said: "Saul has slain his thousands,
And David his ten thousands."
8 Then Saul was very angry, and the
saying displeased him; and he said,
"They have ascribed to David ten
thousands, and to me they have ascribed
only thousands. Now what more can he
have but the kingdom?"
9 So Saul eyed David from that day
forward.
10 And it happened on the next day that
the distressing spirit from God came
upon Saul, and he prophesied inside the
house. So David played music with his
hand, as at other times; but there was a
spear in Saul’s hand.
11 And Saul cast the spear, for he said,
"I will pin David to the wall!" But David
escaped his presence twice.

12 Now Saul was afraid of David,
because the LORD was with him, but had
departed from Saul.
13 Therefore Saul removed him from
his presence, and made him his captain
over a thousand; and he went out and
came in before the people.
14 And David behaved wisely in all his
ways, and the LORD was with him.
15 Therefore, when Saul saw that he
behaved very wisely, he was afraid of
him.
16 But all Israel and Judah loved David,
because he went out and came in before
them.
17 Then Saul said to David, "Here is my
older daughter Merab; I will give her to
you as a wife. Only be valiant for me,
and fight the LORD’S battles." For Saul
thought, "Let my hand not be against
him, but let the hand of the Philistines
be against him."

18 So David said to Saul, "Who am I, and
what is my life or my father’s family in
Israel, that I should be son–in–law to the
king?"
19 But it happened at the time when
Merab, Saul’s daughter, should have
been given to David, that she was given
to Adriel the Meholathite as a wife.
20 Now Michal, Saul’s daughter, loved
David. And they told Saul, and the thing
pleased him.
21 So Saul said, "I will give her to him,
that she may be a snare to him, and
that the hand of the Philistines may
be against him." Therefore Saul said to
David a second time, "You shall be my
son–in–law today."
22 And Saul commanded his servants,
"Communicate with David secretly,
and say, ‘Look, the king has delight
in you, and all his servants love you.

Now therefore, become the king’s
son–in–law.’"
23 So Saul’s servants spoke those words
in the hearing of David. And David said,
"Does it seem to you a light thing to be
a king’s son–in–law, seeing I am a poor
and lightly esteemed man?"
24 And the servants of Saul told him,
saying, "In this manner David spoke."
25 Then Saul said, "Thus you shall say
to David: ‘The king does not desire any
dowry but one hundred foreskins of
the Philistines, to take vengeance on
the king’s enemies.’" But Saul thought
to make David fall by the hand of the
Philistines.
26 So when his servants told David these
words, it pleased David well to become
the king’s son–in–law. Now the days had
not expired;
27 therefore David arose and went, he
and his men, and killed two hundred

men of the Philistines. And David
brought their foreskins, and they gave
them in full count to the king, that he
might become the king's son–in–law.
Then Saul gave him Michal his daughter
as a wife.
28 Thus Saul saw and knew that the
LORD was with David, and that Michal,
Saul's daughter, loved him;
29 and Saul was still more afraid of
David. So Saul became David's enemy
continually.
30 Then the princes of the Philistines
went out to war. And so it was, whenever
they went out, that David behaved more
wisely than all the servants of Saul, so
that his name became highly esteemed.
19 1 Now Saul spoke to Jonathan his
son and to all his servants, that
they should kill David;
2 but Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted
greatly in David. (19:2) So Jonathan told

David, saying, "My father Saul seeks to
kill you. Therefore please be on your
guard until morning, and stay in a secret
place and hide.
3 "And I will go out and stand beside my
father in the field where you are, and
I will speak with my father about you.
Then what I observe, I will tell you."
4 Thus Jonathan spoke well of David to
Saul his father, and said to him, "Let not
the king sin against his servant, against
David, because he has not sinned against
you, and because his works have been
very good toward you.
5 "For he took his life in his hands
and killed the Philistine, and the LORD
brought about a great deliverance for all
Israel. You saw it and rejoiced. Why then
will you sin against innocent blood, to
kill David without a cause?"

6 So Saul heeded the voice of Jonathan,
and Saul swore, "As the LORD lives, he
shall not be killed."
7 Then Jonathan called David, and
Jonathan told him all these things. So
Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he
was in his presence as in times past.
8 And there was war again; and David
went out and fought with the Philistines,
and struck them with a mighty blow, and
they fled from him.
9 Now the distressing spirit from the
LORD came upon Saul as he sat in his
house with his spear in his hand. And
David was playing music with his hand.
10 Then Saul sought to pin David to the
wall with the spear, but he slipped away
from Saul's presence; and he drove the
spear into the wall. So David fled and
escaped that night.
11 Saul also sent messengers to David's
house to watch him and to kill him in the

morning. And Michal, David’s wife, told
him, saying, "If you do not save your life
tonight, tomorrow you will be killed."
12 So Michal let David down through
a window. And he went and fled and
escaped.
13 And Michal took an image and laid it
in the bed, put a cover of goats’ hair for
his head, and covered it with clothes.
14 So when Saul sent messengers to
take David, she said, "He is sick."
15 Then Saul sent the messengers back
to see David, saying, "Bring him up to
me in the bed, that I may kill him."
16 And when the messengers had come
in, there was the image in the bed, with
a cover of goats’ hair for his head.
17 Then Saul said to Michal, "Why have
you deceived me like this, and sent my
enemy away, so that he has escaped?"
And Michal answered Saul, "He said to
me, ‘Let me go! Why should I kill you?’"

18 So David fled and escaped, and went
to Samuel at Ramah, and told him all
that Saul had done to him. And he and
Samuel went and stayed in Naioth.
19 Now it was told Saul, saying, "Take
note, David is at Naioth in Ramah!"
20 Then Saul sent messengers to take
David. And when they saw the group
of prophets prophesying, and Samuel
standing as leader over them, the Spirit
of God came upon the messengers of
Saul, and they also prophesied.
21 And when Saul was told, he sent
other messengers, and they prophesied
likewise. Then Saul sent messengers
again the third time, and they prophesied
also.
22 Then he also went to Ramah, and
came to the great well that is at Sechu.
So he asked, and said, "Where are
Samuel and David?" And someone said,
"Indeed they are at Naioth in Ramah."

23 So he went there to Naioth in Ramah.
Then the Spirit of God was upon him
also, and he went on and prophesied
until he came to Naioth in Ramah.
24 And he also stripped off his clothes
and prophesied before Samuel in like
manner, and lay down naked all that day
and all that night. Therefore they say, "Is
Saul also among the prophets?"

20 1 Then David fled from Naioth
in Ramah, and went and said to
Jonathan, "What have I done? What is
my iniquity, and what is my sin before
your father, that he seeks my life?"
2 So Jonathan said to him, "By no
means! You shall not die! Indeed, my
father will do nothing either great or
small without first telling me. And why
should my father hide this thing from
me? It is not so!"
3 Then David took an oath again, and
said, "Your father certainly knows that

I have found favor in your eyes, and he
has said, ‘Do not let Jonathan know this,
lest he be grieved.’ But truly, as the LORD
lives and as your soul lives, there is but a
step between me and death."
4 So Jonathan said to David, "Whatever
you yourself desire, I will do it for you."
5 And David said to Jonathan, "Indeed
tomorrow is the New Moon, and I should
not fail to sit with the king to eat. But let
me go, that I may hide in the field until
the third day at evening.
6 "If your father misses me at all, then
say, ‘David earnestly asked permission of
me that he might run over to Bethlehem,
his city, for there is a yearly sacrifice
there for all the family.’
7 "If he says thus: ‘It is well,’ your servant
will be safe. But if he is very angry, then
be sure that evil is determined by him.
8 "Therefore you shall deal kindly with
your servant, for you have brought your

servant into a covenant of the LORD with
you. Nevertheless, if there is iniquity in
me, kill me yourself, for why should you
bring me to your father?"
9 But Jonathan said, "Far be it from
you! For if I knew certainly that evil was
determined by my father to come upon
you, then would I not tell you?"
10 Then David said to Jonathan, "Who
will tell me, or what if your father
answers you roughly?"
11 And Jonathan said to David, "Come,
and let us go out into the field." So both
of them went out into the field.
12 Then Jonathan said to David: "The
LORD God of Israel is witness! When I
have sounded out my father sometime
tomorrow, or the third day, and indeed
there is good toward David, and I do not
send to you and tell you,
13 "may the LORD do so and much more
to Jonathan. But if it pleases my father

to do you evil, then I will report it to you
and send you away, that you may go in
safety. And the LORD be with you as He
has been with my father.
14 "And you shall not only show me the
kindness of the LORD while I still live,
that I may not die;
15 "but you shall not cut off your
kindness from my house forever, no, not
when the LORD has cut off every one of
the enemies of David from the face of
the earth."
16 So Jonathan made a covenant with
the house of David, saying, "Let the
LORD require it at the hand of David's
enemies."
17 Now Jonathan again caused David to
vow, because he loved him; for he loved
him as he loved his own soul.
18 Then Jonathan said to David,
"Tomorrow is the New Moon; and you

will be missed, because your seat will be
empty.
19 "And when you have stayed three
days, go down quickly and come to the
place where you hid on the day of the
deed; and remain by the stone Ezel.
20 "Then I will shoot three arrows to the
side, as though I shot at a target;
21 "and there I will send a lad, saying,
‘Go, find the arrows.’ If I expressly say to
him, ‘Look, the arrows are on this side of
you; get them and come’ —then, as the
LORD lives, there is safety for you and no
harm.
22 "But if I say thus to the young man,
‘Look, the arrows are beyond you’ —go
your way, for the LORD has sent you
away.
23 "And as for the matter which you and
I have spoken of, indeed the LORD be
between you and me forever."

24 Then David hid in the field. And when
the New Moon had come, the king sat
down to eat the feast.
25 Now the king sat on his seat, as at
other times, on a seat by the wall. And
Jonathan arose, and Abner sat by Saul's
side, but David's place was empty.
26 Nevertheless Saul did not say
anything that day, for he thought,
"Something has happened to him; he is
unclean, surely he is unclean."
27 And it happened the next day, the
second day of the month, that David's
place was empty. And Saul said to
Jonathan his son, "Why has the son of
Jesse not come to eat, either yesterday
or today?"
28 So Jonathan answered Saul, "David
earnestly asked permission of me to go
to Bethlehem.
29 "And he said, 'Please let me go, for
our family has a sacrifice in the city, and

my brother has commanded me to be
there. And now, if I have found favor in
your eyes, please let me get away and
see my brothers.' Therefore he has not
come to the king's table."
30 Then Saul's anger was aroused
against Jonathan, and he said to him,
"You son of a perverse, rebellious
woman! Do I not know that you have
chosen the son of Jesse to your own
shame and to the shame of your
mother's nakedness?
31 "For as long as the son of Jesse
lives on the earth, you shall not be
established, nor your kingdom. Now
therefore, send and bring him to me, for
he shall surely die."
32 And Jonathan answered Saul his
father, and said to him, "Why should he
be killed? What has he done?"

33 Then Saul cast a spear at him to kill
him, by which Jonathan knew that it was
determined by his father to kill David.
34 So Jonathan arose from the table in
fierce anger, and ate no food the second
day of the month, for he was grieved for
David, because his father had treated
him shamefully.
35 And so it was, in the morning, that
Jonathan went out into the field at the
time appointed with David, and a little
lad was with him.
36 Then he said to his lad, "Now run,
find the arrows which I shoot." As the
lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.
37 When the lad had come to the place
where the arrow was which Jonathan
had shot, Jonathan cried out after the
lad and said, "Is not the arrow beyond
you?"
38 And Jonathan cried out after the lad,
"Make haste, hurry, do not delay!" So

Jonathan’s lad gathered up the arrows
and came back to his master.
39 But the lad did not know anything.
Only Jonathan and David knew of the
matter.
40 Then Jonathan gave his weapons to
his lad, and said to him, "Go, carry them
to the city."
41 As soon as the lad had gone, David
arose from a place toward the south, fell
on his face to the ground, and bowed
down three times. And they kissed one
another; and they wept together, but
David more so.
42 Then Jonathan said to David, "Go
in peace, since we have both sworn in
the name of the LORD, saying, ‘May
the LORD be between you and me, and
between your descendants and my
descendants, forever.’" So he arose and
departed, and Jonathan went into the
city.

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1 Now David came to Nob,
to Ahimelech the priest. And
Ahimelech was afraid when he met
David, and said to him, "Why are you
alone, and no one is with you?"
2 So David said to Ahimelech the
priest, "The king has ordered me on
some business, and said to me, ‘Do not
let anyone know anything about the
business on which I send you, or what
I have commanded you.’ And I have
directed my young men to such and such
a place.
3 "Now therefore, what have you on
hand? Give me five loaves of bread in my
hand, or whatever can be found."
4 And the priest answered David and
said, "There is no common bread on
hand; but there is holy bread, if the
young men have at least kept themselves
from women."

5 Then David answered the priest, and
said to him, "Truly, women have been
kept from us about three days since I
came out. And the vessels of the young
men are holy, and the bread is in effect
common, even though it was sanctified
in the vessel this day."
6 So the priest gave him holy bread;
for there was no bread there but the
showbread which had been taken from
before the LORD, in order to put hot
bread in its place on the day when it was
taken away.
7 Now a certain man of the servants of
Saul was there that day, detained before
the LORD. And his name was Doeg, an
Edomite, the chief of the herdsmen who
belonged to Saul.
8 And David said to Ahimelech, "Is there
not here on hand a spear or a sword?
For I have brought neither my sword nor

my weapons with me, because the king’s
business required haste."
9 So the priest said, "The sword of
Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in
the Valley of Elah, there it is, wrapped in
a cloth behind the ephod. If you will take
that, take it. For there is no other except
that one here." And David said, "There is
none like it; give it to me."
10 Then David arose and fled that day
from before Saul, and went to Achish the
king of Gath.
11 And the servants of Achish said to
him, "Is this not David the king of the
land? Did they not sing of him to one
another in dances, saying: ‘Saul has
slain his thousands, And David his ten
thousands’?"
12 Now David took these words to
heart, and was very much afraid of
Achish the king of Gath.

13 So he changed his behavior before
them, feigned madness in their hands,
scratched on the doors of the gate, and
let his saliva fall down on his beard.
14 Then Achish said to his servants,
"Look, you see the man is insane. Why
have you brought him to me?
15 "Have I need of madmen, that you
have brought this fellow to play the
madman in my presence? Shall this
fellow come into my house?"
22 1 David therefore departed from
there and escaped to the cave of
Adullam. And when his brothers and all
his father's house heard it, they went
down there to him.
2 And everyone who was in distress,
everyone who was in debt, and everyone
who was discontented gathered to him.
So he became captain over them. And
there were about four hundred men
with him.

3 Then David went from there to
Mizpah of Moab; and he said to the
king of Moab, "Please let my father and
mother come here with you, till I know
what God will do for me."
4 So he brought them before the king of
Moab, and they dwelt with him all the
time that David was in the stronghold.
5 Now the prophet Gad said to David,
"Do not stay in the stronghold; depart,
and go to the land of Judah." So David
departed and went into the forest of
Hereth.
6 When Saul heard that David and
the men who were with him had been
discovered—now Saul was staying in
Gibeah under a tamarisk tree in Ramah,
with his spear in his hand, and all his
servants standing about him—
7 then Saul said to his servants who
stood about him, "Hear now, you
Benjamites! Will the son of Jesse give

every one of you fields and vineyards,
and make you all captains of thousands
and captains of hundreds?
8 "All of you have conspired against me,
and there is no one who reveals to me
that my son has made a covenant with
the son of Jesse; and there is not one of
you who is sorry for me or reveals to me
that my son has stirred up my servant
against me, to lie in wait, as it is this
day."
9 Then answered Doeg the Edomite,
who was set over the servants of Saul,
and said, "I saw the son of Jesse going to
Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub.
10 "And he inquired of the LORD for
him, gave him provisions, and gave him
the sword of Goliath the Philistine."
11 So the king sent to call Ahimelech
the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his
father's house, the priests who were in
Nob. And they all came to the king.

12 And Saul said, "Hear now, son of
Ahitub!" And he answered, "Here I am,
my lord."
13 Then Saul said to him, "Why have
you conspired against me, you and the
son of Jesse, in that you have given him
bread and a sword, and have inquired of
God for him, that he should rise against
me, to lie in wait, as it is this day?"
14 So Ahimelech answered the king and
said, "And who among all your servants
is as faithful as David, who is the king’s
son–in–law, who goes at your bidding,
and is honorable in your house?
15 "Did I then begin to inquire of God
for him? Far be it from me! Let not the
king impute anything to his servant, or
to any in the house of my father. For
your servant knew nothing of all this,
little or much."

16 And the king said, "You shall surely die, Ahimelech, you and all your father’s house!"
17 Then the king said to the guards who stood about him, "Turn and kill the priests of the LORD, because their hand also is with David, and because they knew when he fled and did not tell it to me." But the servants of the king would not lift their hands to strike the priests of the LORD.
18 And the king said to Doeg, "You turn and kill the priests!" So Doeg the Edomite turned and struck the priests, and killed on that day eighty–five men who wore a linen ephod.
19 Also Nob, the city of the priests, he struck with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and nursing infants, oxen and donkeys and sheep—with the edge of the sword.

20 Now one of the sons of Ahimelech
the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar,
escaped and fled after David.
21 And Abiathar told David that Saul
had killed the LORD'S priests.
22 So David said to Abiathar, "I knew
that day, when Doeg the Edomite was
there, that he would surely tell Saul. I
have caused the death of all the persons
of your father's house.
23 "Stay with me; do not fear. For he
who seeks my life seeks your life, but
with me you shall be safe."
23 1 Then they told David, saying,
"Look, the Philistines are fighting
against Keilah, and they are robbing the
threshing floors."
2 Therefore David inquired of the LORD,
saying, "Shall I go and attack these
Philistines?" And the LORD said to David,
"Go and attack the Philistines, and save
Keilah."

3 But David's men said to him, "Look,
we are afraid here in Judah. How much
more then if we go to Keilah against the
armies of the Philistines?"
4 Then David inquired of the LORD once
again. And the LORD answered him and
said, "Arise, go down to Keilah. For I will
deliver the Philistines into your hand."
5 And David and his men went to Keilah
and fought with the Philistines, struck
them with a mighty blow, and took
away their livestock. So David saved the
inhabitants of Keilah.
6 Now it happened, when Abiathar the
son of Ahimelech fled to David at Keilah,
that he went down with an ephod in his
hand.
7 And Saul was told that David had
gone to Keilah. So Saul said, "God has
delivered him into my hand, for he has
shut himself in by entering a town that
has gates and bars."

8 Then Saul called all the people
together for war, to go down to Keilah to
besiege David and his men.
9 When David knew that Saul plotted
evil against him, he said to Abiathar the
priest, "Bring the ephod here."
10 Then David said, "O LORD God of
Israel, Your servant has certainly heard
that Saul seeks to come to Keilah to
destroy the city for my sake.
11 "Will the men of Keilah deliver me
into his hand? Will Saul come down, as
Your servant has heard? O LORD God of
Israel, I pray, tell Your servant." And the
LORD said, "He will come down."
12 Then David said, "Will the men of
Keilah deliver me and my men into the
hand of Saul?" And the LORD said, "They
will deliver you."
13 So David and his men, about six
hundred, arose and departed from
Keilah and went wherever they could

go. Then it was told Saul that David had
escaped from Keilah; so he halted the
expedition.
14 And David stayed in strongholds in
the wilderness, and remained in the
mountains in the Wilderness of Ziph.
Saul sought him every day, but God did
not deliver him into his hand.
15 So David saw that Saul had come out
to seek his life. And David was in the
Wilderness of Ziph in a forest.
16 Then Jonathan, Saul’s son, arose
and went to David in the woods and
strengthened his hand in God.
17 And he said to him, "Do not fear, for
the hand of Saul my father shall not find
you. You shall be king over Israel, and I
shall be next to you. Even my father Saul
knows that."
18 So the two of them made a covenant
before the LORD. And David stayed in

the woods, and Jonathan went to his
own house.
19 Then the Ziphites came up to Saul at
Gibeah, saying, "Is David not hiding with
us in strongholds in the woods, in the
hill of Hachilah, which is on the south of
Jeshimon?
20 "Now therefore, O king, come down
according to all the desire of your soul
to come down; and our part shall be to
deliver him into the king’s hand."
21 And Saul said, "Blessed are you of the
LORD, for you have compassion on me.
22 "Please go and find out for sure, and
see the place where his hideout is, and
who has seen him there. For I am told he
is very crafty.
23 "See therefore, and take knowledge
of all the lurking places where he hides;
and come back to me with certainty, and
I will go with you. And it shall be, if he

is in the land, that I will search for him
throughout all the clans of Judah."
24 So they arose and went to Ziph
before Saul. But David and his men were
in the Wilderness of Maon, in the plain
on the south of Jeshimon.
25 When Saul and his men went to
seek him, they told David. Therefore
he went down to the rock, and stayed
in the Wilderness of Maon. And when
Saul heard that, he pursued David in the
Wilderness of Maon.
26 Then Saul went on one side of the
mountain, and David and his men on
the other side of the mountain. So David
made haste to get away from Saul, for
Saul and his men were encircling David
and his men to take them.
27 But a messenger came to Saul,
saying, "Hasten and come, for the
Philistines have invaded the land!"

28 Therefore Saul returned from
pursuing David, and went against the
Philistines; so they called that place the
Rock of Escape.
29 Then David went up from there and
dwelt in strongholds at En Gedi.
24 1 Now it happened, when Saul
had returned from following the
Philistines, that it was told him, saying,
"Take note! David is in the Wilderness of
En Gedi."
2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen
men from all Israel, and went to seek
David and his men on the Rocks of the
Wild Goats.
3 So he came to the sheepfolds by the
road, where there was a cave; and Saul
went in to attend to his needs. (David
and his men were staying in the recesses
of the cave.)
4 Then the men of David said to him,
"This is the day of which the LORD said

to you, ‘Behold, I will deliver your enemy
into your hand, that you may do to him
as it seems good to you.’" And David
arose and secretly cut off a corner of
Saul’s robe.
5 Now it happened afterward that
David’s heart troubled him because he
had cut Saul’s robe.
6 And he said to his men, "The LORD
forbid that I should do this thing to my
master, the LORD’S anointed, to stretch
out my hand against him, seeing he is
the anointed of the LORD."
7 So David restrained his servants with
these words, and did not allow them to
rise against Saul. And Saul got up from
the cave and went on his way.
8 David also arose afterward, went
out of the cave, and called out to Saul,
saying, "My lord the king!" And when
Saul looked behind him, David stooped

with his face to the earth, and bowed
down.
9 And David said to Saul: "Why do you
listen to the words of men who say,
‘Indeed David seeks your harm’?
10 "Look, this day your eyes have seen
that the LORD delivered you today into
my hand in the cave, and someone urged
me to kill you. But my eye spared you,
and I said, ‘I will not stretch out my hand
against my lord, for he is the LORD’S
anointed.’
11 "Moreover, my father, see! Yes, see
the corner of your robe in my hand! For
in that I cut off the corner of your robe,
and did not kill you, know and see that
there is neither evil nor rebellion in my
hand, and I have not sinned against you.
Yet you hunt my life to take it.
12 "Let the LORD judge between you
and me, and let the LORD avenge me on

you. But my hand shall not be against
you.
13 "As the proverb of the ancients says,
'Wickedness proceeds from the wicked.'
But my hand shall not be against you.
14 "After whom has the king of Israel
come out? Whom do you pursue? A
dead dog? A flea?
15 "Therefore let the LORD be judge,
and judge between you and me, and see
and plead my case, and deliver me out
of your hand."
16 So it was, when David had finished
speaking these words to Saul, that Saul
said, "Is this your voice, my son David?"
And Saul lifted up his voice and wept.
17 Then he said to David: "You are more
righteous than I; for you have rewarded
me with good, whereas I have rewarded
you with evil.
18 "And you have shown this day how
you have dealt well with me; for when

the LORD delivered me into your hand,
you did not kill me.
19 "For if a man finds his enemy, will he
let him get away safely? Therefore may
the LORD reward you with good for what
you have done to me this day.
20 "And now I know indeed that
you shall surely be king, and that the
kingdom of Israel shall be established in
your hand.
21 "Therefore swear now to me by
the LORD that you will not cut off my
descendants after me, and that you will
not destroy my name from my father's
house."
22 So David swore to Saul. And Saul
went home, but David and his men went
up to the stronghold.

25 1 Then Samuel died; and the
Israelites gathered together and
lamented for him, and buried him at his

home in Ramah. And David arose and
went down to the Wilderness of Paran.
2 Now there was a man in Maon whose
business was in Carmel, and the man
was very rich. He had three thousand
sheep and a thousand goats. And he was
shearing his sheep in Carmel.
3 The name of the man was Nabal, and
the name of his wife Abigail. And she
was a woman of good understanding
and beautiful appearance; but the man
was harsh and evil in his doings. And he
was of the house of Caleb.
4 When David heard in the wilderness
that Nabal was shearing his sheep,
5 David sent ten young men; and David
said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel,
go to Nabal, and greet him in my name.
6 "And thus you shall say to him who
lives in prosperity: ‘Peace be to you,
peace to your house, and peace to all
that you have!

7 'Now I have heard that you have
shearers. Your shepherds were with us,
and we did not hurt them, nor was there
anything missing from them all the while
they were in Carmel.
8 'Ask your young men, and they will
tell you. Therefore let my young men
find favor in your eyes, for we come on a
feast day. Please give whatever comes to
your hand to your servants and to your
son David.'"
9 So when David's young men came,
they spoke to Nabal according to all
these words in the name of David, and
waited.
10 Then Nabal answered David's
servants, and said, "Who is David, and
who is the son of Jesse? There are many
servants nowadays who break away
each one from his master.
11 "Shall I then take my bread and my
water and my meat that I have killed for

my shearers, and give it to men when I
do not know where they are from?"
12 So David's young men turned on their
heels and went back; and they came and
told him all these words.
13 Then David said to his men, "Every
man gird on his sword." So every man
girded on his sword, and David also
girded on his sword. And about four
hundred men went with David, and two
hundred stayed with the supplies.
14 Now one of the young men told
Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, "Look, David
sent messengers from the wilderness to
greet our master; and he reviled them.
15 "But the men were very good to us,
and we were not hurt, nor did we miss
anything as long as we accompanied
them, when we were in the fields.
16 "They were a wall to us both by night
and day, all the time we were with them
keeping the sheep.

17 "Now therefore, know and consider
what you will do, for harm is determined
against our master and against all his
household. For he is such a scoundrel
that one cannot speak to him."
18 Then Abigail made haste and took
two hundred loaves of bread, two skins
of wine, five sheep already dressed, five
seahs of roasted grain, one hundred
clusters of raisins, and two hundred
cakes of figs, and loaded them on
donkeys.
19 And she said to her servants, "Go on
before me; see, I am coming after you."
But she did not tell her husband Nabal.
20 So it was, as she rode on the donkey,
that she went down under cover of the
hill; and there were David and his men,
coming down toward her, and she met
them.
21 Now David had said, "Surely in vain
I have protected all that this fellow has

in the wilderness, so that nothing was
missed of all that belongs to him. And he
has repaid me evil for good.
22 "May God do so, and more also, to
the enemies of David, if I leave one male
of all who belong to him by morning
light."
23 Now when Abigail saw David, she
hastened to dismount from the donkey,
fell on her face before David, and bowed
down to the ground.
24 So she fell at his feet and said: "On
me, my lord, on me let this iniquity be!
And please let your maidservant speak
in your ears, and hear the words of your
maidservant.
25 "Please, let not my lord regard this
scoundrel Nabal. For as his name is, so is
he: Nabal is his name, and folly is with
him. But I, your maidservant, did not see
the young men of my lord whom you
sent.

26 "Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD
lives and as your soul lives, since the
LORD has held you back from coming to
bloodshed and from avenging yourself
with your own hand, now then, let your
enemies and those who seek harm for
my lord be as Nabal.
27 "And now this present which your
maidservant has brought to my lord, let
it be given to the young men who follow
my lord.
28 "Please forgive the trespass of your
maidservant. For the LORD will certainly
make for my lord an enduring house,
because my lord fights the battles of
the LORD, and evil is not found in you
throughout your days.
29 "Yet a man has risen to pursue you
and seek your life, but the life of my lord
shall be bound in the bundle of the living
with the LORD your God; and the lives of

your enemies He shall sling out, as from
the pocket of a sling.
30 "And it shall come to pass, when the
LORD has done for my lord according
to all the good that He has spoken
concerning you, and has appointed you
ruler over Israel,
31 "that this will be no grief to you, nor
offense of heart to my lord, either that
you have shed blood without cause, or
that my lord has avenged himself. But
when the LORD has dealt well with my
lord, then remember your maidservant."
32 Then David said to Abigail: "Blessed
is the LORD God of Israel, who sent you
this day to meet me!
33 "And blessed is your advice and
blessed are you, because you have kept
me this day from coming to bloodshed
and from avenging myself with my own
hand.

34 "For indeed, as the LORD God of
Israel lives, who has kept me back from
hurting you, unless you had hastened
and come to meet me, surely by morning
light no males would have been left to
Nabal!"
35 So David received from her hand
what she had brought him, and said to
her, "Go up in peace to your house. See,
I have heeded your voice and respected
your person."
36 Now Abigail went to Nabal, and there
he was, holding a feast in his house, like
the feast of a king. And Nabal's heart
was merry within him, for he was very
drunk; therefore she told him nothing,
little or much, until morning light.
37 So it was, in the morning, when the
wine had gone from Nabal, and his wife
had told him these things, that his heart
died within him, and he became like a
stone.

38 Then it came about, after about ten
days, that the LORD struck Nabal, and he
died.
39 So when David heard that Nabal
was dead, he said, "Blessed be the
LORD, who has pleaded the cause of my
reproach from the hand of Nabal, and
has kept His servant from evil! For the
LORD has returned the wickedness of
Nabal on his own head." And David sent
and proposed to Abigail, to take her as
his wife.
40 When the servants of David had
come to Abigail at Carmel, they spoke to
her saying, "David sent us to you, to ask
you to become his wife."
41 Then she arose, bowed her face
to the earth, and said, "Here is your
maidservant, a servant to wash the feet
of the servants of my lord."
42 So Abigail rose in haste and rode on a
donkey, attended by five of her maidens;

and she followed the messengers of
David, and became his wife.
43 David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel,
and so both of them were his wives.
44 But Saul had given Michal his
daughter, David's wife, to Palti the son of
Laish, who was from Gallim.

26 1 Now the Ziphites came to Saul
at Gibeah, saying, "Is David not
hiding in the hill of Hachilah, opposite
Jeshimon?"
2 Then Saul arose and went down to
the Wilderness of Ziph, having three
thousand chosen men of Israel with him,
to seek David in the Wilderness of Ziph.
3 And Saul encamped in the hill of
Hachilah, which is opposite Jeshimon,
by the road. But David stayed in the
wilderness, and he saw that Saul came
after him into the wilderness.
4 David therefore sent out spies, and
understood that Saul had indeed come.

5 So David arose and came to the place
where Saul had encamped. And David
saw the place where Saul lay, and Abner
the son of Ner, the commander of his
army. Now Saul lay within the camp,
with the people encamped all around
him.
6 Then David answered, and said to
Ahimelech the Hittite and to Abishai the
son of Zeruiah, brother of Joab, saying,
"Who will go down with me to Saul in
the camp?" And Abishai said, "I will go
down with you."
7 So David and Abishai came to the
people by night; and there Saul lay
sleeping within the camp, with his spear
stuck in the ground by his head. And
Abner and the people lay all around him.
8 Then Abishai said to David, "God has
delivered your enemy into your hand
this day. Now therefore, please, let me
strike him at once with the spear, right

to the earth; and I will not have to strike
him a second time!"
9 And David said to Abishai, "Do not
destroy him; for who can stretch out his
hand against the LORD’S anointed, and
be guiltless?"
10 David said furthermore, "As the
LORD lives, the LORD shall strike him, or
his day shall come to die, or he shall go
out to battle and perish.
11 "The LORD forbid that I should
stretch out my hand against the LORD’S
anointed. But please, take now the spear
and the jug of water that are by his head,
and let us go."
12 So David took the spear and the jug
of water by Saul’s head, and they got
away; and no man saw it or knew it or
awoke. For they were all asleep, because
a deep sleep from the LORD had fallen
on them.

13 Now David went over to the other
side, and stood on the top of a hill afar
off, a great distance being between
them.
14 And David called out to the people
and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, "Do
you not answer, Abner?" Then Abner
answered and said, "Who are you, calling
out to the king?"
15 So David said to Abner, "Are you not
a man? And who is like you in Israel?
Why then have you not guarded your
lord the king? For one of the people
came in to destroy your lord the king.
16 "This thing that you have done is not
good. As the LORD lives, you deserve to
die, because you have not guarded your
master, the LORD'S anointed. And now
see where the king's spear is, and the
jug of water that was by his head."
17 Then Saul knew David's voice, and
said, "Is that your voice, my son David?"

And David said, "It is my voice, my lord,
O king."
18 And he said, "Why does my lord thus
pursue his servant? For what have I
done, or what evil is in my hand?
19 "Now therefore, please, let my lord
the king hear the words of his servant:
If the LORD has stirred you up against
me, let Him accept an offering. But if
it is the children of men, may they be
cursed before the LORD, for they have
driven me out this day from sharing in
the inheritance of the LORD, saying, 'Go,
serve other gods.'
20 "So now, do not let my blood fall
to the earth before the face of the
LORD. For the king of Israel has come
out to seek a flea, as when one hunts a
partridge in the mountains."
21 Then Saul said, "I have sinned.
Return, my son David. For I will harm you
no more, because my life was precious in

your eyes this day. Indeed I have played
the fool and erred exceedingly."
22 And David answered and said, "Here
is the king's spear. Let one of the young
men come over and get it.
23 "May the LORD repay every man for
his righteousness and his faithfulness;
for the LORD delivered you into my hand
today, but I would not stretch out my
hand against the LORD'S anointed.
24 "And indeed, as your life was valued
much this day in my eyes, so let my
life be valued much in the eyes of the
LORD, and let Him deliver me out of all
tribulation."
25 Then Saul said to David, "May you be
blessed, my son David! You shall both
do great things and also still prevail." So
David went on his way, and Saul returned
to his place.

27 1 And David said in his heart,
"Now I shall perish someday by

the hand of Saul. There is nothing better
for me than that I should speedily escape
to the land of the Philistines; and Saul
will despair of me, to seek me anymore
in any part of Israel. So I shall escape out
of his hand."
2 Then David arose and went over with
the six hundred men who were with
him to Achish the son of Maoch, king of
Gath.
3 So David dwelt with Achish at Gath,
he and his men, each man with his
household, and David with his two
wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and
Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's widow.
4 And it was told Saul that David had
fled to Gath; so he sought him no more.
5 Then David said to Achish, "If I have
now found favor in your eyes, let them
give me a place in some town in the
country, that I may dwell there. For why

should your servant dwell in the royal
city with you?"
6 So Achish gave him Ziklag that day.
Therefore Ziklag has belonged to the
kings of Judah to this day.
7 Now the time that David dwelt in the
country of the Philistines was one full
year and four months.
8 And David and his men went up and
raided the Geshurites, the Girzites, and
the Amalekites. For those nations were
the inhabitants of the land from of old,
as you go to Shur, even as far as the land
of Egypt.
9 Whenever David attacked the land,
he left neither man nor woman alive,
but took away the sheep, the oxen, the
donkeys, the camels, and the apparel,
and returned and came to Achish.
10 Then Achish would say, "Where have
you made a raid today?" And David
would say, "Against the southern area

of Judah, or against the southern area
of the Jerahmeelites, or against the
southern area of the Kenites."
11 David would save neither man nor
woman alive, to bring news to Gath,
saying, "Lest they should inform on us,
saying, 'Thus David did.'" And thus was
his behavior all the time he dwelt in the
country of the Philistines.
12 So Achish believed David, saying, "He
has made his people Israel utterly abhor
him; therefore he will be my servant
forever."

28 1 Now it happened in those days
that the Philistines gathered their
armies together for war, to fight with
Israel. And Achish said to David, "You
assuredly know that you will go out with
me to battle, you and your men."
2 And David said to Achish, "Surely you
know what your servant can do." And
Achish said to David, "Therefore I will

make you one of my chief guardians
forever."
3 Now Samuel had died, and all Israel
had lamented for him and buried him in
Ramah, in his own city. And Saul had put
the mediums and the spiritists out of the
land.
4 Then the Philistines gathered together,
and came and encamped at Shunem.
So Saul gathered all Israel together, and
they encamped at Gilboa.
5 When Saul saw the army of the
Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart
trembled greatly.
6 And when Saul inquired of the LORD,
the LORD did not answer him, either by
dreams or by Urim or by the prophets.
7 Then Saul said to his servants, "Find
me a woman who is a medium, that I
may go to her and inquire of her." And
his servants said to him, "In fact, there is
a woman who is a medium at En Dor."

8 So Saul disguised himself and put on
other clothes, and he went, and two
men with him; and they came to the
woman by night. And he said, "Please
conduct a seance for me, and bring up
for me the one I shall name to you."
9 Then the woman said to him, "Look,
you know what Saul has done, how
he has cut off the mediums and the
spiritists from the land. Why then do you
lay a snare for my life, to cause me to
die?"
10 And Saul swore to her by the
LORD, saying, "As the LORD lives, no
punishment shall come upon you for this
thing."
11 Then the woman said, "Whom shall
I bring up for you?" And he said, "Bring
up Samuel for me."
12 When the woman saw Samuel, she
cried out with a loud voice. And the

woman spoke to Saul, saying, "Why have
you deceived me? For you are Saul!"
13 And the king said to her, "Do not
be afraid. What did you see?" And
the woman said to Saul, "I saw a spirit
ascending out of the earth."
14 So he said to her, "What is his form?"
And she said, "An old man is coming up,
and he is covered with a mantle." And
Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and
he stooped with his face to the ground
and bowed down.
15 Now Samuel said to Saul, "Why
have you disturbed me by bringing me
up?" And Saul answered, "I am deeply
distressed; for the Philistines make war
against me, and God has departed from
me and does not answer me anymore,
neither by prophets nor by dreams.
Therefore I have called you, that you
may reveal to me what I should do."

16 Then Samuel said: "Why then do you
ask me, seeing the LORD has departed
from you and has become your enemy?
17 "And the LORD has done for Himself
as He spoke by me. For the LORD has
torn the kingdom out of your hand and
given it to your neighbor, David.
18 "Because you did not obey the voice
of the LORD nor execute His fierce wrath
upon Amalek, therefore the LORD has
done this thing to you this day.
19 "Moreover the LORD will also deliver
Israel with you into the hand of the
Philistines. And tomorrow you and your
sons will be with me. The LORD will also
deliver the army of Israel into the hand
of the Philistines."
20 Then immediately Saul fell full length
on the ground, and was dreadfully afraid
because of the words of Samuel. And
there was no strength in him, for he had
eaten no food all day or all night.

21 And the woman came to Saul and
saw that he was severely troubled, and
said to him, "Look, your maidservant has
obeyed your voice, and I have put my
life in my hands and heeded the words
which you spoke to me.
22 "Now therefore, please, heed also
the voice of your maidservant, and let
me set a piece of bread before you; and
eat, that you may have strength when
you go on your way."
23 But he refused and said, "I will not
eat." So his servants, together with the
woman, urged him; and he heeded their
voice. Then he arose from the ground
and sat on the bed.
24 Now the woman had a fatted calf in
the house, and she hastened to kill it.
And she took flour and kneaded it, and
baked unleavened bread from it.

25 So she brought it before Saul and his servants, and they ate. Then they rose and went away that night.

29 1 Then the Philistines gathered together all their armies at Aphek, and the Israelites encamped by a fountain which is in Jezreel.
2 And the lords of the Philistines passed in review by hundreds and by thousands, but David and his men passed in review at the rear with Achish.
3 Then the princes of the Philistines said, "What are these Hebrews doing here?" And Achish said to the princes of the Philistines, "Is this not David, the servant of Saul king of Israel, who has been with me these days, or these years? And to this day I have found no fault in him since he defected to me."
4 But the princes of the Philistines were angry with him; so the princes of the Philistines said to him, "Make this

fellow return, that he may go back to
the place which you have appointed for
him, and do not let him go down with
us to battle, lest in the battle he become
our adversary. For with what could he
reconcile himself to his master, if not
with the heads of these men?
5 "Is this not David, of whom they sang
to one another in dances, saying: ‘Saul
has slain his thousands, And David his
ten thousands’?"
6 Then Achish called David and said to
him, "Surely, as the LORD lives, you have
been upright, and your going out and
your coming in with me in the army is
good in my sight. For to this day I have
not found evil in you since the day of
your coming to me. Nevertheless the
lords do not favor you.
7 "Therefore return now, and go in
peace, that you may not displease the
lords of the Philistines."

8 So David said to Achish, "But what
have I done? And to this day what have
you found in your servant as long as I
have been with you, that I may not go
and fight against the enemies of my lord
the king?"
9 Then Achish answered and said to
David, "I know that you are as good in my
sight as an angel of God; nevertheless
the princes of the Philistines have said,
'He shall not go up with us to the battle.'
10 "Now therefore, rise early in the
morning with your master's servants
who have come with you. And as soon
as you are up early in the morning and
have light, depart."
11 So David and his men rose early to
depart in the morning, to return to the
land of the Philistines. And the Philistines
went up to Jezreel.

30 1 Now it happened, when David
and his men came to Ziklag, on

the third day, that the Amalekites had
invaded the South and Ziklag, attacked
Ziklag and burned it with fire,
2 and had taken captive the women
and those who were there, from small
to great; they did not kill anyone, but
carried them away and went their way.
3 So David and his men came to the
city, and there it was, burned with fire;
and their wives, their sons, and their
daughters had been taken captive.
4 Then David and the people who were
with him lifted up their voices and wept,
until they had no more power to weep.
5 And David's two wives, Ahinoam the
Jezreelitess, and Abigail the widow of
Nabal the Carmelite, had been taken
captive.
6 Now David was greatly distressed,
for the people spoke of stoning him,
because the soul of all the people was
grieved, every man for his sons and

his daughters. But David strengthened
himself in the LORD his God.
7 Then David said to Abiathar the
priest, Ahimelech’s son, "Please bring
the ephod here to me." And Abiathar
brought the ephod to David.
8 So David inquired of the LORD,
saying, "Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I
overtake them?" And He answered him,
"Pursue, for you shall surely overtake
them and without fail recover all."
9 So David went, he and the six hundred
men who were with him, and came to
the Brook Besor, where those stayed
who were left behind.
10 But David pursued, he and four
hundred men; for two hundred stayed
behind, who were so weary that they
could not cross the Brook Besor.
11 Then they found an Egyptian in the
field, and brought him to David; and they

gave him bread and he ate, and they let
him drink water.
12 And they gave him a piece of a cake
of figs and two clusters of raisins. So
when he had eaten, his strength came
back to him; for he had eaten no bread
nor drunk water for three days and three
nights.
13 Then David said to him, "To whom do
you belong, and where are you from?"
And he said, "I am a young man from
Egypt, servant of an Amalekite; and my
master left me behind, because three
days ago I fell sick.
14 "We made an invasion of the
southern area of the Cherethites, in the
territory which belongs to Judah, and
of the southern area of Caleb; and we
burned Ziklag with fire."
15 And David said to him, "Can you
take me down to this troop?" So he
said, "Swear to me by God that you will

neither kill me nor deliver me into the
hands of my master, and I will take you
down to this troop."
16 And when he had brought him down,
there they were, spread out over all the
land, eating and drinking and dancing,
because of all the great spoil which they
had taken from the land of the Philistines
and from the land of Judah.
17 Then David attacked them from
twilight until the evening of the next
day. Not a man of them escaped, except
four hundred young men who rode on
camels and fled.
18 So David recovered all that the
Amalekites had carried away, and David
rescued his two wives.
19 And nothing of theirs was lacking,
either small or great, sons or daughters,
spoil or anything which they had taken
from them; David recovered all.

20 Then David took all the flocks and
herds they had driven before those
other livestock, and said, "This is David's
spoil."
21 Now David came to the two hundred
men who had been so weary that they
could not follow David, whom they also
had made to stay at the Brook Besor.
So they went out to meet David and to
meet the people who were with him.
And when David came near the people,
he greeted them.
22 Then all the wicked and worthless
men of those who went with David
answered and said, "Because they did
not go with us, we will not give them
any of the spoil that we have recovered,
except for every man's wife and children,
that they may lead them away and
depart."
23 But David said, "My brethren, you
shall not do so with what the LORD has

given us, who has preserved us and
delivered into our hand the troop that
came against us.
24 "For who will heed you in this
matter? But as his part is who goes down
to the battle, so shall his part be who
stays by the supplies; they shall share
alike."
25 So it was, from that day forward; he
made it a statute and an ordinance for
Israel to this day.
26 Now when David came to Ziklag, he
sent some of the spoil to the elders of
Judah, to his friends, saying, "Here is a
present for you from the spoil of the
enemies of the LORD" —
27 to those who were in Bethel, those
who were in Ramoth of the South, those
who were in Jattir,
28 those who were in Aroer, those who
were in Siphmoth, those who were in
Eshtemoa,

29 those who were in Rachal, those who were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, those who were in the cities of the Kenites,

30 those who were in Hormah, those who were in Chorashan, those who were in Athach,

31 those who were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were accustomed to rove.

31 1 Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell slain on Mount Gilboa.

2 Then the Philistines followed hard after Saul and his sons. And the Philistines killed Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchishua, Saul's sons.

3 The battle became fierce against Saul. The archers hit him, and he was severely wounded by the archers.

4 Then Saul said to his armorbearer,
"Draw your sword, and thrust me
through with it, lest these uncircumcised
men come and thrust me through and
abuse me." But his armorbearer would
not, for he was greatly afraid. Therefore
Saul took a sword and fell on it.
5 And when his armorbearer saw that
Saul was dead, he also fell on his sword,
and died with him.
6 So Saul, his three sons, his
armorbearer, and all his men died
together that same day.
7 And when the men of Israel who
were on the other side of the valley, and
those who were on the other side of
the Jordan, saw that the men of Israel
had fled and that Saul and his sons were
dead, they forsook the cities and fled;
and the Philistines came and dwelt in
them.

8 So it happened the next day, when the
Philistines came to strip the slain, that
they found Saul and his three sons fallen
on Mount Gilboa.
9 And they cut off his head and stripped
off his armor, and sent word throughout
the land of the Philistines, to proclaim it
in the temple of their idols and among
the people.
10 Then they put his armor in the
temple of the Ashtoreths, and they
fastened his body to the wall of Beth
Shan.
11 Now when the inhabitants of Jabesh
Gilead heard what the Philistines had
done to Saul,
12 all the valiant men arose and traveled
all night, and took the body of Saul and
the bodies of his sons from the wall of
Beth Shan; and they came to Jabesh and
burned them there.

13 Then they took their bones and
buried them under the tamarisk tree at
Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

2 Samuel

1 1 Now it came to pass after the death
of Saul, when David had returned
from the slaughter of the Amalekites,
and David had stayed two days in Ziklag,
2 on the third day, behold, it happened
that a man came from Saul’s camp with
his clothes torn and dust on his head. So
it was, when he came to David, that he
fell to the ground and prostrated himself.
3 And David said to him, "Where have
you come from?" So he said to him, "I
have escaped from the camp of Israel."
4 Then David said to him, "How did
the matter go? Please tell me." And he
answered, "The people have fled from
the battle, many of the people are fallen
and dead, and Saul and Jonathan his son
are dead also."

5 So David said to the young man who
told him, "How do you know that Saul
and Jonathan his son are dead?"
6 Then the young man who told him
said, "As I happened by chance to be on
Mount Gilboa, there was Saul, leaning
on his spear; and indeed the chariots
and horsemen followed hard after him.
7 "Now when he looked behind him,
he saw me and called to me. And I
answered, 'Here I am.'
8 "And he said to me, 'Who are you?' So
I answered him, 'I am an Amalekite.'
9 "He said to me again, 'Please stand
over me and kill me, for anguish has
come upon me, but my life still remains
in me.'
10 "So I stood over him and killed him,
because I was sure that he could not live
after he had fallen. And I took the crown
that was on his head and the bracelet

that was on his arm, and have brought
them here to my lord."
11 Therefore David took hold of his own
clothes and tore them, and so did all the
men who were with him.
12 And they mourned and wept and
fasted until evening for Saul and for
Jonathan his son, for the people of
the LORD and for the house of Israel,
because they had fallen by the sword.
13 Then David said to the young man
who told him, "Where are you from?"
And he answered, "I am the son of an
alien, an Amalekite."
14 So David said to him, "How was it you
were not afraid to put forth your hand to
destroy the LORD'S anointed?"
15 Then David called one of the young
men and said, "Go near, and execute
him!" And he struck him so that he died.
16 So David said to him, "Your blood is
on your own head, for your own mouth

has testified against you, saying, ‘I have
killed the LORD’S anointed.’"
17 Then David lamented with this
lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan
his son,
18 and he told them to teach the
children of Judah the Song of the Bow;
indeed it is written in the Book of Jasher:
19 "The beauty of Israel is slain on your
high places! How the mighty have fallen!
20 Tell it not in Gath, Proclaim it not
in the streets of Ashkelon—Lest the
daughters of the Philistines rejoice, Lest
the daughters of the uncircumcised
triumph.
21 "O mountains of Gilboa, Let there be
no dew nor rain upon you, Nor fields of
offerings. For the shield of the mighty is
cast away there! The shield of Saul, not
anointed with oil.
22 From the blood of the slain, From the
fat of the mighty, The bow of Jonathan

did not turn back, And the sword of Saul
did not return empty.
23 "Saul and Jonathan were beloved
and pleasant in their lives, And in their
death they were not divided; They were
swifter than eagles, They were stronger
than lions.
24 "O daughters of Israel, weep over
Saul, Who clothed you in scarlet, with
luxury; Who put ornaments of gold on
your apparel.
25 "How the mighty have fallen in the
midst of the battle! Jonathan was slain
in your high places.
26 I am distressed for you, my brother
Jonathan; You have been very pleasant
to me; Your love to me was wonderful,
Surpassing the love of women.
27 "How the mighty have fallen, And the
weapons of war perished!"

2 1 It happened after this that David
inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I

go up to any of the cities of Judah?" And
the LORD said to him, "Go up." David
said, "Where shall I go up?" And He said,
"To Hebron."
2 So David went up there, and his two
wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess,
and Abigail the widow of Nabal the
Carmelite.
3 And David brought up the men who
were with him, every man with his
household. So they dwelt in the cities of
Hebron.
4 Then the men of Judah came, and
there they anointed David king over the
house of Judah. And they told David,
saying, "The men of Jabesh Gilead were
the ones who buried Saul."
5 So David sent messengers to the men
of Jabesh Gilead, and said to them, "You
are blessed of the LORD, for you have
shown this kindness to your lord, to Saul,
and have buried him.

6 "And now may the LORD show
kindness and truth to you. I also will
repay you this kindness, because you
have done this thing.
7 "Now therefore, let your hands be
strengthened, and be valiant; for your
master Saul is dead, and also the house
of Judah has anointed me king over
them."
8 But Abner the son of Ner, commander
of Saul’s army, took Ishbosheth the
son of Saul and brought him over to
Mahanaim;
9 and he made him king over Gilead,
over the Ashurites, over Jezreel, over
Ephraim, over Benjamin, and over all
Israel.
10 Ishbosheth, Saul’s son, was forty
years old when he began to reign over
Israel, and he reigned two years. Only
the house of Judah followed David.

11 And the time that David was king in
Hebron over the house of Judah was
seven years and six months.
12 Now Abner the son of Ner, and the
servants of Ishbosheth the son of Saul,
went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon.
13 And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and the
servants of David, went out and met
them by the pool of Gibeon. So they sat
down, one on one side of the pool and
the other on the other side of the pool.
14 Then Abner said to Joab, "Let the
young men now arise and compete
before us." And Joab said, "Let them
arise."
15 So they arose and went over
by number, twelve from Benjamin,
followers of Ishbosheth the son of Saul,
and twelve from the servants of David.
16 And each one grasped his opponent
by the head and thrust his sword in
his opponent's side; so they fell down

together. Therefore that place was called
the Field of Sharp Swords, which is in
Gibeon.
17 So there was a very fierce battle that
day, and Abner and the men of Israel
were beaten before the servants of
David.
18 Now the three sons of Zeruiah were
there: Joab and Abishai and Asahel. And
Asahel was as fleet of foot as a wild
gazelle.
19 So Asahel pursued Abner, and in
going he did not turn to the right hand
or to the left from following Abner.
20 Then Abner looked behind him and
said, "Are you Asahel?" He answered, "I
am."
21 And Abner said to him, "Turn aside to
your right hand or to your left, and lay
hold on one of the young men and take
his armor for yourself." But Asahel would
not turn aside from following him.

22 So Abner said again to Asahel, "Turn
aside from following me. Why should
I strike you to the ground? How then
could I face your brother Joab?"
23 However, he refused to turn aside.
Therefore Abner struck him in the
stomach with the blunt end of the spear,
so that the spear came out of his back;
and he fell down there and died on the
spot. So it was that as many as came to
the place where Asahel fell down and
died, stood still.
24 Joab and Abishai also pursued
Abner. And the sun was going down
when they came to the hill of Ammah,
which is before Giah by the road to the
Wilderness of Gibeon.
25 Now the children of Benjamin
gathered together behind Abner and
became a unit, and took their stand on
top of a hill.

26 Then Abner called to Joab and said,
"Shall the sword devour forever? Do
you not know that it will be bitter in
the latter end? How long will it be then
until you tell the people to return from
pursuing their brethren?"
27 And Joab said, "As God lives, unless
you had spoken, surely then by morning
all the people would have given up
pursuing their brethren."
28 So Joab blew a trumpet; and all the
people stood still and did not pursue
Israel anymore, nor did they fight
anymore.
29 Then Abner and his men went on all
that night through the plain, crossed
over the Jordan, and went through all
Bithron; and they came to Mahanaim.
30 So Joab returned from pursuing
Abner. And when he had gathered all
the people together, there were missing

of David's servants nineteen men and
Asahel.
31 But the servants of David had struck
down, of Benjamin and Abner's men,
three hundred and sixty men who died.
32 Then they took up Asahel and buried
him in his father's tomb, which was in
Bethlehem. And Joab and his men went
all night, and they came to Hebron at
daybreak.

3 1 Now there was a long war between
the house of Saul and the house
of David. But David grew stronger and
stronger, and the house of Saul grew
weaker and weaker.
2 Sons were born to David in Hebron:
His firstborn was Amnon by Ahinoam
the Jezreelitess;
3 his second, Chileab, by Abigail the
widow of Nabal the Carmelite; the
third, Absalom the son of Maacah, the
daughter of Talmai, king of Geshur;

4 the fourth, Adonijah the son of
Haggith; the fifth, Shephatiah the son of
Abital;
5 and the sixth, Ithream, by David’s
wife Eglah. These were born to David in
Hebron.
6 Now it was so, while there was
war between the house of Saul and
the house of David, that Abner was
strengthening his hold on the house of
Saul.
7 And Saul had a concubine, whose
name was Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah.
So Ishbosheth said to Abner, "Why have
you gone in to my father’s concubine?"
8 Then Abner became very angry at the
words of Ishbosheth, and said, "Am I a
dog’s head that belongs to Judah? Today
I show loyalty to the house of Saul your
father, to his brothers, and to his friends,
and have not delivered you into the

hand of David; and you charge me today
with a fault concerning this woman?
9 "May God do so to Abner, and more
also, if I do not do for David as the LORD
has sworn to him—
10 "to transfer the kingdom from the
house of Saul, and set up the throne of
David over Israel and over Judah, from
Dan to Beersheba."
11 And he could not answer Abner
another word, because he feared him.
12 Then Abner sent messengers on his
behalf to David, saying, "Whose is the
land?" saying also, "Make your covenant
with me, and indeed my hand shall be
with you to bring all Israel to you."
13 And David said, "Good, I will make
a covenant with you. But one thing I
require of you: you shall not see my
face unless you first bring Michal, Saul's
daughter, when you come to see my
face."

14 So David sent messengers to
Ishbosheth, Saul’s son, saying, "Give me
my wife Michal, whom I betrothed to
myself for a hundred foreskins of the
Philistines."
15 And Ishbosheth sent and took her
from her husband, from Paltiel the son
of Laish.
16 Then her husband went along with
her to Bahurim, weeping behind her. So
Abner said to him, "Go, return!" And he
returned.
17 Now Abner had communicated with
the elders of Israel, saying, "In time past
you were seeking for David to be king
over you.
18 "Now then, do it! For the LORD has
spoken of David, saying, ‘By the hand of
My servant David, I will save My people
Israel from the hand of the Philistines
and the hand of all their enemies.’"

19 And Abner also spoke in the hearing
of Benjamin. Then Abner also went to
speak in the hearing of David in Hebron
all that seemed good to Israel and the
whole house of Benjamin.
20 So Abner and twenty men with him
came to David at Hebron. And David
made a feast for Abner and the men who
were with him.
21 Then Abner said to David, "I will arise
and go, and gather all Israel to my lord
the king, that they may make a covenant
with you, and that you may reign over all
that your heart desires." So David sent
Abner away, and he went in peace.
22 At that moment the servants of David
and Joab came from a raid and brought
much spoil with them. But Abner was
not with David in Hebron, for he had sent
him away, and he had gone in peace.
23 When Joab and all the troops that
were with him had come, they told Joab,

saying, "Abner the son of Ner came to
the king, and he sent him away, and he
has gone in peace."
24 Then Joab came to the king and said,
"What have you done? Look, Abner
came to you; why is it that you sent him
away, and he has already gone?
25 "Surely you realize that Abner the
son of Ner came to deceive you, to know
your going out and your coming in, and
to know all that you are doing."
26 And when Joab had gone from
David's presence, he sent messengers
after Abner, who brought him back from
the well of Sirah. But David did not know
it.
27 Now when Abner had returned to
Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate
to speak with him privately, and there
stabbed him in the stomach, so that he
died for the blood of Asahel his brother.

28 Afterward, when David heard it, he
said, "My kingdom and I are guiltless
before the LORD forever of the blood of
Abner the son of Ner.
29 "Let it rest on the head of Joab and
on all his father's house; and let there
never fail to be in the house of Joab one
who has a discharge or is a leper, who
leans on a staff or falls by the sword, or
who lacks bread."
30 So Joab and Abishai his brother
killed Abner, because he had killed their
brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.
31 Then David said to Joab and to all the
people who were with him, "Tear your
clothes, gird yourselves with sackcloth,
and mourn for Abner." And King David
followed the coffin.
32 So they buried Abner in Hebron; and
the king lifted up his voice and wept at
the grave of Abner, and all the people
wept.

33 And the king sang a lament over
Abner and said: "Should Abner die as a
fool dies?
34 Your hands were not bound Nor
your feet put into fetters; As a man falls
before wicked men, so you fell." Then all
the people wept over him again.
35 And when all the people came to
persuade David to eat food while it was
still day, David took an oath, saying,
"God do so to me, and more also, if I
taste bread or anything else till the sun
goes down!"
36 Now all the people took note of it,
and it pleased them, since whatever the
king did pleased all the people.
37 For all the people and all Israel
understood that day that it had not been
the king’s intent to kill Abner the son of
Ner.

38 Then the king said to his servants,
"Do you not know that a prince and a
great man has fallen this day in Israel?
39 "And I am weak today, though
anointed king; and these men, the sons
of Zeruiah, are too harsh for me. The
LORD shall repay the evildoer according
to his wickedness."

4 1 When Saul's son heard that Abner
had died in Hebron, he lost heart,
and all Israel was troubled.
2 Now Saul's son had two men who
were captains of troops. The name of
one was Baanah and the name of the
other Rechab, the sons of Rimmon the
Beerothite, of the children of Benjamin.
(For Beeroth also was part of Benjamin,
3 because the Beerothites fled to
Gittaim and have been sojourners there
until this day.)
4 Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son who
was lame in his feet. He was five years

old when the news about Saul and
Jonathan came from Jezreel; and his
nurse took him up and fled. And it
happened, as she made haste to flee,
that he fell and became lame. His name
was Mephibosheth.
5 Then the sons of Rimmon the
Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, set out
and came at about the heat of the day to
the house of Ishbosheth, who was lying
on his bed at noon.
6 And they came there, all the way into
the house, as though to get wheat, and
they stabbed him in the stomach. Then
Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped.
7 For when they came into the house,
he was lying on his bed in his bedroom;
then they struck him and killed him,
beheaded him and took his head, and
were all night escaping through the
plain.

8 And they brought the head of
Ishbosheth to David at Hebron, and
said to the king, "Here is the head of
Ishbosheth, the son of Saul your enemy,
who sought your life; and the LORD has
avenged my lord the king this day of Saul
and his descendants."
9 But David answered Rechab and
Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon
the Beerothite, and said to them, "As
the LORD lives, who has redeemed my
life from all adversity,
10 "when someone told me, saying,
‘Look, Saul is dead,’ thinking to have
brought good news, I arrested him and
had him executed in Ziklag—the one
who thought I would give him a reward
for his news.
11 "How much more, when wicked men
have killed a righteous person in his own
house on his bed? Therefore, shall I not

now require his blood at your hand and
remove you from the earth?"
12 So David commanded his young men,
and they executed them, cut off their
hands and feet, and hanged them by the
pool in Hebron. But they took the head
of Ishbosheth and buried it in the tomb
of Abner in Hebron.

5 1 Then all the tribes of Israel came to
David at Hebron and spoke, saying,
"Indeed we are your bone and your
flesh.
2 "Also, in time past, when Saul was
king over us, you were the one who led
Israel out and brought them in; and the
LORD said to you, ‘You shall shepherd
My people Israel, and be ruler over
Israel.’"
3 Therefore all the elders of Israel came
to the king at Hebron, and King David
made a covenant with them at Hebron

before the LORD. And they anointed
David king over Israel.
4 David was thirty years old when he
began to reign, and he reigned forty
years.
5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah
seven years and six months, and in
Jerusalem he reigned thirty–three years
over all Israel and Judah.
6 And the king and his men went to
Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the
inhabitants of the land, who spoke to
David, saying, "You shall not come in
here; but the blind and the lame will
repel you," thinking, "David cannot come
in here."
7 Nevertheless David took the
stronghold of Zion (that is, the City of
David).
8 Now David said on that day, "Whoever
climbs up by way of the water shaft and
defeats the Jebusites (the lame and the

blind, who are hated by David’s soul), he
shall be chief and captain." Therefore
they say, "The blind and the lame shall
not come into the house."
9 Then David dwelt in the stronghold,
and called it the City of David. And
David built all around from the Millo and
inward.
10 So David went on and became great,
and the LORD God of hosts was with
him.
11 Then Hiram king of Tyre sent
messengers to David, and cedar trees,
and carpenters and masons. And they
built David a house.
12 So David knew that the LORD had
established him as king over Israel, and
that He had exalted His kingdom for the
sake of His people Israel.
13 And David took more concubines
and wives from Jerusalem, after he had

come from Hebron. Also more sons and
daughters were born to David.
14 Now these are the names of those
who were born to him in Jerusalem:
Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,
15 Ibhar, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia,
16 Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet.
17 Now when the Philistines heard that
they had anointed David king over Israel,
all the Philistines went up to search for
David. And David heard of it and went
down to the stronghold.
18 The Philistines also went and
deployed themselves in the Valley of
Rephaim.
19 So David inquired of the LORD,
saying, "Shall I go up against the
Philistines? Will You deliver them into
my hand?" And the LORD said to David,
"Go up, for I will doubtless deliver the
Philistines into your hand."

20 So David went to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them there; and he said, "The LORD has broken through my enemies before me, like a breakthrough of water." Therefore he called the name of that place Baal Perazim.
21 And they left their images there, and David and his men carried them away.
22 Then the Philistines went up once again and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim.
23 Therefore David inquired of the LORD, and He said, "You shall not go up; circle around behind them, and come upon them in front of the mulberry trees.
24 "And it shall be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall advance quickly. For then the LORD will go out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines."

25 And David did so, as the LORD
commanded him; and he drove back the
Philistines from Geba as far as Gezer.

6 1 Again David gathered all the choice
men of Israel, thirty thousand.
2 And David arose and went with all the
people who were with him from Baale
Judah to bring up from there the ark of
God, whose name is called by the Name,
the LORD of Hosts, who dwells between
the cherubim.
3 So they set the ark of God on a new
cart, and brought it out of the house of
Abinadab, which was on the hill; and
Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab,
drove the new cart.
4 And they brought it out of the house
of Abinadab, which was on the hill,
accompanying the ark of God; and Ahio
went before the ark.
5 Then David and all the house of
Israel played music before the LORD

on all kinds of instruments of fir wood,
on harps, on stringed instruments,
on tambourines, on sistrums, and on
cymbals.
6 And when they came to Nachon’s
threshing floor, Uzzah put out his hand
to the ark of God and took hold of it, for
the oxen stumbled.
7 Then the anger of the LORD was
aroused against Uzzah, and God struck
him there for his error; and he died there
by the ark of God.
8 And David became angry because of
the LORD’S outbreak against Uzzah; and
he called the name of the place Perez
Uzzah to this day.
9 David was afraid of the LORD that day;
and he said, "How can the ark of the
LORD come to me?"
10 So David would not move the ark of
the LORD with him into the City of David;

but David took it aside into the house of
Obed–Edom the Gittite.
11 The ark of the LORD remained in
the house of Obed–Edom the Gittite
three months. And the LORD blessed
Obed–Edom and all his household.
12 Now it was told King David, saying,
"The LORD has blessed the house of
Obed–Edom and all that belongs to him,
because of the ark of God." So David
went and brought up the ark of God
from the house of Obed–Edom to the
City of David with gladness.
13 And so it was, when those bearing
the ark of the LORD had gone six paces,
that he sacrificed oxen and fatted sheep.
14 Then David danced before the LORD
with all his might; and David was wearing
a linen ephod.
15 So David and all the house of Israel
brought up the ark of the LORD with

shouting and with the sound of the
trumpet.
16 Now as the ark of the LORD came
into the City of David, Michal, Saul’s
daughter, looked through a window and
saw King David leaping and whirling
before the LORD; and she despised him
in her heart.
17 So they brought the ark of the LORD,
and set it in its place in the midst of the
tabernacle that David had erected for it.
Then David offered burnt offerings and
peace offerings before the LORD.
18 And when David had finished offering
burnt offerings and peace offerings, he
blessed the people in the name of the
LORD of hosts.
19 Then he distributed among all the
people, among the whole multitude of
Israel, both the women and the men,
to everyone a loaf of bread, a piece of

meat, and a cake of raisins. So all the
people departed, everyone to his house.
20 Then David returned to bless his
household. And Michal the daughter of
Saul came out to meet David, and said,
"How glorious was the king of Israel
today, uncovering himself today in the
eyes of the maids of his servants, as one
of the base fellows shamelessly uncovers
himself!"
21 So David said to Michal, "It was
before the LORD, who chose me instead
of your father and all his house, to
appoint me ruler over the people of the
LORD, over Israel. Therefore I will play
music before the LORD.
22 "And I will be even more undignified
than this, and will be humble in my own
sight. But as for the maidservants of
whom you have spoken, by them I will
be held in honor."

23 Therefore Michal the daughter of
Saul had no children to the day of her
death.

7 1 Now it came to pass when the king
was dwelling in his house, and the
LORD had given him rest from all his
enemies all around,
2 that the king said to Nathan the
prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of
cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside
tent curtains."
3 Then Nathan said to the king, "Go, do
all that is in your heart, for the LORD is
with you."
4 But it happened that night that the
word of the LORD came to Nathan,
saying,
5 "Go and tell My servant David, ‘Thus
says the LORD: "Would you build a house
for Me to dwell in?
6 "For I have not dwelt in a house since
the time that I brought the children of

Israel up from Egypt, even to this day, but have moved about in a tent and in a tabernacle.

7 "Wherever I have moved about with all the children of Israel, have I ever spoken a word to anyone from the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?’"’

8 "Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel.

9 "And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth.

10 "Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant

them, that they may dwell in a place of
their own and move no more; nor shall
the sons of wickedness oppress them
anymore, as previously,
11 "since the time that I commanded
judges to be over My people Israel, and
have caused you to rest from all your
enemies. Also the LORD tells you that He
will make you a house.
12 "When your days are fulfilled and you
rest with your fathers, I will set up your
seed after you, who will come from your
body, and I will establish his kingdom.
13 "He shall build a house for My name,
and I will establish the throne of his
kingdom forever.
14 "I will be his Father, and he shall be
My son. If he commits iniquity, I will
chasten him with the rod of men and
with the blows of the sons of men.

15 "But My mercy shall not depart
from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I
removed from before you.
16 "And your house and your kingdom
shall be established forever before
you. Your throne shall be established
forever."’"
17 According to all these words and
according to all this vision, so Nathan
spoke to David.
18 Then King David went in and sat
before the LORD; and he said: "Who am
I, O Lord GOD? And what is my house,
that You have brought me this far?
19 "And yet this was a small thing in
Your sight, O Lord GOD; and You have
also spoken of Your servant’s house for a
great while to come. Is this the manner
of man, O Lord GOD?
20 "Now what more can David say to
You? For You, Lord GOD, know Your
servant.

21 "For Your word's sake, and according
to Your own heart, You have done all
these great things, to make Your servant
know them.
22 "Therefore You are great, O LORD
GOD. For there is none like You, nor is
there any God besides You, according to
all that we have heard with our ears.
23 "And who is like Your people, like
Israel, the one nation on the earth
whom God went to redeem for Himself
as a people, to make for Himself a
name—and to do for Yourself great and
awesome deeds for Your land—before
Your people whom You redeemed for
Yourself from Egypt, the nations, and
their gods?
24 "For You have made Your people
Israel Your very own people forever; and
You, LORD, have become their God.
25 "Now, O LORD God, the word which
You have spoken concerning Your servant

and concerning his house, establish it
forever and do as You have said.
26 "So let Your name be magnified
forever, saying, ‘The LORD of hosts is the
God over Israel.’ And let the house of
Your servant David be established before
You.
27 "For You, O LORD of hosts, God
of Israel, have revealed this to Your
servant, saying, ‘I will build you a house.’
Therefore Your servant has found it in
his heart to pray this prayer to You.
28 "And now, O Lord GOD, You are God,
and Your words are true, and You have
promised this goodness to Your servant.
29 "Now therefore, let it please You to
bless the house of Your servant, that
it may continue forever before You; for
You, O Lord GOD, have spoken it, and
with Your blessing let the house of Your
servant be blessed forever."

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1 After this it came to pass that David
attacked the Philistines and subdued
them. And David took Metheg Ammah
from the hand of the Philistines.
2 Then he defeated Moab. Forcing
them down to the ground, he measured
them off with a line. With two lines he
measured off those to be put to death,
and with one full line those to be kept
alive. So the Moabites became David's
servants, and brought tribute.
3 David also defeated Hadadezer the
son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went
to recover his territory at the River
Euphrates.
4 David took from him one thousand
chariots, seven hundred horsemen, and
twenty thousand foot soldiers. Also
David hamstrung all the chariot horses,
except that he spared enough of them
for one hundred chariots.

5 When the Syrians of Damascus came
to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David
killed twenty–two thousand of the
Syrians.
6 Then David put garrisons in Syria
of Damascus; and the Syrians became
David's servants, and brought tribute.
The LORD preserved David wherever he
went.
7 And David took the shields of gold
that had belonged to the servants
of Hadadezer, and brought them to
Jerusalem.
8 Also from Betah and from Berothai,
cities of Hadadezer, King David took a
large amount of bronze.
9 When Toi king of Hamath heard that
David had defeated all the army of
Hadadezer,
10 then Toi sent Joram his son to
King David, to greet him and bless
him, because he had fought against

Hadadezer and defeated him (for
Hadadezer had been at war with Toi);
and Joram brought with him articles of
silver, articles of gold, and articles of
bronze.
11 King David also dedicated these to
the LORD, along with the silver and
gold that he had dedicated from all the
nations which he had subdued—
12 from Syria, from Moab, from the
people of Ammon, from the Philistines,
from Amalek, and from the spoil of
Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of
Zobah.
13 And David made himself a name
when he returned from killing eighteen
thousand Syrians in the Valley of Salt.
14 He also put garrisons in Edom;
throughout all Edom he put garrisons,
and all the Edomites became David's
servants. And the LORD preserved David
wherever he went.

15 So David reigned over all Israel; and
David administered judgment and justice
to all his people.
16 Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the
army; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud
was recorder;
17 Zadok the son of Ahitub and
Ahimelech the son of Abiathar were the
priests; Seraiah was the scribe;
18 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over
both the Cherethites and the Pelethites;
and David's sons were chief ministers.
9 1 Now David said, "Is there still
anyone who is left of the house of
Saul, that I may show him kindness for
Jonathan's sake?"
2 And there was a servant of the house
of Saul whose name was Ziba. So when
they had called him to David, the king
said to him, "Are you Ziba?" And he said,
"At your service!"

3 Then the king said, "Is there not still
someone of the house of Saul, to whom
I may show the kindness of God?" And
Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son
of Jonathan who is lame in his feet."
4 So the king said to him, "Where is
he?" And Ziba said to the king, "Indeed
he is in the house of Machir the son of
Ammiel, in Lo Debar."
5 Then King David sent and brought him
out of the house of Machir the son of
Ammiel, from Lo Debar.
6 Now when Mephibosheth the son
of Jonathan, the son of Saul, had
come to David, he fell on his face and
prostrated himself. Then David said,
"Mephibosheth?" And he answered,
"Here is your servant!"
7 So David said to him, "Do not fear,
for I will surely show you kindness for
Jonathan your father’s sake, and will
restore to you all the land of Saul your

grandfather; and you shall eat bread at
my table continually."
8 Then he bowed himself, and said,
"What is your servant, that you should
look upon such a dead dog as I?"
9 And the king called to Ziba, Saul's
servant, and said to him, "I have given to
your master's son all that belonged to
Saul and to all his house.
10 "You therefore, and your sons and
your servants, shall work the land for
him, and you shall bring in the harvest,
that your master's son may have food
to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's
son shall eat bread at my table always."
Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty
servants.
11 Then Ziba said to the king, "According
to all that my lord the king has
commanded his servant, so will your
servant do." "As for Mephibosheth,"

said the king, "he shall eat at my table
like one of the king's sons."
12 Mephibosheth had a young son
whose name was Micha. And all who
dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants
of Mephibosheth.
13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem,
for he ate continually at the king's table.
And he was lame in both his feet.

10 1 It happened after this that the
king of the people of Ammon
died, and Hanun his son reigned in his
place.
2 Then David said, "I will show kindness
to Hanun the son of Nahash, as his
father showed kindness to me." So
David sent by the hand of his servants to
comfort him concerning his father. And
David's servants came into the land of
the people of Ammon.
3 And the princes of the people of
Ammon said to Hanun their lord, "Do

you think that David really honors your
father because he has sent comforters
to you? Has David not rather sent his
servants to you to search the city, to spy
it out, and to overthrow it?"
4 Therefore Hanun took David's
servants, shaved off half of their beards,
cut off their garments in the middle, at
their buttocks, and sent them away.
5 When they told David, he sent to meet
them, because the men were greatly
ashamed. And the king said, "Wait at
Jericho until your beards have grown,
and then return."
6 When the people of Ammon saw that
they had made themselves repulsive to
David, the people of Ammon sent and
hired the Syrians of Beth Rehob and the
Syrians of Zoba, twenty thousand foot
soldiers; and from the king of Maacah
one thousand men, and from Ish–Tob
twelve thousand men.

7 Now when David heard of it, he sent Joab and all the army of the mighty men.
8 Then the people of Ammon came out and put themselves in battle array at the entrance of the gate. And the Syrians of Zoba, Beth Rehob, Ish–Tob, and Maacah were by themselves in the field.
9 When Joab saw that the battle line was against him before and behind, he chose some of Israel’s best and put them in battle array against the Syrians.
10 And the rest of the people he put under the command of Abishai his brother, that he might set them in battle array against the people of Ammon.
11 Then he said, "If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you shall help me; but if the people of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will come and help you.
12 "Be of good courage, and let us be strong for our people and for the cities

of our God. And may the LORD do what
is good in His sight."
13 So Joab and the people who were
with him drew near for the battle against
the Syrians, and they fled before him.
14 When the people of Ammon saw
that the Syrians were fleeing, they also
fled before Abishai, and entered the city.
So Joab returned from the people of
Ammon and went to Jerusalem.
15 When the Syrians saw that they had
been defeated by Israel, they gathered
together.
16 Then Hadadezer sent and brought
out the Syrians who were beyond the
River, and they came to Helam. And
Shobach the commander of Hadadezer’s
army went before them.
17 When it was told David, he gathered
all Israel, crossed over the Jordan, and
came to Helam. And the Syrians set

themselves in battle array against David
and fought with him.
18 Then the Syrians fled before
Israel; and David killed seven hundred
charioteers and forty thousand
horsemen of the Syrians, and struck
Shobach the commander of their army,
who died there.
19 And when all the kings who were
servants to Hadadezer saw that they
were defeated by Israel, they made
peace with Israel and served them.
So the Syrians were afraid to help the
people of Ammon anymore.

11 1 It happened in the spring of
the year, at the time when kings
go out to battle, that David sent Joab
and his servants with him, and all
Israel; and they destroyed the people of
Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David
remained at Jerusalem.

2 Then it happened one evening that
David arose from his bed and walked on
the roof of the king’s house. And from
the roof he saw a woman bathing, and
the woman was very beautiful to behold.
3 So David sent and inquired about the
woman. And someone said, "Is this not
Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the
wife of Uriah the Hittite?"
4 Then David sent messengers, and took
her; and she came to him, and he lay
with her, for she was cleansed from her
impurity; and she returned to her house.
5 And the woman conceived; so she
sent and told David, and said, "I am with
child."
6 Then David sent to Joab, saying, "Send
me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent
Uriah to David.
7 When Uriah had come to him, David
asked how Joab was doing, and how the

people were doing, and how the war
prospered.
8 And David said to Uriah, "Go down
to your house and wash your feet." So
Uriah departed from the king’s house,
and a gift of food from the king followed
him.
9 But Uriah slept at the door of the
king’s house with all the servants of his
lord, and did not go down to his house.
10 So when they told David, saying,
"Uriah did not go down to his house,"
David said to Uriah, "Did you not come
from a journey? Why did you not go
down to your house?"
11 And Uriah said to David, "The ark and
Israel and Judah are dwelling in tents,
and my lord Joab and the servants of my
lord are encamped in the open fields.
Shall I then go to my house to eat and
drink, and to lie with my wife? As you

live, and as your soul lives, I will not do
this thing."
12 Then David said to Uriah, "Wait here
today also, and tomorrow I will let you
depart." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem
that day and the next.
13 Now when David called him, he ate
and drank before him; and he made him
drunk. And at evening he went out to lie
on his bed with the servants of his lord,
but he did not go down to his house.
14 In the morning it happened that
David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it
by the hand of Uriah.
15 And he wrote in the letter, saying,
"Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest
battle, and retreat from him, that he
may be struck down and die."
16 So it was, while Joab besieged the
city, that he assigned Uriah to a place
where he knew there were valiant men.

17 Then the men of the city came out
and fought with Joab. And some of the
people of the servants of David fell; and
Uriah the Hittite died also.
18 Then Joab sent and told David all the
things concerning the war,
19 and charged the messenger, saying,
"When you have finished telling the
matters of the war to the king,
20 if it happens that the king’s wrath
rises, and he says to you: ‘Why did you
approach so near to the city when you
fought? Did you not know that they
would shoot from the wall?
21 ‘Who struck Abimelech the son of
Jerubbesheth? Was it not a woman who
cast a piece of a millstone on him from
the wall, so that he died in Thebez? Why
did you go near the wall?’ —then you
shall say, ‘Your servant Uriah the Hittite
is dead also.’"

22 So the messenger went, and came
and told David all that Joab had sent by
him.
23 And the messenger said to David,
"Surely the men prevailed against us
and came out to us in the field; then we
drove them back as far as the entrance
of the gate.
24 "The archers shot from the wall at
your servants; and some of the king's
servants are dead, and your servant
Uriah the Hittite is dead also."
25 Then David said to the messenger,
"Thus you shall say to Joab: 'Do not
let this thing displease you, for the
sword devours one as well as another.
Strengthen your attack against the city,
and overthrow it.' So encourage him."
26 When the wife of Uriah heard that
Uriah her husband was dead, she
mourned for her husband.

27 And when her mourning was over,
David sent and brought her to his house,
and she became his wife and bore him a
son. But the thing that David had done
displeased the LORD.
12 1 Then the LORD sent Nathan to
David. And he came to him, and
said to him: "There were two men in one
city, one rich and the other poor.
2 "The rich man had exceedingly many
flocks and herds.
3 "But the poor man had nothing,
except one little ewe lamb which he had
bought and nourished; and it grew up
together with him and with his children.
It ate of his own food and drank from his
own cup and lay in his bosom; and it was
like a daughter to him.
4 "And a traveler came to the rich man,
who refused to take from his own flock
and from his own herd to prepare one
for the wayfaring man who had come to

him; but he took the poor man’s lamb
and prepared it for the man who had
come to him."
5 So David’s anger was greatly aroused
against the man, and he said to Nathan,
"As the LORD lives, the man who has
done this shall surely die!
6 "And he shall restore fourfold for the
lamb, because he did this thing and
because he had no pity."
7 Then Nathan said to David, "You are
the man! Thus says the LORD God of
Israel: ‘I anointed you king over Israel,
and I delivered you from the hand of
Saul.
8 ‘I gave you your master’s house and
your master’s wives into your keeping,
and gave you the house of Israel and
Judah. And if that had been too little, I
also would have given you much more!
9 ‘Why have you despised the
commandment of the LORD, to do evil

in His sight? You have killed Uriah the
Hittite with the sword; you have taken
his wife to be your wife, and have killed
him with the sword of the people of
Ammon.
10 ‘Now therefore, the sword shall
never depart from your house, because
you have despised Me, and have taken
the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your
wife.’
11 "Thus says the LORD: ‘Behold, I will
raise up adversity against you from your
own house; and I will take your wives
before your eyes and give them to your
neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives
in the sight of this sun.
12 ‘For you did it secretly, but I will do
this thing before all Israel, before the
sun.’"
13 So David said to Nathan, "I have
sinned against the LORD." And Nathan

said to David, "The LORD also has put
away your sin; you shall not die.
14 "However, because by this deed
you have given great occasion to the
enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the
child also who is born to you shall surely
die."
15 Then Nathan departed to his house.
And the LORD struck the child that
Uriah’s wife bore to David, and it became
ill.
16 David therefore pleaded with God for
the child, and David fasted and went in
and lay all night on the ground.
17 So the elders of his house arose and
went to him, to raise him up from the
ground. But he would not, nor did he eat
food with them.
18 Then on the seventh day it came
to pass that the child died. And the
servants of David were afraid to tell him
that the child was dead. For they said,

"Indeed, while the child was alive, we
spoke to him, and he would not heed
our voice. How can we tell him that the
child is dead? He may do some harm!"
19 When David saw that his servants
were whispering, David perceived that
the child was dead. Therefore David said
to his servants, "Is the child dead?" And
they said, "He is dead."
20 So David arose from the ground,
washed and anointed himself, and
changed his clothes; and he went into
the house of the LORD and worshiped.
Then he went to his own house; and
when he requested, they set food before
him, and he ate.
21 Then his servants said to him, "What
is this that you have done? You fasted
and wept for the child while he was
alive, but when the child died, you arose
and ate food."

22 And he said, "While the child was
alive, I fasted and wept; for I said,
‘Who can tell whether the LORD will be
gracious to me, that the child may live?’
23 "But now he is dead; why should I
fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall
go to him, but he shall not return to me."
24 Then David comforted Bathsheba his
wife, and went in to her and lay with
her. So she bore a son, and he called his
name Solomon. Now the LORD loved
him,
25 and He sent word by the hand of
Nathan the prophet: So he called his
name Jedidiah, because of the LORD.
26 Now Joab fought against Rabbah of
the people of Ammon, and took the
royal city.
27 And Joab sent messengers to David,
and said, "I have fought against Rabbah,
and I have taken the city’s water supply.

28 "Now therefore, gather the rest of
the people together and encamp against
the city and take it, lest I take the city
and it be called after my name."
29 So David gathered all the people
together and went to Rabbah, fought
against it, and took it.
30 Then he took their king's crown from
his head. Its weight was a talent of gold,
with precious stones. And it was set on
David's head. Also he brought out the
spoil of the city in great abundance.
31 And he brought out the people
who were in it, and put them to work
with saws and iron picks and iron axes,
and made them cross over to the brick
works. So he did to all the cities of the
people of Ammon. Then David and all
the people returned to Jerusalem.

13

1 After this Absalom the son of
David had a lovely sister, whose

name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of
David loved her.
2 Amnon was so distressed over his
sister Tamar that he became sick; for she
was a virgin. And it was improper for
Amnon to do anything to her.
3 But Amnon had a friend whose name
was Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David’s
brother. Now Jonadab was a very crafty
man.
4 And he said to him, "Why are you,
the king’s son, becoming thinner day
after day? Will you not tell me?" Amnon
said to him, "I love Tamar, my brother
Absalom’s sister."
5 So Jonadab said to him, "Lie down
on your bed and pretend to be ill. And
when your father comes to see you, say
to him, ‘Please let my sister Tamar come
and give me food, and prepare the food
in my sight, that I may see it and eat it
from her hand.’"

6 Then Amnon lay down and pretended
to be ill; and when the king came to see
him, Amnon said to the king, "Please
let Tamar my sister come and make a
couple of cakes for me in my sight, that I
may eat from her hand."
7 And David sent home to Tamar, saying,
"Now go to your brother Amnon's house,
and prepare food for him."
8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's
house; and he was lying down. Then she
took flour and kneaded it, made cakes in
his sight, and baked the cakes.
9 And she took the pan and placed
them out before him, but he refused to
eat. Then Amnon said, "Have everyone
go out from me." And they all went out
from him.
10 Then Amnon said to Tamar, "Bring
the food into the bedroom, that I may
eat from your hand." And Tamar took
the cakes which she had made, and

brought them to Amnon her brother in
the bedroom.
11 Now when she had brought them to
him to eat, he took hold of her and said
to her, "Come, lie with me, my sister."
12 And she answered him, "No, my
brother, do not force me, for no such
thing should be done in Israel. Do not do
this disgraceful thing!
13 "And I, where could I take my shame?
And as for you, you would be like one
of the fools in Israel. Now therefore,
please speak to the king; for he will not
withhold me from you."
14 However, he would not heed her
voice; and being stronger than she, he
forced her and lay with her.
15 Then Amnon hated her exceedingly,
so that the hatred with which he hated
her was greater than the love with which
he had loved her. And Amnon said to
her, "Arise, be gone!"

16 So she said to him, "No, indeed! This evil of sending me away is worse than the other that you did to me." But he would not listen to her.
17 Then he called his servant who attended him, and said, "Here! Put this woman out, away from me, and bolt the door behind her."
18 Now she had on a robe of many colors, for the king’s virgin daughters wore such apparel. And his servant put her out and bolted the door behind her.
19 Then Tamar put ashes on her head, and tore her robe of many colors that was on her, and laid her hand on her head and went away crying bitterly.
20 And Absalom her brother said to her, "Has Amnon your brother been with you? But now hold your peace, my sister. He is your brother; do not take this thing to heart." So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom’s house.

21 But when King David heard of all
these things, he was very angry.
22 And Absalom spoke to his brother
Amnon neither good nor bad. For
Absalom hated Amnon, because he had
forced his sister Tamar.
23 And it came to pass, after two full
years, that Absalom had sheepshearers
in Baal Hazor, which is near Ephraim; so
Absalom invited all the king’s sons.
24 Then Absalom came to the king and
said, "Kindly note, your servant has
sheepshearers; please, let the king and
his servants go with your servant."
25 But the king said to Absalom, "No,
my son, let us not all go now, lest we be a
burden to you." Then he urged him, but
he would not go; and he blessed him.
26 Then Absalom said, "If not, please let
my brother Amnon go with us." And the
king said to him, "Why should he go with
you?"

27 But Absalom urged him; so he let
Amnon and all the king’s sons go with
him.
28 Now Absalom had commanded his
servants, saying, "Watch now, when
Amnon’s heart is merry with wine, and
when I say to you, ‘Strike Amnon!’ then
kill him. Do not be afraid. Have I not
commanded you? Be courageous and
valiant."
29 So the servants of Absalom did to
Amnon as Absalom had commanded.
Then all the king’s sons arose, and each
one got on his mule and fled.
30 And it came to pass, while they were
on the way, that news came to David,
saying, "Absalom has killed all the king’s
sons, and not one of them is left!"
31 So the king arose and tore his
garments and lay on the ground, and all
his servants stood by with their clothes
torn.

32 Then Jonadab the son of Shimeah,
David’s brother, answered and said, "Let
not my lord suppose they have killed all
the young men, the king’s sons, for only
Amnon is dead. For by the command of
Absalom this has been determined from
the day that he forced his sister Tamar.
33 "Now therefore, let not my lord the
king take the thing to his heart, to think
that all the king’s sons are dead. For only
Amnon is dead."
34 Then Absalom fled. And the young
man who was keeping watch lifted
his eyes and looked, and there, many
people were coming from the road on
the hillside behind him.
35 And Jonadab said to the king, "Look,
the king’s sons are coming; as your
servant said, so it is."
36 So it was, as soon as he had finished
speaking, that the king’s sons indeed
came, and they lifted up their voice and

wept. Also the king and all his servants
wept very bitterly.
37 But Absalom fled and went to Talmai
the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And
David mourned for his son every day.
38 So Absalom fled and went to Geshur,
and was there three years.
39 And King David longed to go to
Absalom. For he had been comforted
concerning Amnon, because he was
dead.

14 1 So Joab the son of Zeruiah
perceived that the king's heart
was concerned about Absalom.
2 And Joab sent to Tekoa and brought
from there a wise woman, and said to
her, "Please pretend to be a mourner,
and put on mourning apparel; do not
anoint yourself with oil, but act like a
woman who has been mourning a long
time for the dead.

3 "Go to the king and speak to him in
this manner." So Joab put the words in
her mouth.
4 And when the woman of Tekoa spoke
to the king, she fell on her face to the
ground and prostrated herself, and said,
"Help, O king!"
5 Then the king said to her, "What
troubles you?" And she answered,
"Indeed I am a widow, my husband is
dead.
6 "Now your maidservant had two sons;
and the two fought with each other in
the field, and there was no one to part
them, but the one struck the other and
killed him.
7 "And now the whole family has risen
up against your maidservant, and they
said, ‘Deliver him who struck his brother,
that we may execute him for the life of
his brother whom he killed; and we will
destroy the heir also.’ So they would

extinguish my ember that is left, and
leave to my husband neither name nor
remnant on the earth."
8 Then the king said to the woman,
"Go to your house, and I will give orders
concerning you."
9 And the woman of Tekoa said to the
king, "My lord, O king, let the iniquity be
on me and on my father's house, and
the king and his throne be guiltless."
10 So the king said, "Whoever says
anything to you, bring him to me, and he
shall not touch you anymore."
11 Then she said, "Please let the king
remember the LORD your God, and
do not permit the avenger of blood to
destroy anymore, lest they destroy my
son." And he said, "As the LORD lives,
not one hair of your son shall fall to the
ground."
12 Therefore the woman said, "Please,
let your maidservant speak another

word to my lord the king." And he said,
"Say on."
13 So the woman said: "Why then have
you schemed such a thing against the
people of God? For the king speaks this
thing as one who is guilty, in that the
king does not bring his banished one
home again.
14 "For we will surely die and become
like water spilled on the ground, which
cannot be gathered up again. Yet God
does not take away a life; but He devises
means, so that His banished ones are
not expelled from Him.
15 "Now therefore, I have come to speak
of this thing to my lord the king because
the people have made me afraid. And
your maidservant said, ‘I will now speak
to the king; it may be that the king will
perform the request of his maidservant.
16 ‘For the king will hear and deliver
his maidservant from the hand of the

man who would destroy me and my son
together from the inheritance of God.'
17 "Your maidservant said, 'The word of
my lord the king will now be comforting;
for as the angel of God, so is my lord
the king in discerning good and evil. And
may the LORD your God be with you.'"
18 Then the king answered and said to
the woman, "Please do not hide from
me anything that I ask you." And the
woman said, "Please, let my lord the
king speak."
19 So the king said, "Is the hand of Joab
with you in all this?" And the woman
answered and said, "As you live, my lord
the king, no one can turn to the right
hand or to the left from anything that
my lord the king has spoken. For your
servant Joab commanded me, and he
put all these words in the mouth of your
maidservant.

20 "To bring about this change of affairs
your servant Joab has done this thing;
but my lord is wise, according to the
wisdom of the angel of God, to know
everything that is in the earth."
21 And the king said to Joab, "All right,
I have granted this thing. Go therefore,
bring back the young man Absalom."
22 Then Joab fell to the ground on his
face and bowed himself, and thanked
the king. And Joab said, "Today your
servant knows that I have found favor
in your sight, my lord, O king, in that
the king has fulfilled the request of his
servant."
23 So Joab arose and went to Geshur,
and brought Absalom to Jerusalem.
24 And the king said, "Let him return to
his own house, but do not let him see my
face." So Absalom returned to his own
house, but did not see the king’s face.

25 Now in all Israel there was no one who was praised as much as Absalom for his good looks. From the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.

26 And when he cut the hair of his head—at the end of every year he cut it because it was heavy on him—when he cut it, he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels according to the king's standard.

27 To Absalom were born three sons, and one daughter whose name was Tamar. She was a woman of beautiful appearance.

28 And Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, but did not see the king's face.

29 Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to send him to the king, but he would not come to him. And when he sent again the second time, he would not come.

30 So he said to his servants, "See,
Joab's field is near mine, and he has
barley there; go and set it on fire." And
Absalom's servants set the field on fire.
31 Then Joab arose and came to
Absalom's house, and said to him, "Why
have your servants set my field on fire?"
32 And Absalom answered Joab, "Look,
I sent to you, saying, 'Come here, so that
I may send you to the king, to say, "Why
have I come from Geshur? It would be
better for me to be there still."' Now
therefore, let me see the king's face; but
if there is iniquity in me, let him execute
me."
33 So Joab went to the king and told him.
And when he had called for Absalom, he
came to the king and bowed himself on
his face to the ground before the king.
Then the king kissed Absalom.

15 1 After this it happened that
Absalom provided himself with

chariots and horses, and fifty men to run
before him.
2 Now Absalom would rise early and
stand beside the way to the gate. So
it was, whenever anyone who had a
lawsuit came to the king for a decision,
that Absalom would call to him and say,
"What city are you from?" And he would
say, "Your servant is from such and such
a tribe of Israel."
3 Then Absalom would say to him,
"Look, your case is good and right; but
there is no deputy of the king to hear
you."
4 Moreover Absalom would say, "Oh,
that I were made judge in the land, and
everyone who has any suit or cause
would come to me; then I would give
him justice."
5 And so it was, whenever anyone came
near to bow down to him, that he would

put out his hand and take him and kiss
him.
6 In this manner Absalom acted toward
all Israel who came to the king for
judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts
of the men of Israel.
7 Now it came to pass after forty years
that Absalom said to the king, "Please,
let me go to Hebron and pay the vow
which I made to the LORD.
8 "For your servant took a vow while
I dwelt at Geshur in Syria, saying, ‘If
the LORD indeed brings me back to
Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD.’"
9 And the king said to him, "Go in
peace." So he arose and went to Hebron.
10 Then Absalom sent spies throughout
all the tribes of Israel, saying, "As soon
as you hear the sound of the trumpet,
then you shall say, ‘Absalom reigns in
Hebron!’"

11 And with Absalom went two hundred
men invited from Jerusalem, and they
went along innocently and did not know
anything.
12 Then Absalom sent for Ahithophel
the Gilonite, David’s counselor, from
his city—from Giloh—while he offered
sacrifices. And the conspiracy grew
strong, for the people with Absalom
continually increased in number.
13 Now a messenger came to David,
saying, "The hearts of the men of Israel
are with Absalom."
14 So David said to all his servants who
were with him at Jerusalem, "Arise, and
let us flee; or we shall not escape from
Absalom. Make haste to depart, lest he
overtake us suddenly and bring disaster
upon us, and strike the city with the
edge of the sword."

15 And the king's servants said to the
king, "We are your servants, ready to do
whatever my lord the king commands."
16 Then the king went out with all his
household after him. But the king left
ten women, concubines, to keep the
house.
17 And the king went out with all the
people after him, and stopped at the
outskirts.
18 Then all his servants passed before
him; and all the Cherethites, all the
Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six
hundred men who had followed him
from Gath, passed before the king.
19 Then the king said to Ittai the Gittite,
"Why are you also going with us? Return
and remain with the king. For you are
a foreigner and also an exile from your
own place.
20 "In fact, you came only yesterday.
Should I make you wander up and down

with us today, since I go I know not
where? Return, and take your brethren
back. Mercy and truth be with you."
21 And Ittai answered the king and said,
"As the LORD lives, and as my lord the
king lives, surely in whatever place my
lord the king shall be, whether in death
or life, even there also your servant will
be."
22 So David said to Ittai, "Go, and cross
over." Then Ittai the Gittite and all his
men and all the little ones who were
with him crossed over.
23 And all the country wept with a loud
voice, and all the people crossed over.
The king himself also crossed over the
Brook Kidron, and all the people crossed
over toward the way of the wilderness.
24 There was Zadok also, and all the
Levites with him, bearing the ark of the
covenant of God. And they set down the
ark of God, and Abiathar went up until

all the people had finished crossing over
from the city.
25 Then the king said to Zadok, "Carry
the ark of God back into the city. If I find
favor in the eyes of the LORD, He will
bring me back and show me both it and
His dwelling place.
26 "But if He says thus: ‘I have no delight
in you,’ here I am, let Him do to me as
seems good to Him."
27 The king also said to Zadok the priest,
"Are you not a seer? Return to the city
in peace, and your two sons with you,
Ahimaaz your son, and Jonathan the son
of Abiathar.
28 "See, I will wait in the plains of the
wilderness until word comes from you to
inform me."
29 Therefore Zadok and Abiathar carried
the ark of God back to Jerusalem. And
they remained there.

30 So David went up by the Ascent of
the Mount of Olives, and wept as he
went up; and he had his head covered
and went barefoot. And all the people
who were with him covered their heads
and went up, weeping as they went up.
31 Then someone told David, saying,
"Ahithophel is among the conspirators
with Absalom." And David said, "O LORD,
I pray, turn the counsel of Ahithophel
into foolishness!"
32 Now it happened when David had
come to the top of the mountain, where
he worshiped God—there was Hushai
the Archite coming to meet him with his
robe torn and dust on his head.
33 David said to him, "If you go on with
me, then you will become a burden to
me.
34 "But if you return to the city, and
say to Absalom, ‘I will be your servant,
O king; as I was your father’s servant

previously, so I will now also be your
servant,' then you may defeat the
counsel of Ahithophel for me.
35 "And do you not have Zadok and
Abiathar the priests with you there?
Therefore it will be that whatever you
hear from the king's house, you shall tell
to Zadok and Abiathar the priests.
36 "Indeed they have there with them
their two sons, Ahimaaz, Zadok's son,
and Jonathan, Abiathar's son; and by
them you shall send me everything you
hear."
37 So Hushai, David's friend, went
into the city. And Absalom came into
Jerusalem.

16 1 When David was a little past
the top of the mountain, there
was Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth,
who met him with a couple of saddled
donkeys, and on them two hundred
loaves of bread, one hundred clusters of

raisins, one hundred summer fruits, and
a skin of wine.
2 And the king said to Ziba, "What do
you mean to do with these?" So Ziba
said, "The donkeys are for the king’s
household to ride on, the bread and
summer fruit for the young men to eat,
and the wine for those who are faint in
the wilderness to drink."
3 Then the king said, "And where is
your master’s son?" And Ziba said to the
king, "Indeed he is staying in Jerusalem,
for he said, ‘Today the house of Israel
will restore the kingdom of my father to
me.’"
4 So the king said to Ziba, "Here, all that
belongs to Mephibosheth is yours." And
Ziba said, "I humbly bow before you,
that I may find favor in your sight, my
lord, O king!"
5 Now when King David came to
Bahurim, there was a man from the

family of the house of Saul, whose name
was Shimei the son of Gera, coming from
there. He came out, cursing continuously
as he came.
6 And he threw stones at David and at
all the servants of King David. And all the
people and all the mighty men were on
his right hand and on his left.
7 Also Shimei said thus when he cursed:
"Come out! Come out! You bloodthirsty
man, you rogue!
8 "The LORD has brought upon you all
the blood of the house of Saul, in whose
place you have reigned; and the LORD
has delivered the kingdom into the hand
of Absalom your son. So now you are
caught in your own evil, because you are
a bloodthirsty man!"
9 Then Abishai the son of Zeruiah said
to the king, "Why should this dead dog
curse my lord the king? Please, let me go
over and take off his head!"

10 But the king said, "What have I to do
with you, you sons of Zeruiah? So let him
curse, because the LORD has said to him,
‘Curse David.’ Who then shall say, ‘Why
have you done so?’"
11 And David said to Abishai and all his
servants, "See how my son who came
from my own body seeks my life. How
much more now may this Benjamite? Let
him alone, and let him curse; for so the
LORD has ordered him.
12 "It may be that the LORD will look
on my affliction, and that the LORD will
repay me with good for his cursing this
day."
13 And as David and his men went along
the road, Shimei went along the hillside
opposite him and cursed as he went,
threw stones at him and kicked up dust.
14 Now the king and all the people who
were with him became weary; so they
refreshed themselves there.

15 Meanwhile Absalom and all the
people, the men of Israel, came to
Jerusalem; and Ahithophel was with
him.
16 And so it was, when Hushai the
Archite, David’s friend, came to Absalom,
that Hushai said to Absalom, "Long live
the king! Long live the king!"
17 So Absalom said to Hushai, "Is this
your loyalty to your friend? Why did you
not go with your friend?"
18 And Hushai said to Absalom, "No, but
whom the LORD and this people and all
the men of Israel choose, his I will be,
and with him I will remain.
19 Furthermore, whom should I serve?
Should I not serve in the presence of his
son? As I have served in your father’s
presence, so will I be in your presence."
20 Then Absalom said to Ahithophel,
"Give counsel as to what we should do."

21 And Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Go
in to your father’s concubines, whom he
has left to keep the house; and all Israel
will hear that you are abhorred by your
father. Then the hands of all who are
with you will be strong."
22 So they pitched a tent for Absalom
on the top of the house, and Absalom
went in to his father’s concubines in the
sight of all Israel.
23 Now the advice of Ahithophel, which
he gave in those days, was as if one had
inquired at the oracle of God. So was
all the advice of Ahithophel both with
David and with Absalom.

17 1 Moreover Ahithophel said to
Absalom, "Now let me choose
twelve thousand men, and I will arise
and pursue David tonight.
2 "I will come upon him while he is
weary and weak, and make him afraid.

And all the people who are with him will
flee, and I will strike only the king.
3 "Then I will bring back all the people
to you. When all return except the man
whom you seek, all the people will be at
peace."
4 And the saying pleased Absalom and
all the elders of Israel.
5 Then Absalom said, "Now call Hushai
the Archite also, and let us hear what he
says too."
6 And when Hushai came to Absalom,
Absalom spoke to him, saying,
"Ahithophel has spoken in this manner.
Shall we do as he says? If not, speak up."
7 So Hushai said to Absalom: "The
advice that Ahithophel has given is not
good at this time.
8 "For," said Hushai, "you know your
father and his men, that they are mighty
men, and they are enraged in their
minds, like a bear robbed of her cubs

in the field; and your father is a man of
war, and will not camp with the people.
9 "Surely by now he is hidden in some
pit, or in some other place. And it will
be, when some of them are overthrown
at the first, that whoever hears it will say,
'There is a slaughter among the people
who follow Absalom.'
10 "And even he who is valiant, whose
heart is like the heart of a lion, will melt
completely. For all Israel knows that your
father is a mighty man, and those who
are with him are valiant men.
11 "Therefore I advise that all Israel
be fully gathered to you, from Dan to
Beersheba, like the sand that is by the
sea for multitude, and that you go to
battle in person.
12 "So we will come upon him in some
place where he may be found, and we
will fall on him as the dew falls on the
ground. And of him and all the men who

are with him there shall not be left so
much as one.
13 "Moreover, if he has withdrawn into
a city, then all Israel shall bring ropes to
that city; and we will pull it into the river,
until there is not one small stone found
there."
14 So Absalom and all the men of Israel
said, "The advice of Hushai the Archite is
better than the advice of Ahithophel."
For the LORD had purposed to defeat
the good advice of Ahithophel, to the
intent that the LORD might bring disaster
on Absalom.
15 Then Hushai said to Zadok and
Abiathar the priests, "Thus and so
Ahithophel advised Absalom and the
elders of Israel, and thus and so I have
advised.
16 "Now therefore, send quickly and
tell David, saying, ‘Do not spend this
night in the plains of the wilderness,

but speedily cross over, lest the king
and all the people who are with him be
swallowed up.’"
17 Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed
at En Rogel, for they dared not be seen
coming into the city; so a female servant
would come and tell them, and they
would go and tell King David.
18 Nevertheless a lad saw them, and
told Absalom. But both of them went
away quickly and came to a man’s house
in Bahurim, who had a well in his court;
and they went down into it.
19 Then the woman took and spread
a covering over the well’s mouth, and
spread ground grain on it; and the thing
was not known.
20 And when Absalom’s servants came
to the woman at the house, they said,
"Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan?" So
the woman said to them, "They have
gone over the water brook." And when

they had searched and could not find
them, they returned to Jerusalem.
21 Now it came to pass, after they had
departed, that they came up out of the
well and went and told King David, and
said to David, "Arise and cross over the
water quickly. For thus has Ahithophel
advised against you."
22 So David and all the people who
were with him arose and crossed over
the Jordan. By morning light not one of
them was left who had not gone over
the Jordan.
23 Now when Ahithophel saw that his
advice was not followed, he saddled a
donkey, and arose and went home to
his house, to his city. Then he put his
household in order, and hanged himself,
and died; and he was buried in his
father's tomb.

24 Then David went to Mahanaim. And
Absalom crossed over the Jordan, he
and all the men of Israel with him.
25 And Absalom made Amasa captain
of the army instead of Joab. This Amasa
was the son of a man whose name was
Jithra, an Israelite, who had gone in to
Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister of
Zeruiah, Joab's mother.
26 So Israel and Absalom encamped in
the land of Gilead.
27 Now it happened, when David had
come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son
of Nahash from Rabbah of the people of
Ammon, Machir the son of Ammiel from
Lo Debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite from
Rogelim,
28 brought beds and basins, earthen
vessels and wheat, barley and flour,
parched grain and beans, lentils and
parched seeds,

29 honey and curds, sheep and cheese
of the herd, for David and the people
who were with him to eat. For they said,
"The people are hungry and weary and
thirsty in the wilderness."
18 1 And David numbered the people
who were with him, and set
captains of thousands and captains of
hundreds over them.
2 Then David sent out one third of the
people under the hand of Joab, one
third under the hand of Abishai the son
of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and one third
under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And
the king said to the people, "I also will
surely go out with you myself."
3 But the people answered, "You shall
not go out! For if we flee away, they
will not care about us; nor if half of us
die, will they care about us. But you are
worth ten thousand of us now. For you
are now more help to us in the city."

4 Then the king said to them, "Whatever
seems best to you I will do." So the king
stood beside the gate, and all the people
went out by hundreds and by thousands.
5 Now the king had commanded Joab,
Abishai, and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for
my sake with the young man Absalom."
And all the people heard when the king
gave all the captains orders concerning
Absalom.
6 So the people went out into the field
of battle against Israel. And the battle
was in the woods of Ephraim.
7 The people of Israel were overthrown
there before the servants of David, and a
great slaughter of twenty thousand took
place there that day.
8 For the battle there was scattered
over the face of the whole countryside,
and the woods devoured more people
that day than the sword devoured.

9 Then Absalom met the servants of
David. Absalom rode on a mule. The
mule went under the thick boughs of a
great terebinth tree, and his head caught
in the terebinth; so he was left hanging
between heaven and earth. And the
mule which was under him went on.
10 Now a certain man saw it and told
Joab, and said, "I just saw Absalom
hanging in a terebinth tree!"
11 So Joab said to the man who told
him, "You just saw him! And why did
you not strike him there to the ground?
I would have given you ten shekels of
silver and a belt."
12 But the man said to Joab, "Though I
were to receive a thousand shekels of
silver in my hand, I would not raise my
hand against the king's son. For in our
hearing the king commanded you and
Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Beware lest
anyone touch the young man Absalom!'

13 "Otherwise I would have dealt falsely
against my own life. For there is nothing
hidden from the king, and you yourself
would have set yourself against me."
14 Then Joab said, "I cannot linger
with you." And he took three spears
in his hand and thrust them through
Absalom’s heart, while he was still alive
in the midst of the terebinth tree.
15 And ten young men who bore Joab’s
armor surrounded Absalom, and struck
and killed him.
16 So Joab blew the trumpet, and the
people returned from pursuing Israel.
For Joab held back the people.
17 And they took Absalom and cast him
into a large pit in the woods, and laid a
very large heap of stones over him. Then
all Israel fled, everyone to his tent.
18 Now Absalom in his lifetime had
taken and set up a pillar for himself,
which is in the King’s Valley. For he said,

"I have no son to keep my name in
remembrance." He called the pillar after
his own name. And to this day it is called
Absalom’s Monument.
19 Then Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said,
"Let me run now and take the news to
the king, how the LORD has avenged him
of his enemies."
20 And Joab said to him, "You shall not
take the news this day, for you shall take
the news another day. But today you
shall take no news, because the king’s
son is dead."
21 Then Joab said to the Cushite, "Go,
tell the king what you have seen." So the
Cushite bowed himself to Joab and ran.
22 And Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said
again to Joab, "But whatever happens,
please let me also run after the Cushite."
So Joab said, "Why will you run, my son,
since you have no news ready?"

23 "But whatever happens," he said,
"let me run." So he said to him, "Run."
Then Ahimaaz ran by way of the plain,
and outran the Cushite.
24 Now David was sitting between the
two gates. And the watchman went up
to the roof over the gate, to the wall,
lifted his eyes and looked, and there was
a man, running alone.
25 Then the watchman cried out and
told the king. And the king said, "If he is
alone, there is news in his mouth." And
he came rapidly and drew near.
26 Then the watchman saw another
man running, and the watchman called
to the gatekeeper and said, "There is
another man, running alone!" And the
king said, "He also brings news."
27 So the watchman said, "I think the
running of the first is like the running of
Ahimaaz the son of Zadok." And the king

said, "He is a good man, and comes with
good news."
28 And Ahimaaz called out and said to
the king, "All is well!" Then he bowed
down with his face to the earth before
the king, and said, "Blessed be the LORD
your God, who has delivered up the men
who raised their hand against my lord
the king!"
29 The king said, "Is the young man
Absalom safe?" Ahimaaz answered,
"When Joab sent the king’s servant and
me your servant, I saw a great tumult,
but I did not know what it was about."
30 And the king said, "Turn aside and
stand here." So he turned aside and
stood still.
31 Just then the Cushite came, and the
Cushite said, "There is good news, my
lord the king! For the LORD has avenged
you this day of all those who rose against
you."

32 And the king said to the Cushite, "Is
the young man Absalom safe?" So the
Cushite answered, "May the enemies of
my lord the king, and all who rise against
you to do harm, be like that young man!"
33 Then the king was deeply moved,
and went up to the chamber over the
gate, and wept. And as he went, he said
thus: "O my son Absalom—my son, my
son Absalom—if only I had died in your
place! O Absalom my son, my son!"

19 1 And Joab was told, "Behold, the
king is weeping and mourning for
Absalom."
2 So the victory that day was turned
into mourning for all the people. For the
people heard it said that day, "The king
is grieved for his son."
3 And the people stole back into the city
that day, as people who are ashamed
steal away when they flee in battle.

4 But the king covered his face, and the
king cried out with a loud voice, "O my
son Absalom! O Absalom, my son, my
son!"
5 Then Joab came into the house to
the king, and said, "Today you have
disgraced all your servants who today
have saved your life, the lives of your
sons and daughters, the lives of your
wives and the lives of your concubines,
6 "in that you love your enemies and
hate your friends. For you have declared
today that you regard neither princes
nor servants; for today I perceive that if
Absalom had lived and all of us had died
today, then it would have pleased you
well.
7 "Now therefore, arise, go out and
speak comfort to your servants. For I
swear by the LORD, if you do not go out,
not one will stay with you this night.
And that will be worse for you than all

the evil that has befallen you from your
youth until now."
8 Then the king arose and sat in the
gate. And they told all the people, saying,
"There is the king, sitting in the gate." So
all the people came before the king. For
everyone of Israel had fled to his tent.
9 Now all the people were in a dispute
throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying,
"The king saved us from the hand of our
enemies, he delivered us from the hand
of the Philistines, and now he has fled
from the land because of Absalom.
10 "But Absalom, whom we anointed
over us, has died in battle. Now
therefore, why do you say nothing about
bringing back the king?"
11 So King David sent to Zadok and
Abiathar the priests, saying, "Speak to
the elders of Judah, saying, 'Why are
you the last to bring the king back to his

house, since the words of all Israel have
come to the king, to his very house?
12 ‘You are my brethren, you are my
bone and my flesh. Why then are you
the last to bring back the king?’
13 "And say to Amasa, ‘Are you not my
bone and my flesh? God do so to me, and
more also, if you are not commander of
the army before me continually in place
of Joab.’"
14 So he swayed the hearts of all the
men of Judah, just as the heart of one
man, so that they sent this word to the
king: "Return, you and all your servants!"
15 Then the king returned and came to
the Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal, to
go to meet the king, to escort the king
across the Jordan.
16 And Shimei the son of Gera, a
Benjamite, who was from Bahurim,
hastened and came down with the men
of Judah to meet King David.

17 There were a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they went over the Jordan before the king.

18 Then a ferryboat went across to carry over the king’s household, and to do what he thought good. Now Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king when he had crossed the Jordan.

19 Then he said to the king, "Do not let my lord impute iniquity to me, or remember what wrong your servant did on the day that my lord the king left Jerusalem, that the king should take it to heart.

20 "For I, your servant, know that I have sinned. Therefore here I am, the first to come today of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king."

21 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah
answered and said, "Shall not Shimei be
put to death for this, because he cursed
the LORD’S anointed?"
22 And David said, "What have I to do
with you, you sons of Zeruiah, that you
should be adversaries to me today? Shall
any man be put to death today in Israel?
For do I not know that today I am king
over Israel?"
23 Therefore the king said to Shimei,
"You shall not die." And the king swore
to him.
24 Now Mephibosheth the son of Saul
came down to meet the king. And he
had not cared for his feet, nor trimmed
his mustache, nor washed his clothes,
from the day the king departed until the
day he returned in peace.
25 So it was, when he had come to
Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king

said to him, "Why did you not go with
me, Mephibosheth?"
26 And he answered, "My lord, O king,
my servant deceived me. For your
servant said, ‘I will saddle a donkey for
myself, that I may ride on it and go to the
king,’ because your servant is lame.
27 "And he has slandered your servant
to my lord the king, but my lord the king
is like the angel of God. Therefore do
what is good in your eyes.
28 "For all my father’s house were but
dead men before my lord the king. Yet
you set your servant among those who
eat at your own table. Therefore what
right have I still to cry out anymore to
the king?"
29 So the king said to him, "Why do you
speak anymore of your matters? I have
said, ‘You and Ziba divide the land.’"
30 Then Mephibosheth said to the king,
"Rather, let him take it all, inasmuch as

my lord the king has come back in peace
to his own house."
31 And Barzillai the Gileadite came
down from Rogelim and went across
the Jordan with the king, to escort him
across the Jordan.
32 Now Barzillai was a very aged man,
eighty years old. And he had provided
the king with supplies while he stayed at
Mahanaim, for he was a very rich man.
33 And the king said to Barzillai, "Come
across with me, and I will provide for you
while you are with me in Jerusalem."
34 But Barzillai said to the king, "How
long have I to live, that I should go up
with the king to Jerusalem?
35 "I am today eighty years old. Can I
discern between the good and bad? Can
your servant taste what I eat or what I
drink? Can I hear any longer the voice of
singing men and singing women? Why

then should your servant be a further
burden to my lord the king?
36 "Your servant will go a little way
across the Jordan with the king. And why
should the king repay me with such a
reward?
37 "Please let your servant turn back
again, that I may die in my own city, near
the grave of my father and mother. But
here is your servant Chimham; let him
cross over with my lord the king, and do
for him what seems good to you."
38 And the king answered, "Chimham
shall cross over with me, and I will do
for him what seems good to you. Now
whatever you request of me, I will do for
you."
39 Then all the people went over the
Jordan. And when the king had crossed
over, the king kissed Barzillai and blessed
him, and he returned to his own place.

40 Now the king went on to Gilgal, and
Chimham went on with him. And all the
people of Judah escorted the king, and
also half the people of Israel.
41 Just then all the men of Israel came
to the king, and said to the king, "Why
have our brethren, the men of Judah,
stolen you away and brought the king,
his household, and all David's men with
him across the Jordan?"
42 So all the men of Judah answered
the men of Israel, "Because the king is a
close relative of ours. Why then are you
angry over this matter? Have we ever
eaten at the king's expense? Or has he
given us any gift?"
43 And the men of Israel answered the
men of Judah, and said, "We have ten
shares in the king; therefore we also
have more right to David than you. Why
then do you despise us—were we not
the first to advise bringing back our

king?" Yet the words of the men of Judah
were fiercer than the words of the men
of Israel.

20 1 And there happened to be
there a rebel, whose name was
Sheba the son of Bichri, a Benjamite.
And he blew a trumpet, and said: "We
have no share in David, Nor do we have
inheritance in the son of Jesse; Every
man to his tents, O Israel!"
2 So every man of Israel deserted David,
and followed Sheba the son of Bichri.
But the men of Judah, from the Jordan
as far as Jerusalem, remained loyal to
their king.
3 Now David came to his house at
Jerusalem. And the king took the ten
women, his concubines whom he had
left to keep the house, and put them in
seclusion and supported them, but did
not go in to them. So they were shut

up to the day of their death, living in
widowhood.
4 And the king said to Amasa, "Assemble
the men of Judah for me within three
days, and be present here yourself."
5 So Amasa went to assemble the men
of Judah. But he delayed longer than the
set time which David had appointed him.
6 And David said to Abishai, "Now
Sheba the son of Bichri will do us more
harm than Absalom. Take your lord’s
servants and pursue him, lest he find for
himself fortified cities, and escape us."
7 So Joab’s men, with the Cherethites,
the Pelethites, and all the mighty men,
went out after him. And they went out
of Jerusalem to pursue Sheba the son of
Bichri.
8 When they were at the large stone
which is in Gibeon, Amasa came before
them. Now Joab was dressed in battle
armor; on it was a belt with a sword

fastened in its sheath at his hips; and as
he was going forward, it fell out.
9 Then Joab said to Amasa, "Are you
in health, my brother?" And Joab took
Amasa by the beard with his right hand
to kiss him.
10 But Amasa did not notice the sword
that was in Joab's hand. And he struck
him with it in the stomach, and his
entrails poured out on the ground; and
he did not strike him again. Thus he
died. Then Joab and Abishai his brother
pursued Sheba the son of Bichri.
11 Meanwhile one of Joab's men stood
near Amasa, and said, "Whoever favors
Joab and whoever is for David—follow
Joab!"
12 But Amasa wallowed in his blood in
the middle of the highway. And when
the man saw that all the people stood
still, he moved Amasa from the highway
to the field and threw a garment over

him, when he saw that everyone who
came upon him halted.
13 When he was removed from the
highway, all the people went on after
Joab to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri.
14 And he went through all the tribes
of Israel to Abel and Beth Maachah and
all the Berites. So they were gathered
together and also went after Sheba.
15 Then they came and besieged him
in Abel of Beth Maachah; and they cast
up a siege mound against the city, and it
stood by the rampart. And all the people
who were with Joab battered the wall to
throw it down.
16 Then a wise woman cried out from
the city, "Hear, Hear! Please say to Joab,
‘Come nearby, that I may speak with
you.’"
17 When he had come near to her,
the woman said, "Are you Joab?" He
answered, "I am." Then she said to him,

"Hear the words of your maidservant."
And he answered, "I am listening."
18 So she spoke, saying, "They used to
talk in former times, saying, 'They shall
surely seek guidance at Abel,' and so
they would end disputes.
19 "I am among the peaceable and
faithful in Israel. You seek to destroy a
city and a mother in Israel. Why would
you swallow up the inheritance of the
LORD?"
20 And Joab answered and said, "Far
be it, far be it from me, that I should
swallow up or destroy!
21 "That is not so. But a man from the
mountains of Ephraim, Sheba the son
of Bichri by name, has raised his hand
against the king, against David. Deliver
him only, and I will depart from the city."
So the woman said to Joab, "Watch, his
head will be thrown to you over the
wall."

22 Then the woman in her wisdom went
to all the people. And they cut off the
head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and
threw it out to Joab. Then he blew a
trumpet, and they withdrew from the
city, every man to his tent. So Joab
returned to the king at Jerusalem.
23 And Joab was over all the army of
Israel; Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was
over the Cherethites and the Pelethites;
24 Adoram was in charge of revenue;
Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was
recorder;
25 Sheva was scribe; Zadok and Abiathar
were the priests;
26 and Ira the Jairite was a chief minister
under David.

21 1 Now there was a famine in the
days of David for three years,
year after year; and David inquired of
the LORD. And the LORD answered, "It

is because of Saul and his bloodthirsty
house, because he killed the Gibeonites."
2 So the king called the Gibeonites and
spoke to them. Now the Gibeonites were
not of the children of Israel, but of the
remnant of the Amorites; the children of
Israel had sworn protection to them, but
Saul had sought to kill them in his zeal
for the children of Israel and Judah.
3 Therefore David said to the
Gibeonites, "What shall I do for you?
And with what shall I make atonement,
that you may bless the inheritance of
the LORD?"
4 And the Gibeonites said to him, "We
will have no silver or gold from Saul or
from his house, nor shall you kill any man
in Israel for us." So he said, "Whatever
you say, I will do for you."
5 Then they answered the king, "As for
the man who consumed us and plotted
against us, that we should be destroyed

from remaining in any of the territories
of Israel,
6 "let seven men of his descendants
be delivered to us, and we will hang
them before the LORD in Gibeah of Saul,
whom the LORD chose." And the king
said, "I will give them."
7 But the king spared Mephibosheth
the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul,
because of the LORD’S oath that was
between them, between David and
Jonathan the son of Saul.
8 So the king took Armoni and
Mephibosheth, the two sons of Rizpah
the daughter of Aiah, whom she bore
to Saul; and the five sons of Michal the
daughter of Saul, whom she brought
up for Adriel the son of Barzillai the
Meholathite;
9 and he delivered them into the hands
of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them
on the hill before the LORD. So they

fell, all seven together, and were put to
death in the days of harvest, in the first
days, in the beginning of barley harvest.
10 Now Rizpah the daughter of Aiah
took sackcloth and spread it for herself
on the rock, from the beginning of
harvest until the late rains poured on
them from heaven. And she did not
allow the birds of the air to rest on them
by day nor the beasts of the field by
night.
11 And David was told what Rizpah the
daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul,
had done.
12 Then David went and took the bones
of Saul, and the bones of Jonathan his
son, from the men of Jabesh Gilead who
had stolen them from the street of Beth
Shan, where the Philistines had hung
them up, after the Philistines had struck
down Saul in Gilboa.

13 So he brought up the bones of Saul
and the bones of Jonathan his son from
there; and they gathered the bones of
those who had been hanged.
14 They buried the bones of Saul and
Jonathan his son in the country of
Benjamin in Zelah, in the tomb of Kish
his father. So they performed all that the
king commanded. And after that God
heeded the prayer for the land.
15 When the Philistines were at war
again with Israel, David and his servants
with him went down and fought against
the Philistines; and David grew faint.
16 Then Ishbi–Benob, who was one
of the sons of the giant, the weight of
whose bronze spear was three hundred
shekels, who was bearing a new sword,
thought he could kill David.
17 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah came
to his aid, and struck the Philistine and
killed him. Then the men of David swore

to him, saying, "You shall go out no more
with us to battle, lest you quench the
lamp of Israel."
18 Now it happened afterward that
there was again a battle with the
Philistines at Gob. Then Sibbechai the
Hushathite killed Saph, who was one of
the sons of the giant.
19 Again there was war at Gob with the
Philistines, where Elhanan the son of
Jaare–Oregim the Bethlehemite killed
the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the
shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's
beam.
20 Yet again there was war at Gath,
where there was a man of great stature,
who had six fingers on each hand and
six toes on each foot, twenty–four in
number; and he also was born to the
giant.

21 So when he defied Israel, Jonathan
the son of Shimea, David’s brother, killed
him.
22 These four were born to the giant in
Gath, and fell by the hand of David and
by the hand of his servants.

22 1 Then David spoke to the LORD
the words of this song, on the day
when the LORD had delivered him from
the hand of all his enemies, and from
the hand of Saul.
2 And he said: "The LORD is my rock and
my fortress and my deliverer;
3 The God of my strength, in whom I
will trust; My shield and the horn of my
salvation, My stronghold and my refuge;
My Savior, You save me from violence.
4 I will call upon the LORD, who is
worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved
from my enemies.

5 ‘When the waves of death surrounded
me, The floods of ungodliness made me
afraid.
6 The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me;
The snares of death confronted me.
7 In my distress I called upon the LORD,
And cried out to my God; He heard
my voice from His temple, And my cry
entered His ears.
8 "Then the earth shook and trembled;
The foundations of heaven quaked and
were shaken, Because He was angry.
9 Smoke went up from His nostrils, And
devouring fire from His mouth; Coals
were kindled by it.
10 He bowed the heavens also, and
came down With darkness under His
feet.
11 He rode upon a cherub, and flew;
And He was seen upon the wings of the
wind.

12 He made darkness canopies around
Him, Dark waters and thick clouds of the
skies.
13 From the brightness before Him
Coals of fire were kindled.
14 "The LORD thundered from heaven,
And the Most High uttered His voice.
15 He sent out arrows and scattered
them; Lightning bolts, and He
vanquished them.
16 Then the channels of the sea were
seen, The foundations of the world were
uncovered, At the rebuke of the LORD,
At the blast of the breath of His nostrils.
17 "He sent from above, He took me, He
drew me out of many waters.
18 He delivered me from my strong
enemy, From those who hated me; For
they were too strong for me.
19 They confronted me in the day of my
calamity, But the LORD was my support.

20 He also brought me out into a broad
place; He delivered me because He
delighted in me.
21 "The LORD rewarded me according
to my righteousness; According to
the cleanness of my hands He has
recompensed me.
22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD,
And have not wickedly departed from
my God.
23 For all His judgments were before
me; And as for His statutes, I did not
depart from them.
24 I was also blameless before Him, And
I kept myself from my iniquity.
25 Therefore the LORD has
recompensed me according to my
righteousness, According to my
cleanness in His eyes.
26 "With the merciful You will show
Yourself merciful; With a blameless man
You will show Yourself blameless;

27 With the pure You will show Yourself
pure; And with the devious You will show
Yourself shrewd.
28 You will save the humble people; But
Your eyes are on the haughty, that You
may bring them down.
29 "For You are my lamp, O LORD; The
LORD shall enlighten my darkness.
30 For by You I can run against a troop;
By my God I can leap over a wall.
31 As for God, His way is perfect; The
word of the LORD is proven; He is a
shield to all who trust in Him.
32 "For who is God, except the LORD?
And who is a rock, except our God?
33 God is my strength and power, And
He makes my way perfect.
34 He makes my feet like the feet of
deer, And sets me on my high places.
35 He teaches my hands to make war, So
that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

36 "You have also given me the shield
of Your salvation; Your gentleness has
made me great.
37 You enlarged my path under me; So
my feet did not slip.
38 "I have pursued my enemies and
destroyed them; Neither did I turn back
again till they were destroyed.
39 And I have destroyed them and
wounded them, So that they could not
rise; They have fallen under my feet.
40 For You have armed me with strength
for the battle; You have subdued under
me those who rose against me.
41 You have also given me the necks of
my enemies, So that I destroyed those
who hated me.
42 They looked, but there was none to
save; Even to the LORD, but He did not
answer them.

43 Then I beat them as fine as the dust
of the earth; I trod them like dirt in the
streets, And I spread them out.
44 "You have also delivered me from the
strivings of my people; You have kept me
as the head of the nations. A people I
have not known shall serve me.
45 The foreigners submit to me; As soon
as they hear, they obey me.
46 The foreigners fade away, And come
frightened from their hideouts.
47 "The LORD lives! Blessed be my Rock!
Let God be exalted, The Rock of my
salvation!
48 It is God who avenges me, And
subdues the peoples under me;
49 He delivers me from my enemies.
You also lift me up above those who rise
against me; You have delivered me from
the violent man.

50 Therefore I will give thanks to You,
O LORD, among the Gentiles, And sing
praises to Your name.
51 He is the tower of salvation to
His king, And shows mercy to His
anointed, To David and his descendants
forevermore."

23 1 Now these are the last words of
David. Thus says David the son of
Jesse; Thus says the man raised up on
high, The anointed of the God of Jacob,
And the sweet psalmist of Israel:
2 "The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me,
And His word was on my tongue.
3 The God of Israel said, The Rock of
Israel spoke to me: 'He who rules over
men must be just, Ruling in the fear of
God.
4 And he shall be like the light of the
morning when the sun rises, A morning
without clouds, Like the tender grass

springing out of the earth, By clear
shining after rain.'
5 "Although my house is not so with
God, Yet He has made with me an
everlasting covenant, Ordered in all
things and secure. For this is all my
salvation and all my desire; Will He not
make it increase?
6 But the sons of rebellion shall all be as
thorns thrust away, Because they cannot
be taken with hands.
7 But the man who touches them Must
be armed with iron and the shaft of a
spear, And they shall be utterly burned
with fire in their place."
8 These are the names of the mighty
men whom David had: Josheb–
Basshebeth the Tachmonite, chief
among the captains. He was called Adino
the Eznite, because he had killed eight
hundred men at one time.

9 And after him was Eleazar the son
of Dodo, the Ahohite, one of the three
mighty men with David when they
defied the Philistines who were gathered
there for battle, and the men of Israel
had retreated.
10 He arose and attacked the Philistines
until his hand was weary, and his hand
stuck to the sword. The LORD brought
about a great victory that day; and
the people returned after him only to
plunder.
11 And after him was Shammah the
son of Agee the Hararite. The Philistines
had gathered together into a troop
where there was a piece of ground full
of lentils. Then the people fled from the
Philistines.
12 But he stationed himself in the
middle of the field, defended it, and
killed the Philistines. And the LORD
brought about a great victory.

13 Then three of the thirty chief men
went down at harvest time and came
to David at the cave of Adullam. And
the troop of Philistines encamped in the
Valley of Rephaim.
14 David was then in the stronghold,
and the garrison of the Philistines was
then in Bethlehem.
15 And David said with longing, "Oh,
that someone would give me a drink of
the water from the well of Bethlehem,
which is by the gate!"
16 So the three mighty men broke
through the camp of the Philistines,
drew water from the well of Bethlehem
that was by the gate, and took it and
brought it to David. Nevertheless he
would not drink it, but poured it out to
the LORD.
17 And he said, "Far be it from me,
O LORD, that I should do this! Is this
not the blood of the men who went in

jeopardy of their lives?" Therefore he
would not drink it. These things were
done by the three mighty men.
18 Now Abishai the brother of Joab,
the son of Zeruiah, was chief of another
three. He lifted his spear against three
hundred men, killed them, and won a
name among these three.
19 Was he not the most honored of
three? Therefore he became their
captain. However, he did not attain to
the first three.
20 Benaiah was the son of Jehoiada, the
son of a valiant man from Kabzeel, who
had done many deeds. He had killed two
lion–like heroes of Moab. He also had
gone down and killed a lion in the midst
of a pit on a snowy day.
21 And he killed an Egyptian, a
spectacular man. The Egyptian had a
spear in his hand; so he went down to
him with a staff, wrested the spear out

of the Egyptian's hand, and killed him
with his own spear.
22 These things Benaiah the son of
Jehoiada did, and won a name among
three mighty men.
23 He was more honored than the thirty,
but he did not attain to the first three.
And David appointed him over his guard.
24 Asahel the brother of Joab was one
of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of
Bethlehem,
25 Shammah the Harodite, Elika the
Harodite,
26 Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh
the Tekoite,
27 Abiezer the Anathothite, Mebunnai
the Hushathite,
28 Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the
Netophathite,
29 Heleb the son of Baanah (the
Netophathite), Ittai the son of Ribai from
Gibeah of the children of Benjamin,

30 Benaiah a Pirathonite, Hiddai from
the brooks of Gaash,
31 Abi–Albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth
the Barhumite,
32 Eliahba the Shaalbonite (of the sons
of Jashen), Jonathan,
33 Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the
son of Sharar the Hararite,
34 Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son
of the Maachathite, Eliam the son of
Ahithophel the Gilonite,
35 Hezrai the Carmelite, Paarai the
Arbite,
36 Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani
the Gadite,
37 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the
Beerothite (armorbearer of Joab the son
of Zeruiah),
38 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,
39 and Uriah the Hittite: thirty–seven in
all.

24 1 Again the anger of the LORD
was aroused against Israel, and
He moved David against them to say,
"Go, number Israel and Judah."
2 So the king said to Joab the
commander of the army who was with
him, "Now go throughout all the tribes
of Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, and
count the people, that I may know the
number of the people."
3 And Joab said to the king, "Now may
the LORD your God add to the people
a hundred times more than there are,
and may the eyes of my lord the king see
it. But why does my lord the king desire
this thing?"
4 Nevertheless the king's word prevailed
against Joab and against the captains
of the army. Therefore Joab and the
captains of the army went out from the
presence of the king to count the people
of Israel.

5 And they crossed over the Jordan and
camped in Aroer, on the right side of the
town which is in the midst of the ravine
of Gad, and toward Jazer.
6 Then they came to Gilead and to the
land of Tahtim Hodshi; they came to Dan
Jaan and around to Sidon;
7 and they came to the stronghold of
Tyre and to all the cities of the Hivites
and the Canaanites. Then they went out
to South Judah as far as Beersheba.
8 So when they had gone through all
the land, they came to Jerusalem at the
end of nine months and twenty days.
9 Then Joab gave the sum of the number
of the people to the king. And there
were in Israel eight hundred thousand
valiant men who drew the sword, and
the men of Judah were five hundred
thousand men.
10 And David's heart condemned him
after he had numbered the people. So

David said to the LORD, "I have sinned
greatly in what I have done; but now,
I pray, O LORD, take away the iniquity
of Your servant, for I have done very
foolishly."
11 Now when David arose in the
morning, the word of the LORD came to
the prophet Gad, David’s seer, saying,
12 "Go and tell David, ‘Thus says the
LORD: "I offer you three things; choose
one of them for yourself, that I may do it
to you."’"
13 So Gad came to David and told him;
and he said to him, "Shall seven years
of famine come to you in your land?
Or shall you flee three months before
your enemies, while they pursue you?
Or shall there be three days’ plague in
your land? Now consider and see what
answer I should take back to Him who
sent me."

14 And David said to Gad, "I am in great
distress. Please let us fall into the hand
of the LORD, for His mercies are great;
but do not let me fall into the hand of
man."
15 So the LORD sent a plague upon Israel
from the morning till the appointed
time. From Dan to Beersheba seventy
thousand men of the people died.
16 And when the angel stretched out His
hand over Jerusalem to destroy it, the
LORD relented from the destruction, and
said to the angel who was destroying the
people, "It is enough; now restrain your
hand." And the angel of the LORD was
by the threshing floor of Araunah the
Jebusite.
17 Then David spoke to the LORD when
he saw the angel who was striking the
people, and said, "Surely I have sinned,
and I have done wickedly; but these
sheep, what have they done? Let Your

hand, I pray, be against me and against
my father's house."
18 And Gad came that day to David and
said to him, "Go up, erect an altar to the
LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah
the Jebusite."
19 So David, according to the word of
Gad, went up as the LORD commanded.
20 Now Araunah looked, and saw the
king and his servants coming toward
him. So Araunah went out and bowed
before the king with his face to the
ground.
21 Then Araunah said, "Why has my
lord the king come to his servant?" And
David said, "To buy the threshing floor
from you, to build an altar to the LORD,
that the plague may be withdrawn from
the people."
22 Now Araunah said to David, "Let my
lord the king take and offer up whatever
seems good to him. Look, here are

oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing
implements and the yokes of the oxen
for wood.
23 "All these, O king, Araunah has given
to the king." And Araunah said to the
king, "May the LORD your God accept
you."
24 Then the king said to Araunah, "No,
but I will surely buy it from you for a
price; nor will I offer burnt offerings
to the LORD my God with that which
costs me nothing." So David bought the
threshing floor and the oxen for fifty
shekels of silver.
25 And David built there an altar to the
LORD, and offered burnt offerings and
peace offerings. So the LORD heeded the
prayers for the land, and the plague was
withdrawn from Israel.

1 Kings

1 1 Now King David was old, advanced
in years; and they put covers on him,
but he could not get warm.
2 Therefore his servants said to him,
"Let a young woman, a virgin, be sought
for our lord the king, and let her stand
before the king, and let her care for him;
and let her lie in your bosom, that our
lord the king may be warm."
3 So they sought for a lovely young
woman throughout all the territory
of Israel, and found Abishag the
Shunammite, and brought her to the
king.
4 The young woman was very lovely;
and she cared for the king, and served
him; but the king did not know her.

5 Then Adonijah the son of Haggith
exalted himself, saying, "I will be king";
and he prepared for himself chariots and
horsemen, and fifty men to run before
him.
6 (And his father had not rebuked him at
any time by saying, "Why have you done
so?" He was also very good–looking. His
mother had borne him after Absalom.)
7 Then he conferred with Joab the son
of Zeruiah and with Abiathar the priest,
and they followed and helped Adonijah.
8 But Zadok the priest, Benaiah the son
of Jehoiada, Nathan the prophet, Shimei,
Rei, and the mighty men who belonged
to David were not with Adonijah.
9 And Adonijah sacrificed sheep and
oxen and fattened cattle by the stone of
Zoheleth, which is by En Rogel; he also
invited all his brothers, the king’s sons,
and all the men of Judah, the king’s
servants.

10 But he did not invite Nathan the
prophet, Benaiah, the mighty men, or
Solomon his brother.
11 So Nathan spoke to Bathsheba the
mother of Solomon, saying, "Have you
not heard that Adonijah the son of
Haggith has become king, and David our
lord does not know it?
12 "Come, please, let me now give you
advice, that you may save your own life
and the life of your son Solomon.
13 "Go immediately to King David and
say to him, ‘Did you not, my lord, O
king, swear to your maidservant, saying,
"Assuredly your son Solomon shall reign
after me, and he shall sit on my throne"?
Why then has Adonijah become king?’
14 "Then, while you are still talking
there with the king, I also will come in
after you and confirm your words."
15 So Bathsheba went into the chamber
to the king. (Now the king was very

old, and Abishag the Shunammite was
serving the king.)
16 And Bathsheba bowed and did
homage to the king. Then the king said,
"What is your wish?"
17 Then she said to him, "My lord, you
swore by the LORD your God to your
maidservant, saying, ‘Assuredly Solomon
your son shall reign after me, and he
shall sit on my throne.’
18 "So now, look! Adonijah has become
king; and now, my lord the king, you do
not know about it.
19 "He has sacrificed oxen and fattened
cattle and sheep in abundance, and has
invited all the sons of the king, Abiathar
the priest, and Joab the commander of
the army; but Solomon your servant he
has not invited.
20 "And as for you, my lord, O king,
the eyes of all Israel are on you, that

you should tell them who will sit on the
throne of my lord the king after him.
21 "Otherwise it will happen, when my
lord the king rests with his fathers, that I
and my son Solomon will be counted as
offenders."
22 And just then, while she was still
talking with the king, Nathan the
prophet also came in.
23 So they told the king, saying, "Here
is Nathan the prophet." And when he
came in before the king, he bowed down
before the king with his face to the
ground.
24 And Nathan said, "My lord, O king,
have you said, ‘Adonijah shall reign after
me, and he shall sit on my throne’?
25 "For he has gone down today, and
has sacrificed oxen and fattened cattle
and sheep in abundance, and has invited
all the king’s sons, and the commanders
of the army, and Abiathar the priest;

and look! They are eating and drinking
before him; and they say, ‘Long live King
Adonijah!’
26 "But he has not invited me—me
your servant—nor Zadok the priest, nor
Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, nor your
servant Solomon.
27 "Has this thing been done by my lord
the king, and you have not told your
servant who should sit on the throne of
my lord the king after him?"
28 Then King David answered and said,
"Call Bathsheba to me." So she came into
the king’s presence and stood before the
king.
29 And the king took an oath and said,
"As the LORD lives, who has redeemed
my life from every distress,
30 "just as I swore to you by the LORD
God of Israel, saying, ‘Assuredly Solomon
your son shall be king after me, and he

shall sit on my throne in my place,’ so I
certainly will do this day."
31 Then Bathsheba bowed with her face
to the earth, and paid homage to the
king, and said, "Let my lord King David
live forever!"
32 And King David said, "Call to me
Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet,
and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada." So
they came before the king.
33 The king also said to them, "Take
with you the servants of your lord, and
have Solomon my son ride on my own
mule, and take him down to Gihon.
34 "There let Zadok the priest and
Nathan the prophet anoint him king over
Israel; and blow the horn, and say, ‘Long
live King Solomon!’
35 "Then you shall come up after him,
and he shall come and sit on my throne,
and he shall be king in my place. For

I have appointed him to be ruler over
Israel and Judah."
36 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada
answered the king and said, "Amen!
May the LORD God of my lord the king
say so too.
37 "As the LORD has been with my
lord the king, even so may He be with
Solomon, and make his throne greater
than the throne of my lord King David."
38 So Zadok the priest, Nathan the
prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada,
the Cherethites, and the Pelethites went
down and had Solomon ride on King
David's mule, and took him to Gihon.
39 Then Zadok the priest took a horn
of oil from the tabernacle and anointed
Solomon. And they blew the horn,
and all the people said, "Long live King
Solomon!"
40 And all the people went up after him;
and the people played the flutes and

rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth seemed to split with their sound.

41 Now Adonijah and all the guests who were with him heard it as they finished eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the horn, he said, "Why is the city in such a noisy uproar?"

42 While he was still speaking, there came Jonathan, the son of Abiathar the priest. And Adonijah said to him, "Come in, for you are a prominent man, and bring good news."

43 Then Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, "No! Our lord King David has made Solomon king.

44 "The king has sent with him Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the Cherethites, and the Pelethites; and they have made him ride on the king’s mule.

45 "So Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king

at Gihon; and they have gone up from
there rejoicing, so that the city is in an
uproar. This is the noise that you have
heard.
46 "Also Solomon sits on the throne of
the kingdom.
47 "And moreover the king’s servants
have gone to bless our lord King David,
saying, ‘May God make the name of
Solomon better than your name, and
may He make his throne greater than
your throne.’ Then the king bowed
himself on the bed.
48 "Also the king said thus, ‘Blessed be
the LORD God of Israel, who has given
one to sit on my throne this day, while
my eyes see it!’"
49 So all the guests who were with
Adonijah were afraid, and arose, and
each one went his way.

50 Now Adonijah was afraid of Solomon;
so he arose, and went and took hold of
the horns of the altar.
51 And it was told Solomon, saying,
"Indeed Adonijah is afraid of King
Solomon; for look, he has taken hold of
the horns of the altar, saying, ‘Let King
Solomon swear to me today that he will
not put his servant to death with the
sword.’"
52 Then Solomon said, "If he proves
himself a worthy man, not one hair
of him shall fall to the earth; but if
wickedness is found in him, he shall die."
53 So King Solomon sent them to bring
him down from the altar. And he came
and fell down before King Solomon;
and Solomon said to him, "Go to your
house."

2 1 Now the days of David drew near
that he should die, and he charged
Solomon his son, saying:

2 "I go the way of all the earth; be
strong, therefore, and prove yourself a
man.
3 "And keep the charge of the LORD
your God: to walk in His ways, to keep
His statutes, His commandments, His
judgments, and His testimonies, as it
is written in the Law of Moses, that
you may prosper in all that you do and
wherever you turn;
4 "that the LORD may fulfill His word
which He spoke concerning me, saying,
'If your sons take heed to their way, to
walk before Me in truth with all their
heart and with all their soul,' He said,
'you shall not lack a man on the throne
of Israel.'
5 "Moreover you know also what Joab
the son of Zeruiah did to me, and what
he did to the two commanders of the
armies of Israel, to Abner the son of Ner
and Amasa the son of Jether, whom he

killed. And he shed the blood of war in
peacetime, and put the blood of war on
his belt that was around his waist, and
on his sandals that were on his feet.
6 "Therefore do according to your
wisdom, and do not let his gray hair go
down to the grave in peace.
7 "But show kindness to the sons of
Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be
among those who eat at your table, for
so they came to me when I fled from
Absalom your brother.
8 "And see, you have with you Shimei
the son of Gera, a Benjamite from
Bahurim, who cursed me with a
malicious curse in the day when I went
to Mahanaim. But he came down to
meet me at the Jordan, and I swore to
him by the LORD, saying, ‘I will not put
you to death with the sword.’
9 "Now therefore, do not hold him
guiltless, for you are a wise man and

know what you ought to do to him; but
bring his gray hair down to the grave
with blood."
10 So David rested with his fathers, and
was buried in the City of David.
11 The period that David reigned over
Israel was forty years; seven years he
reigned in Hebron, and in Jerusalem he
reigned thirty–three years.
12 Then Solomon sat on the throne of
his father David; and his kingdom was
firmly established.
13 Now Adonijah the son of Haggith
came to Bathsheba the mother of
Solomon. So she said, "Do you come
peaceably?" And he said, "Peaceably."
14 Moreover he said, "I have something
to say to you." And she said, "Say it."
15 Then he said, "You know that the
kingdom was mine, and all Israel had
set their expectations on me, that I
should reign. However, the kingdom has

been turned over, and has become my
brother's; for it was his from the LORD.
16 "Now I ask one petition of you; do
not deny me." And she said to him, "Say
it."
17 Then he said, "Please speak to
King Solomon, for he will not refuse
you, that he may give me Abishag the
Shunammite as wife."
18 So Bathsheba said, "Very well, I will
speak for you to the king."
19 Bathsheba therefore went to King
Solomon, to speak to him for Adonijah.
And the king rose up to meet her and
bowed down to her, and sat down on
his throne and had a throne set for the
king's mother; so she sat at his right
hand.
20 Then she said, "I desire one small
petition of you; do not refuse me." And
the king said to her, "Ask it, my mother,
for I will not refuse you."

21 So she said, "Let Abishag the
Shunammite be given to Adonijah your
brother as wife."
22 And King Solomon answered and
said to his mother, "Now why do you ask
Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah?
Ask for him the kingdom also—for he
is my older brother—for him, and for
Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son
of Zeruiah."
23 Then King Solomon swore by the
LORD, saying, "May God do so to me,
and more also, if Adonijah has not
spoken this word against his own life!
24 "Now therefore, as the LORD lives,
who has confirmed me and set me on
the throne of David my father, and who
has established a house for me, as He
promised, Adonijah shall be put to death
today!"

25 So King Solomon sent by the hand
of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he
struck him down, and he died.
26 And to Abiathar the priest the king
said, "Go to Anathoth, to your own
fields, for you are deserving of death;
but I will not put you to death at this
time, because you carried the ark of the
Lord GOD before my father David, and
because you were afflicted every time
my father was afflicted."
27 So Solomon removed Abiathar from
being priest to the LORD, that he might
fulfill the word of the LORD which He
spoke concerning the house of Eli at
Shiloh.
28 Then news came to Joab, for Joab
had defected to Adonijah, though he
had not defected to Absalom. So Joab
fled to the tabernacle of the LORD, and
took hold of the horns of the altar.

29 And King Solomon was told, "Joab
has fled to the tabernacle of the LORD;
there he is, by the altar." Then Solomon
sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying,
"Go, strike him down."
30 So Benaiah went to the tabernacle
of the LORD, and said to him, "Thus says
the king, ‘Come out!’" And he said, "No,
but I will die here." And Benaiah brought
back word to the king, saying, "Thus said
Joab, and thus he answered me."
31 Then the king said to him, "Do as he
has said, and strike him down and bury
him, that you may take away from me
and from the house of my father the
innocent blood which Joab shed.
32 "So the LORD will return his blood on
his head, because he struck down two
men more righteous and better than he,
and killed them with the sword—Abner
the son of Ner, the commander of the
army of Israel, and Amasa the son of

Jether, the commander of the army of Judah—though my father David did not know it.

33 "Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab and upon the head of his descendants forever. But upon David and his descendants, upon his house and his throne, there shall be peace forever from the LORD."

34 So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up and struck and killed him; and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness.

35 The king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his place over the army, and the king put Zadok the priest in the place of Abiathar.

36 Then the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, "Build yourself a house in Jerusalem and dwell there, and do not go out from there anywhere.

37 "For it shall be, on the day you go out
and cross the Brook Kidron, know for
certain you shall surely die; your blood
shall be on your own head."
38 And Shimei said to the king, "The
saying is good. As my lord the king has
said, so your servant will do." So Shimei
dwelt in Jerusalem many days.
39 Now it happened at the end of three
years, that two slaves of Shimei ran
away to Achish the son of Maachah, king
of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying,
"Look, your slaves are in Gath!"
40 So Shimei arose, saddled his donkey,
and went to Achish at Gath to seek his
slaves. And Shimei went and brought his
slaves from Gath.
41 And Solomon was told that Shimei
had gone from Jerusalem to Gath and
had come back.
42 Then the king sent and called for
Shimei, and said to him, "Did I not make

you swear by the LORD, and warn you,
saying, ‘Know for certain that on the day
you go out and travel anywhere, you
shall surely die’? And you said to me,
‘The word I have heard is good.’
43 "Why then have you not kept the
oath of the LORD and the commandment
that I gave you?"
44 The king said moreover to Shimei,
"You know, as your heart acknowledges,
all the wickedness that you did to my
father David; therefore the LORD will
return your wickedness on your own
head.
45 "But King Solomon shall be blessed,
and the throne of David shall be
established before the LORD forever."
46 So the king commanded Benaiah the
son of Jehoiada; and he went out and
struck him down, and he died. Thus the
kingdom was established in the hand of
Solomon.

3 [1] Now Solomon made a treaty with
Pharaoh king of Egypt, and married
Pharaoh's daughter; then he brought her
to the City of David until he had finished
building his own house, and the house
of the LORD, and the wall all around
Jerusalem.
[2] Meanwhile the people sacrificed at
the high places, because there was no
house built for the name of the LORD
until those days.
[3] And Solomon loved the LORD, walking
in the statutes of his father David, except
that he sacrificed and burned incense at
the high places.
[4] Now the king went to Gibeon to
sacrifice there, for that was the great
high place: Solomon offered a thousand
burnt offerings on that altar.
[5] At Gibeon the LORD appeared to
Solomon in a dream by night; and God
said, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

6 And Solomon said: "You have shown
great mercy to Your servant David
my father, because he walked before
You in truth, in righteousness, and in
uprightness of heart with You; You have
continued this great kindness for him,
and You have given him a son to sit on
his throne, as it is this day.
7 "Now, O LORD my God, You have
made Your servant king instead of my
father David, but I am a little child; I do
not know how to go out or come in.
8 "And Your servant is in the midst of
Your people whom You have chosen,
a great people, too numerous to be
numbered or counted.
9 "Therefore give to Your servant an
understanding heart to judge Your
people, that I may discern between good
and evil. For who is able to judge this
great people of Yours?"

[10] The speech pleased the Lord, that
Solomon had asked this thing.
[11] Then God said to him: "Because you
have asked this thing, and have not
asked long life for yourself, nor have
asked riches for yourself, nor have asked
the life of your enemies, but have asked
for yourself understanding to discern
justice,
[12] "behold, I have done according to
your words; see, I have given you a wise
and understanding heart, so that there
has not been anyone like you before you,
nor shall any like you arise after you.
[13] "And I have also given you what you
have not asked: both riches and honor,
so that there shall not be anyone like
you among the kings all your days.
[14] "So if you walk in My ways, to keep
My statutes and My commandments,
as your father David walked, then I will
lengthen your days."

[15] Then Solomon awoke; and indeed
it had been a dream. And he came to
Jerusalem and stood before the ark of
the covenant of the LORD, offered up
burnt offerings, offered peace offerings,
and made a feast for all his servants.
[16] Now two women who were harlots
came to the king, and stood before him.
[17] And one woman said, "O my lord,
this woman and I dwell in the same
house; and I gave birth while she was in
the house.
[18] "Then it happened, the third day
after I had given birth, that this woman
also gave birth. And we were together;
no one was with us in the house, except
the two of us in the house.
[19] "And this woman’s son died in the
night, because she lay on him.
[20] "So she arose in the middle of the
night and took my son from my side,
while your maidservant slept, and laid

him in her bosom, and laid her dead
child in my bosom.
21 "And when I rose in the morning
to nurse my son, there he was, dead.
But when I had examined him in the
morning, indeed, he was not my son
whom I had borne."
22 Then the other woman said, "No! But
the living one is my son, and the dead
one is your son." And the first woman
said, "No! But the dead one is your son,
and the living one is my son." Thus they
spoke before the king.
23 And the king said, "The one says,
'This is my son, who lives, and your son
is the dead one'; and the other says,
'No! But your son is the dead one, and
my son is the living one.'"
24 Then the king said, "Bring me a
sword." So they brought a sword before
the king.

25 And the king said, "Divide the living
child in two, and give half to one, and
half to the other."
26 Then the woman whose son was
living spoke to the king, for she yearned
with compassion for her son; and she
said, "O my lord, give her the living child,
and by no means kill him!" But the other
said, "Let him be neither mine nor yours,
but divide him."
27 So the king answered and said, "Give
the first woman the living child, and by
no means kill him; she is his mother."
28 And all Israel heard of the judgment
which the king had rendered; and they
feared the king, for they saw that the
wisdom of God was in him to administer
justice.

4

1 So King Solomon was king over all
Israel.
2 And these were his officials: Azariah
the son of Zadok, the priest;

3 Elihoreph and Ahijah, the sons of
Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of
Ahilud, the recorder;
4 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, over the
army; Zadok and Abiathar, the priests;
5 Azariah the son of Nathan, over the
officers; Zabud the son of Nathan, a
priest and the king's friend;
6 Ahishar, over the household; and
Adoniram the son of Abda, over the
labor force.
7 And Solomon had twelve governors
over all Israel, who provided food for the
king and his household; each one made
provision for one month of the year.
8 These are their names: Ben–Hur, in
the mountains of Ephraim;
9 Ben–Deker, in Makaz, Shaalbim, Beth
Shemesh, and Elon Beth Hanan;
10 Ben–Hesed, in Arubboth; to him
belonged Sochoh and all the land of
Hepher;

11 Ben–Abinadab, in all the regions of
Dor; he had Taphath the daughter of
Solomon as wife;
12 Baana the son of Ahilud, in Taanach,
Megiddo, and all Beth Shean, which is
beside Zaretan below Jezreel, from Beth
Shean to Abel Meholah, as far as the
other side of Jokneam;
13 Ben–Geber, in Ramoth Gilead; to
him belonged the towns of Jair the
son of Manasseh, in Gilead; to him
also belonged the region of Argob in
Bashan—sixty large cities with walls and
bronze gate–bars;
14 Ahinadab the son of Iddo, in
Mahanaim;
15 Ahimaaz, in Naphtali; he also took
Basemath the daughter of Solomon as
wife;
16 Baanah the son of Hushai, in Asher
and Aloth;

17 Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in
Issachar;
18 Shimei the son of Elah, in Benjamin;
19 Geber the son of Uri, in the land of
Gilead, in the country of Sihon king of
the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan.
He was the only governor who was in
the land.
20 Judah and Israel were as numerous
as the sand by the sea in multitude,
eating and drinking and rejoicing.
21 So Solomon reigned over all
kingdoms from the River to the land of
the Philistines, as far as the border of
Egypt. They brought tribute and served
Solomon all the days of his life.
22 Now Solomon's provision for one day
was thirty kors of fine flour, sixty kors of
meal,
23 ten fatted oxen, twenty oxen from
the pastures, and one hundred sheep,

besides deer, gazelles, roebucks, and
fatted fowl.
24 For he had dominion over all the
region on this side of the River from
Tiphsah even to Gaza, namely over all
the kings on this side of the River; and he
had peace on every side all around him.
25 And Judah and Israel dwelt safely,
each man under his vine and his fig tree,
from Dan as far as Beersheba, all the
days of Solomon.
26 Solomon had forty thousand stalls
of horses for his chariots, and twelve
thousand horsemen.
27 And these governors, each man in his
month, provided food for King Solomon
and for all who came to King Solomon's
table. There was no lack in their supply.
28 They also brought barley and straw
to the proper place, for the horses
and steeds, each man according to his
charge.

[29] And God gave Solomon wisdom and
exceedingly great understanding, and
largeness of heart like the sand on the
seashore.
[30] Thus Solomon's wisdom excelled the
wisdom of all the men of the East and all
the wisdom of Egypt.
[31] For he was wiser than all men—than
Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, Chalcol,
and Darda, the sons of Mahol; and his
fame was in all the surrounding nations.
[32] He spoke three thousand proverbs,
and his songs were one thousand and
five.
[33] Also he spoke of trees, from the
cedar tree of Lebanon even to the
hyssop that springs out of the wall;
he spoke also of animals, of birds, of
creeping things, and of fish.
[34] And men of all nations, from all the
kings of the earth who had heard of his

wisdom, came to hear the wisdom of
Solomon.

5 1 Now Hiram king of Tyre sent his
servants to Solomon, because he
heard that they had anointed him king in
place of his father, for Hiram had always
loved David.
2 Then Solomon sent to Hiram, saying:
3 You know how my father David could
not build a house for the name of the
LORD his God because of the wars which
were fought against him on every side,
until the LORD put his foes under the
soles of his feet.
4 But now the LORD my God has given
me rest on every side; there is neither
adversary nor evil occurrence.
5 And behold, I propose to build a
house for the name of the LORD my God,
as the LORD spoke to my father David,
saying, "Your son, whom I will set on

your throne in your place, he shall build
the house for My name."
6 Now therefore, command that they
cut down cedars for me from Lebanon;
and my servants will be with your
servants, and I will pay you wages for
your servants according to whatever you
say. For you know there is none among
us who has skill to cut timber like the
Sidonians.
7 So it was, when Hiram heard the
words of Solomon, that he rejoiced
greatly and said, Blessed be the LORD
this day, for He has given David a wise
son over this great people!
8 Then Hiram sent to Solomon, saying:
I have considered the message which
you sent me, and I will do all you desire
concerning the cedar and cypress logs.
9 My servants shall bring them down
from Lebanon to the sea; I will float them
in rafts by sea to the place you indicate

to me, and will have them broken apart
there; then you can take them away. And
you shall fulfill my desire by giving food
for my household.
10 Then Hiram gave Solomon cedar and
cypress logs according to all his desire.
11 And Solomon gave Hiram twenty
thousand kors of wheat as food for his
household, and twenty kors of pressed
oil. Thus Solomon gave to Hiram year by
year.
12 So the LORD gave Solomon wisdom,
as He had promised him; and there was
peace between Hiram and Solomon, and
the two of them made a treaty together.
13 Then King Solomon raised up a labor
force out of all Israel; and the labor force
was thirty thousand men.
14 And he sent them to Lebanon, ten
thousand a month in shifts: they were
one month in Lebanon and two months

at home; Adoniram was in charge of the
labor force.
15 Solomon had seventy thousand who
carried burdens, and eighty thousand
who quarried stone in the mountains,
16 besides three thousand three
hundred from the chiefs of Solomon's
deputies, who supervised the people
who labored in the work.
17 And the king commanded them to
quarry large stones, costly stones, and
hewn stones, to lay the foundation of
the temple.
18 So Solomon's builders, Hiram's
builders, and the Gebalites quarried
them; and they prepared timber and
stones to build the temple.

6 1 And it came to pass in the four
hundred and eightieth year after
the children of Israel had come out of
the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of
Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month

of Ziv, which is the second month, that
he began to build the house of the LORD.
2 Now the house which King Solomon
built for the LORD, its length was sixty
cubits, its width twenty, and its height
thirty cubits.
3 The vestibule in front of the sanctuary
of the house was twenty cubits long
across the width of the house, and the
width of the vestible extended ten cubits
from the front of the house.
4 And he made for the house windows
with beveled frames.
5 Against the wall of the temple he built
chambers all around, against the walls of
the temple, all around the sanctuary and
the inner sanctuary. Thus he made side
chambers all around it.
6 The lowest chamber was five cubits
wide, the middle was six cubits wide,
and the third was seven cubits wide;
for he made narrow ledges around

the outside of the temple, so that the
support beams would not be fastened
into the walls of the temple.
7 And the temple, when it was being
built, was built with stone finished at the
quarry, so that no hammer or chisel or
any iron tool was heard in the temple
while it was being built.
8 The doorway for the middle story was
on the right side of the temple. They
went up by stairs to the middle story,
and from the middle to the third.
9 So he built the temple and finished it,
and he paneled the temple with beams
and boards of cedar.
10 And he built side chambers against
the entire temple, each five cubits high;
they were attached to the temple with
cedar beams.
11 Then the word of the LORD came to
Solomon, saying:

12 "Concerning this temple which you
are building, if you walk in My statutes,
execute My judgments, keep all My
commandments, and walk in them, then
I will perform My word with you, which I
spoke to your father David.
13 "And I will dwell among the children
of Israel, and will not forsake My people
Israel."
14 So Solomon built the temple and
finished it.
15 And he built the inside walls of the
temple with cedar boards; from the floor
of the temple to the ceiling he paneled
the inside with wood; and he covered
the floor of the temple with planks of
cypress.
16 Then he built the twenty–cubit room
at the rear of the temple, from floor
to ceiling, with cedar boards; he built
it inside as the inner sanctuary, as the
Most Holy Place.

17 And in front of it the temple
sanctuary was forty cubits long.
18 The inside of the temple was cedar,
carved with ornamental buds and open
flowers. All was cedar; there was no
stone to be seen.
19 And he prepared the inner sanctuary
inside the temple, to set the ark of the
covenant of the LORD there.
20 The inner sanctuary was twenty
cubits long, twenty cubits wide, and
twenty cubits high. He overlaid it with
pure gold, and overlaid the altar of
cedar.
21 So Solomon overlaid the inside of
the temple with pure gold. He stretched
gold chains across the front of the inner
sanctuary, and overlaid it with gold.
22 The whole temple he overlaid with
gold, until he had finished all the temple;
also he overlaid with gold the entire
altar that was by the inner sanctuary.

23 Inside the inner sanctuary he made
two cherubim of olive wood, each ten
cubits high.
24 One wing of the cherub was five
cubits, and the other wing of the cherub
five cubits: ten cubits from the tip of one
wing to the tip of the other.
25 And the other cherub was ten cubits;
both cherubim were of the same size
and shape.
26 The height of one cherub was ten
cubits, and so was the other cherub.
27 Then he set the cherubim inside the
inner room; and they stretched out the
wings of the cherubim so that the wing
of the one touched one wall, and the
wing of the other cherub touched the
other wall. And their wings touched
each other in the middle of the room.
28 Also he overlaid the cherubim with
gold.

29 Then he carved all the walls of the
temple all around, both the inner and
outer sanctuaries, with carved figures of
cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers.
30 And the floor of the temple he
overlaid with gold, both the inner and
outer sanctuaries.
31 For the entrance of the inner
sanctuary he made doors of olive wood;
the lintel and doorposts were one–fifth
of the wall.
32 The two doors were of olive wood;
and he carved on them figures of
cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers,
and overlaid them with gold; and he
spread gold on the cherubim and on the
palm trees.
33 So for the door of the sanctuary he
also made doorposts of olive wood,
one–fourth of the wall.
34 And the two doors were of cypress
wood; two panels comprised one folding

door, and two panels comprised the
other folding door.
35 Then he carved cherubim, palm
trees, and open flowers on them, and
overlaid them with gold applied evenly
on the carved work.
36 And he built the inner court with
three rows of hewn stone and a row of
cedar beams.
37 In the fourth year the foundation of
the house of the LORD was laid, in the
month of Ziv.
38 And in the eleventh year, in the
month of Bul, which is the eighth month,
the house was finished in all its details
and according to all its plans. So he was
seven years in building it.

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1 But Solomon took thirteen years to
build his own house; so he finished
all his house.
2 He also built the House of the Forest
of Lebanon; its length was one hundred

cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits, with four rows of cedar pillars, and cedar beams on the pillars.

3 And it was paneled with cedar above the beams that were on forty–five pillars, fifteen to a row.

4 There were windows with beveled frames in three rows, and window was opposite window in three tiers.

5 And all the doorways and doorposts had rectangular frames; and window was opposite window in three tiers.

6 He also made the Hall of Pillars: its length was fifty cubits, and its width thirty cubits; and in front of them was a portico with pillars, and a canopy was in front of them.

7 Then he made a hall for the throne, the Hall of Judgment, where he might judge; and it was paneled with cedar from floor to ceiling.

8 And the house where he dwelt had
another court inside the hall, of like
workmanship. Solomon also made
a house like this hall for Pharaoh's
daughter, whom he had taken as wife.
9 All these were of costly stones cut to
size, trimmed with saws, inside and out,
from the foundation to the eaves, and
also on the outside to the great court.
10 The foundation was of costly stones,
large stones, some ten cubits and some
eight cubits.
11 And above were costly stones, hewn
to size, and cedar wood.
12 The great court was enclosed with
three rows of hewn stones and a row of
cedar beams. So were the inner court of
the house of the LORD and the vestibule
of the temple.
13 Now King Solomon sent and brought
Huram from Tyre.

[14] He was the son of a widow from the
tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a
man of Tyre, a bronze worker; he was
filled with wisdom and understanding
and skill in working with all kinds
of bronze work. So he came to King
Solomon and did all his work.
[15] And he cast two pillars of bronze,
each one eighteen cubits high, and
a line of twelve cubits measured the
circumference of each.
[16] Then he made two capitals of cast
bronze, to set on the tops of the pillars.
The height of one capital was five cubits,
and the height of the other capital was
five cubits.
[17] He made a lattice network, with
wreaths of chainwork, for the capitals
which were on top of the pillars: seven
chains for one capital and seven for the
other capital.

18 So he made the pillars, and two rows
of pomegranates above the network all
around to cover the capitals that were
on top; and thus he did for the other
capital.
19 The capitals which were on top of
the pillars in the hall were in the shape
of lilies, four cubits.
20 The capitals on the two pillars also
had pomegranates above, by the convex
surface which was next to the network;
and there were two hundred such
pomegranates in rows on each of the
capitals all around.
21 Then he set up the pillars by the
vestibule of the temple; he set up the
pillar on the right and called its name
Jachin, and he set up the pillar on the
left and called its name Boaz.
22 The tops of the pillars were in the
shape of lilies. So the work of the pillars
was finished.

23 And he made the Sea of cast bronze,
ten cubits from one brim to the other;
it was completely round. Its height was
five cubits, and a line of thirty cubits
measured its circumference.
24 Below its brim were ornamental buds
encircling it all around, ten to a cubit, all
the way around the Sea. The ornamental
buds were cast in two rows when it was
cast.
25 It stood on twelve oxen: three
looking toward the north, three looking
toward the west, three looking toward
the south, and three looking toward the
east; the Sea was set upon them, and all
their back parts pointed inward.
26 It was a handbreadth thick; and its
brim was shaped like the brim of a cup,
like a lily blossom. It contained two
thousand baths.
27 He also made ten carts of bronze;
four cubits was the length of each cart,

four cubits its width, and three cubits its
height.
28 And this was the design of the carts:
They had panels, and the panels were
between frames;
29 on the panels that were between the
frames were lions, oxen, and cherubim.
And on the frames was a pedestal on
top. Below the lions and oxen were
wreaths of plaited work.
30 Every cart had four bronze wheels
and axles of bronze, and its four feet had
supports. Under the laver were supports
of cast bronze beside each wreath.
31 Its opening inside the crown at the
top was one cubit in diameter; and
the opening was round, shaped like a
pedestal, one and a half cubits in outside
diameter; and also on the opening were
engravings, but the panels were square,
not round.

32 Under the panels were the four
wheels, and the axles of the wheels were
joined to the cart. The height of a wheel
was one and a half cubits.
33 The workmanship of the wheels was
like the workmanship of a chariot wheel;
their axle pins, their rims, their spokes,
and their hubs were all of cast bronze.
34 And there were four supports at the
four corners of each cart; its supports
were part of the cart itself.
35 On the top of the cart, at the height
of half a cubit, it was perfectly round.
And on the top of the cart, its flanges
and its panels were of the same casting.
36 On the plates of its flanges and on its
panels he engraved cherubim, lions, and
palm trees, wherever there was a clear
space on each, with wreaths all around.
37 Thus he made the ten carts. All
of them were of the same mold, one
measure, and one shape.

38 Then he made ten lavers of bronze;
each laver contained forty baths, and
each laver was four cubits. On each of
the ten carts was a laver.
39 And he put five carts on the right side
of the house, and five on the left side of
the house. He set the Sea on the right
side of the house, toward the southeast.
40 Huram made the lavers and the
shovels and the bowls. So Huram
finished doing all the work that he was
to do for King Solomon for the house of
the LORD:
41 the two pillars, the two bowl–shaped
capitals that were on top of the two
pillars; the two networks covering the
two bowl–shaped capitals which were
on top of the pillars;
42 four hundred pomegranates
for the two networks (two rows of
pomegranates for each network, to

cover the two bowl–shaped capitals that
were on top of the pillars);
43 the ten carts, and ten lavers on the
carts;
44 one Sea, and twelve oxen under the
Sea;
45 the pots, the shovels, and the bowls.
All these articles which Huram made for
King Solomon for the house of the LORD
were of burnished bronze.
46 In the plain of Jordan the king
had them cast in clay molds, between
Succoth and Zaretan.
47 And Solomon did not weigh all
the articles, because there were so
many; the weight of the bronze was not
determined.
48 Thus Solomon had all the furnishings
made for the house of the LORD: the
altar of gold, and the table of gold on
which was the showbread;

49 the lampstands of pure gold, five on
the right side and five on the left in front
of the inner sanctuary, with the flowers
and the lamps and the wick–trimmers of
gold;
50 the basins, the trimmers, the bowls,
the ladles, and the censers of pure gold;
and the hinges of gold, both for the
doors of the inner room (the Most Holy
Place) and for the doors of the main hall
of the temple.
51 So all the work that King Solomon
had done for the house of the LORD
was finished; and Solomon brought in
the things which his father David had
dedicated: the silver and the gold and
the furnishings. He put them in the
treasuries of the house of the LORD.

8 1 Now Solomon assembled the elders
of Israel and all the heads of the
tribes, the chief fathers of the children
of Israel, to King Solomon in Jerusalem,

that they might bring up the ark of the
covenant of the LORD from the City of
David, which is Zion.
2 Therefore all the men of Israel
assembled with King Solomon at the
feast in the month of Ethanim, which is
the seventh month.
3 So all the elders of Israel came, and
the priests took up the ark.
4 Then they brought up the ark of the
LORD, the tabernacle of meeting, and
all the holy furnishings that were in the
tabernacle. The priests and the Levites
brought them up.
5 Also King Solomon, and all the
congregation of Israel who were
assembled with him, were with him
before the ark, sacrificing sheep and
oxen that could not be counted or
numbered for multitude.
6 Then the priests brought in the ark of
the covenant of the LORD to its place,

into the inner sanctuary of the temple,
to the Most Holy Place, under the wings
of the cherubim.
7 For the cherubim spread their two
wings over the place of the ark, and the
cherubim overshadowed the ark and its
poles.
8 The poles extended so that the ends
of the poles could be seen from the holy
place, in front of the inner sanctuary;
but they could not be seen from outside.
And they are there to this day.
9 Nothing was in the ark except the
two tablets of stone which Moses put
there at Horeb, when the LORD made
a covenant with the children of Israel,
when they came out of the land of Egypt.
10 And it came to pass, when the priests
came out of the holy place, that the
cloud filled the house of the LORD,
11 so that the priests could not continue
ministering because of the cloud; for the

glory of the LORD filled the house of the
LORD.
12 Then Solomon spoke: "The LORD said
He would dwell in the dark cloud.
13 I have surely built You an exalted
house, And a place for You to dwell in
forever."
14 Then the king turned around and
blessed the whole assembly of Israel,
while all the assembly of Israel was
standing.
15 And he said: "Blessed be the LORD
God of Israel, who spoke with His mouth
to my father David, and with His hand
has fulfilled it, saying,
16 'Since the day that I brought My
people Israel out of Egypt, I have chosen
no city from any tribe of Israel in which
to build a house, that My name might be
there; but I chose David to be over My
people Israel.'

17 "Now it was in the heart of my father
David to build a temple for the name of
the LORD God of Israel.
18 "But the LORD said to my father
David, 'Whereas it was in your heart to
build a temple for My name, you did well
that it was in your heart.
19 'Nevertheless you shall not build the
temple, but your son who will come from
your body, he shall build the temple for
My name.'
20 "So the LORD has fulfilled His word
which He spoke; and I have filled the
position of my father David, and sit
on the throne of Israel, as the LORD
promised; and I have built a temple for
the name of the LORD God of Israel.
21 "And there I have made a place for
the ark, in which is the covenant of the
LORD which He made with our fathers,
when He brought them out of the land
of Egypt."

22 Then Solomon stood before the altar
of the LORD in the presence of all the
assembly of Israel, and spread out his
hands toward heaven;
23 and he said: "LORD God of Israel,
there is no God in heaven above or on
earth below like You, who keep Your
covenant and mercy with Your servants
who walk before You with all their
hearts.
24 "You have kept what You promised
Your servant David my father; You have
both spoken with Your mouth and
fulfilled it with Your hand, as it is this
day.
25 "Therefore, LORD God of Israel, now
keep what You promised Your servant
David my father, saying, ‘You shall not
fail to have a man sit before Me on the
throne of Israel, only if your sons take
heed to their way, that they walk before
Me as you have walked before Me.’

26 "And now I pray, O God of Israel, let
Your word come true, which You have
spoken to Your servant David my father.
27 "But will God indeed dwell on the
earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven
of heavens cannot contain You. How
much less this temple which I have built!
28 "Yet regard the prayer of Your servant
and his supplication, O LORD my God,
and listen to the cry and the prayer
which Your servant is praying before You
today:
29 "that Your eyes may be open toward
this temple night and day, toward the
place of which You said, 'My name shall
be there,' that You may hear the prayer
which Your servant makes toward this
place.
30 "And may You hear the supplication
of Your servant and of Your people Israel,
when they pray toward this place. Hear

in heaven Your dwelling place; and when
You hear, forgive.
31 "When anyone sins against his
neighbor, and is forced to take an oath,
and comes and takes an oath before
Your altar in this temple,
32 "then hear in heaven, and act, and
judge Your servants, condemning the
wicked, bringing his way on his head,
and justifying the righteous by giving
him according to his righteousness.
33 "When Your people Israel are
defeated before an enemy because they
have sinned against You, and when they
turn back to You and confess Your name,
and pray and make supplication to You
in this temple,
34 "then hear in heaven, and forgive the
sin of Your people Israel, and bring them
back to the land which You gave to their
fathers.

35 "When the heavens are shut up and
there is no rain because they have sinned
against You, when they pray toward this
place and confess Your name, and turn
from their sin because You afflict them,
36 "then hear in heaven, and forgive the
sin of Your servants, Your people Israel,
that You may teach them the good way
in which they should walk; and send rain
on Your land which You have given to
Your people as an inheritance.
37 "When there is famine in the land,
pestilence or blight or mildew, locusts
or grasshoppers; when their enemy
besieges them in the land of their cities;
whatever plague or whatever sickness
there is;
38 "whatever prayer, whatever
supplication is made by anyone, or by
all Your people Israel, when each one
knows the plague of his own heart,

and spreads out his hands toward this
temple:
39 "then hear in heaven Your dwelling
place, and forgive, and act, and give
to everyone according to all his ways,
whose heart You know (for You alone
know the hearts of all the sons of men),
40 "that they may fear You all the days
that they live in the land which You gave
to our fathers.
41 "Moreover, concerning a foreigner,
who is not of Your people Israel, but has
come from a far country for Your name's
sake
42 '(for they will hear of Your great
name and Your strong hand and Your
outstretched arm), when he comes and
prays toward this temple,
43 "hear in heaven Your dwelling place,
and do according to all for which the
foreigner calls to You, that all peoples of
the earth may know Your name and fear

You, as do Your people Israel, and that they may know that this temple which I have built is called by Your name.

44 "When Your people go out to battle against their enemy, wherever You send them, and when they pray to the LORD toward the city which You have chosen and the temple which I have built for Your name,

45 "then hear in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

46 "When they sin against You (for there is no one who does not sin), and You become angry with them and deliver them to the enemy, and they take them captive to the land of the enemy, far or near;

47 "yet when they come to themselves in the land where they were carried captive, and repent, and make supplication to You in the land of those

who took them captive, saying, ‘We
have sinned and done wrong, we have
committed wickedness’;
48 "and when they return to You with
all their heart and with all their soul
in the land of their enemies who led
them away captive, and pray to You
toward their land which You gave to their
fathers, the city which You have chosen
and the temple which I have built for
Your name:
49 "then hear in heaven Your dwelling
place their prayer and their supplication,
and maintain their cause,
50 "and forgive Your people who
have sinned against You, and all
their transgressions which they have
transgressed against You; and grant
them compassion before those who
took them captive, that they may have
compassion on them

51 "(for they are Your people and Your
inheritance, whom You brought out of
Egypt, out of the iron furnace),
52 "that Your eyes may be open to the
supplication of Your servant and the
supplication of Your people Israel, to
listen to them whenever they call to You.
53 "For You separated them from
among all the peoples of the earth to be
Your inheritance, as You spoke by Your
servant Moses, when You brought our
fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD."
54 And so it was, when Solomon had
finished praying all this prayer and
supplication to the LORD, that he arose
from before the altar of the LORD, from
kneeling on his knees with his hands
spread up to heaven.
55 Then he stood and blessed all the
assembly of Israel with a loud voice,
saying:

56 "Blessed be the LORD, who has given
rest to His people Israel, according to all
that He promised. There has not failed
one word of all His good promise, which
He promised through His servant Moses.
57 "May the LORD our God be with us,
as He was with our fathers. May He not
leave us nor forsake us,
58 "that He may incline our hearts to
Himself, to walk in all His ways, and
to keep His commandments and His
statutes and His judgments, which He
commanded our fathers.
59 "And may these words of mine, with
which I have made supplication before
the LORD, be near the LORD our God
day and night, that He may maintain the
cause of His servant and the cause of His
people Israel, as each day may require,
60 "that all the peoples of the earth may
know that the LORD is God; there is no
other.

61 "Let your heart therefore be loyal to
the LORD our God, to walk in His statutes
and keep His commandments, as at this
day."
62 Then the king and all Israel with him
offered sacrifices before the LORD.
63 And Solomon offered a sacrifice of
peace offerings, which he offered to
the LORD, twenty–two thousand bulls
and one hundred and twenty thousand
sheep. So the king and all the children of
Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.
64 On the same day the king consecrated
the middle of the court that was in front
of the house of the LORD; for there he
offered burnt offerings, grain offerings,
and the fat of the peace offerings,
because the bronze altar that was before
the LORD was too small to receive the
burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and
the fat of the peace offerings.

65 At that time Solomon held a feast,
and all Israel with him, a great assembly
from the entrance of Hamath to the
Brook of Egypt, before the LORD our
God, seven days and seven more
days—fourteen days.
66 On the eighth day he sent the people
away; and they blessed the king, and
went to their tents joyful and glad of
heart for all the good that the LORD had
done for His servant David, and for Israel
His people.

9 1 And it came to pass, when Solomon
had finished building the house of
the LORD and the king's house, and all
Solomon's desire which he wanted to do,
2 that the LORD appeared to Solomon
the second time, as He had appeared to
him at Gibeon.
3 And the LORD said to him: "I have
heard your prayer and your supplication
that you have made before Me; I have

consecrated this house which you have
built to put My name there forever, and
My eyes and My heart will be there
perpetually.
4 "Now if you walk before Me as your
father David walked, in integrity of heart
and in uprightness, to do according to all
that I have commanded you, and if you
keep My statutes and My judgments,
5 "then I will establish the throne of
your kingdom over Israel forever, as I
promised David your father, saying, ‘You
shall not fail to have a man on the throne
of Israel.’
6 "But if you or your sons at all turn
from following Me, and do not keep My
commandments and My statutes which
I have set before you, but go and serve
other gods and worship them,
7 "then I will cut off Israel from the land
which I have given them; and this house
which I have consecrated for My name

I will cast out of My sight. Israel will
be a proverb and a byword among all
peoples.
8 "And as for this house, which is
exalted, everyone who passes by it will
be astonished and will hiss, and say,
‘Why has the LORD done thus to this
land and to this house?’
9 "Then they will answer, ‘Because
they forsook the LORD their God, who
brought their fathers out of the land of
Egypt, and have embraced other gods,
and worshiped them and served them;
therefore the LORD has brought all this
calamity on them.’"
10 Now it happened at the end of
twenty years, when Solomon had built
the two houses, the house of the LORD
and the king’s house
11 (Hiram the king of Tyre had supplied
Solomon with cedar and cypress and
gold, as much as he desired), that King

Solomon then gave Hiram twenty cities
in the land of Galilee.
12 Then Hiram went from Tyre to see
the cities which Solomon had given him,
but they did not please him.
13 So he said, "What kind of cities are
these which you have given me, my
brother?" And he called them the land
of Cabul, as they are to this day.
14 Then Hiram sent the king one
hundred and twenty talents of gold.
15 And this is the reason for the labor
force which King Solomon raised: to
build the house of the LORD, his own
house, the Millo, the wall of Jerusalem,
Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer.
16 (Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up
and taken Gezer and burned it with fire,
had killed the Canaanites who dwelt in
the city, and had given it as a dowry to
his daughter, Solomon’s wife.)

[17] And Solomon built Gezer, Lower Beth
Horon,
[18] Baalath, and Tadmor in the
wilderness, in the land of Judah,
[19] all the storage cities that Solomon
had, cities for his chariots and cities
for his cavalry, and whatever Solomon
desired to build in Jerusalem, in
Lebanon, and in all the land of his
dominion.
[20] All the people who were left of the
Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and
Jebusites, who were not of the children
of Israel—
[21] that is, their descendants who were
left in the land after them, whom the
children of Israel had not been able
to destroy completely—from these
Solomon raised forced labor, as it is to
this day.
[22] But of the children of Israel Solomon
made no forced laborers, because they

were men of war and his servants: his
officers, his captains, commanders of his
chariots, and his cavalry.
23 Others were chiefs of the officials
who were over Solomon’s work: five
hundred and fifty, who ruled over the
people who did the work.
24 But Pharaoh’s daughter came up
from the City of David to her house
which Solomon had built for her. Then
he built the Millo.
25 Now three times a year Solomon
offered burnt offerings and peace
offerings on the altar which he had built
for the LORD, and he burned incense
with them on the altar that was before
the LORD. So he finished the temple.
26 King Solomon also built a fleet of
ships at Ezion Geber, which is near Elath
on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land
of Edom.

27 Then Hiram sent his servants with
the fleet, seamen who knew the sea, to
work with the servants of Solomon.
28 And they went to Ophir, and acquired
four hundred and twenty talents of
gold from there, and brought it to King
Solomon.
10 1 Now when the queen of Sheba
heard of the fame of Solomon
concerning the name of the LORD, she
came to test him with hard questions.
2 She came to Jerusalem with a very
great retinue, with camels that bore
spices, very much gold, and precious
stones; and when she came to Solomon,
she spoke with him about all that was in
her heart.
3 So Solomon answered all her
questions; there was nothing so difficult
for the king that he could not explain it
to her.

4 And when the queen of Sheba had
seen all the wisdom of Solomon, the
house that he had built,
5 the food on his table, the seating of
his servants, the service of his waiters
and their apparel, his cupbearers, and
his entryway by which he went up to the
house of the LORD, there was no more
spirit in her.
6 Then she said to the king: "It was a
true report which I heard in my own land
about your words and your wisdom.
7 "However I did not believe the words
until I came and saw with my own eyes;
and indeed the half was not told me.
Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the
fame of which I heard.
8 "Happy are your men and happy
are these your servants, who stand
continually before you and hear your
wisdom!

9 "Blessed be the LORD your God, who
delighted in you, setting you on the
throne of Israel! Because the LORD
has loved Israel forever, therefore
He made you king, to do justice and
righteousness."
10 Then she gave the king one hundred
and twenty talents of gold, spices in
great quantity, and precious stones.
There never again came such abundance
of spices as the queen of Sheba gave to
King Solomon.
11 Also, the ships of Hiram, which
brought gold from Ophir, brought great
quantities of almug wood and precious
stones from Ophir.
12 And the king made steps of the
almug wood for the house of the LORD
and for the king's house, also harps and
stringed instruments for singers. There
never again came such almug wood, nor
has the like been seen to this day.

13 Now King Solomon gave the queen
of Sheba all she desired, whatever she
asked, besides what Solomon had given
her according to the royal generosity. So
she turned and went to her own country,
she and her servants.
14 The weight of gold that came to
Solomon yearly was six hundred and
sixty–six talents of gold,
15 besides that from the traveling
merchants, from the income of traders,
from all the kings of Arabia, and from
the governors of the country.
16 And King Solomon made two
hundred large shields of hammered
gold; six hundred shekels of gold went
into each shield.
17 He also made three hundred shields
of hammered gold; three minas of gold
went into each shield. The king put them
in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.

18 Moreover the king made a great
throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure
gold.
19 The throne had six steps, and the top
of the throne was round at the back;
there were armrests on either side of the
place of the seat, and two lions stood
beside the armrests.
20 Twelve lions stood there, one on each
side of the six steps; nothing like this had
been made for any other kingdom.
21 All King Solomon’s drinking vessels
were gold, and all the vessels of the
House of the Forest of Lebanon were
pure gold. Not one was silver, for this
was accounted as nothing in the days of
Solomon.
22 For the king had merchant ships at
sea with the fleet of Hiram. Once every
three years the merchant ships came
bringing gold, silver, ivory, apes, and
monkeys.

[23] So King Solomon surpassed all the
kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.
[24] Now all the earth sought the
presence of Solomon to hear his
wisdom, which God had put in his heart.
[25] Each man brought his present:
articles of silver and gold, garments,
armor, spices, horses, and mules, at a set
rate year by year.
[26] And Solomon gathered chariots and
horsemen; he had one thousand four
hundred chariots and twelve thousand
horsemen, whom he stationed in the
chariot cities and with the king in
Jerusalem.
[27] The king made silver as common in
Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedar
trees as abundant as the sycamores
which are in the lowland.
[28] Also Solomon had horses imported
from Egypt and Keveh; the king's

merchants bought them in Keveh at the
current price.
29 Now a chariot that was imported
from Egypt cost six hundred shekels of
silver, and a horse one hundred and fifty;
and thus, through their agents, they
exported them to all the kings of the
Hittites and the kings of Syria.

11 1 But King Solomon loved many
foreign women, as well as the
daughter of Pharaoh: women of the
Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites,
Sidonians, and Hittites—
2 from the nations of whom the LORD
had said to the children of Israel, "You
shall not intermarry with them, nor they
with you. Surely they will turn away your
hearts after their gods." Solomon clung
to these in love.
3 And he had seven hundred wives,
princesses, and three hundred

concubines; and his wives turned away
his heart.
4 For it was so, when Solomon was old,
that his wives turned his heart after
other gods; and his heart was not loyal
to the LORD his God, as was the heart of
his father David.
5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth
the goddess of the Sidonians, and
after Milcom the abomination of the
Ammonites.
6 Solomon did evil in the sight of the
LORD, and did not fully follow the LORD,
as did his father David.
7 Then Solomon built a high place for
Chemosh the abomination of Moab, on
the hill that is east of Jerusalem, and for
Molech the abomination of the people
of Ammon.
8 And he did likewise for all his
foreign wives, who burned incense and
sacrificed to their gods.

9 So the LORD became angry with
Solomon, because his heart had turned
from the LORD God of Israel, who had
appeared to him twice,
10 and had commanded him concerning
this thing, that he should not go after
other gods; but he did not keep what
the LORD had commanded.
11 Therefore the LORD said to Solomon,
"Because you have done this, and have
not kept My covenant and My statutes,
which I have commanded you, I will
surely tear the kingdom away from you
and give it to your servant.
12 "Nevertheless I will not do it in your
days, for the sake of your father David; I
will tear it out of the hand of your son.
13 "However I will not tear away the
whole kingdom; I will give one tribe to
your son for the sake of My servant
David, and for the sake of Jerusalem
which I have chosen."

14 Now the LORD raised up an adversary
against Solomon, Hadad the Edomite; he
was a descendant of the king in Edom.
15 For it happened, when David was in
Edom, and Joab the commander of the
army had gone up to bury the slain, after
he had killed every male in Edom
16 (because for six months Joab
remained there with all Israel, until he
had cut down every male in Edom),
17 that Hadad fled to go to Egypt, he
and certain Edomites of his father's
servants with him. Hadad was still a little
child.
18 Then they arose from Midian and
came to Paran; and they took men with
them from Paran and came to Egypt, to
Pharaoh king of Egypt, who gave him a
house, apportioned food for him, and
gave him land.
19 And Hadad found great favor in the
sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him as

wife the sister of his own wife, that is,
the sister of Queen Tahpenes.
20 Then the sister of Tahpenes bore
him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes
weaned in Pharaoh’s house. And
Genubath was in Pharaoh’s household
among the sons of Pharaoh.
21 So when Hadad heard in Egypt that
David rested with his fathers, and that
Joab the commander of the army was
dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, "Let
me depart, that I may go to my own
country."
22 Then Pharaoh said to him, "But what
have you lacked with me, that suddenly
you seek to go to your own country?" So
he answered, "Nothing, but do let me go
anyway."
23 And God raised up another adversary
against him, Rezon the son of Eliadah,
who had fled from his lord, Hadadezer
king of Zobah.

24 So he gathered men to him and
became captain over a band of raiders,
when David killed those of Zobah. And
they went to Damascus and dwelt there,
and reigned in Damascus.
25 He was an adversary of Israel all the
days of Solomon (besides the trouble
that Hadad caused); and he abhorred
Israel, and reigned over Syria.
26 Then Solomon's servant, Jeroboam
the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite from
Zereda, whose mother's name was
Zeruah, a widow, also rebelled against
the king.
27 And this is what caused him to rebel
against the king: Solomon had built the
Millo and repaired the damages to the
City of David his father.
28 The man Jeroboam was a mighty
man of valor; and Solomon, seeing that
the young man was industrious, made

him the officer over all the labor force of
the house of Joseph.
29 Now it happened at that time, when
Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that
the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite met him
on the way; and he had clothed himself
with a new garment, and the two were
alone in the field.
30 Then Ahijah took hold of the new
garment that was on him, and tore it
into twelve pieces.
31 And he said to Jeroboam, "Take for
yourself ten pieces, for thus says the
LORD, the God of Israel: ‘Behold, I will
tear the kingdom out of the hand of
Solomon and will give ten tribes to you
32 ‘(but he shall have one tribe for the
sake of My servant David, and for the
sake of Jerusalem, the city which I have
chosen out of all the tribes of Israel),
33 ‘because they have forsaken Me,
and worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess

of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of
the Moabites, and Milcom the god of
the people of Ammon, and have not
walked in My ways to do what is right in
My eyes and keep My statutes and My
judgments, as did his father David.
34 'However I will not take the whole
kingdom out of his hand, because I
have made him ruler all the days of his
life for the sake of My servant David,
whom I chose because he kept My
commandments and My statutes.
35 'But I will take the kingdom out of his
son's hand and give it to you—ten tribes.
36 'And to his son I will give one tribe,
that My servant David may always have
a lamp before Me in Jerusalem, the city
which I have chosen for Myself, to put
My name there.
37 'So I will take you, and you shall reign
over all your heart desires, and you shall
be king over Israel.

38 ‘Then it shall be, if you heed all that
I command you, walk in My ways, and
do what is right in My sight, to keep My
statutes and My commandments, as My
servant David did, then I will be with you
and build for you an enduring house, as
I built for David, and will give Israel to
you.
39 ‘And I will afflict the descendants of
David because of this, but not forever.’"
40 Solomon therefore sought to kill
Jeroboam. But Jeroboam arose and fled
to Egypt, to Shishak king of Egypt, and
was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.
41 Now the rest of the acts of Solomon,
all that he did, and his wisdom, are they
not written in the book of the acts of
Solomon?
42 And the period that Solomon reigned
in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty
years.

43 Then Solomon rested with his
fathers, and was buried in the City of
David his father. And Rehoboam his son
reigned in his place.

12 1 And Rehoboam went to
Shechem, for all Israel had gone
to Shechem to make him king.
2 So it happened, when Jeroboam the
son of Nebat heard it (he was still in
Egypt, for he had fled from the presence
of King Solomon and had been dwelling
in Egypt),
3 that they sent and called him. Then
Jeroboam and the whole assembly of
Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam,
saying,
4 "Your father made our yoke heavy;
now therefore, lighten the burdensome
service of your father, and his heavy
yoke which he put on us, and we will
serve you."

5 So he said to them, "Depart for three
days, then come back to me." And the
people departed.
6 Then King Rehoboam consulted the
elders who stood before his father
Solomon while he still lived, and he said,
"How do you advise me to answer these
people?"
7 And they spoke to him, saying, "If you
will be a servant to these people today,
and serve them, and answer them, and
speak good words to them, then they
will be your servants forever."
8 But he rejected the advice which the
elders had given him, and consulted the
young men who had grown up with him,
who stood before him.
9 And he said to them, "What advice do
you give? How should we answer this
people who have spoken to me, saying,
'Lighten the yoke which your father put
on us'?"

10 Then the young men who had grown
up with him spoke to him, saying, "Thus
you should speak to this people who
have spoken to you, saying, ‘Your father
made our yoke heavy, but you make it
lighter on us’ —thus you shall say to
them: ‘My little finger shall be thicker
than my father’s waist!
11 ‘And now, whereas my father put a
heavy yoke on you, I will add to your
yoke; my father chastised you with
whips, but I will chastise you with
scourges!’"
12 So Jeroboam and all the people came
to Rehoboam the third day, as the king
had directed, saying, "Come back to me
the third day."
13 Then the king answered the people
roughly, and rejected the advice which
the elders had given him;
14 and he spoke to them according to
the advice of the young men, saying,

"My father made your yoke heavy,
but I will add to your yoke; my father
chastised you with whips, but I will
chastise you with scourges!"
15 So the king did not listen to the
people; for the turn of events was from
the LORD, that He might fulfill His word,
which the LORD had spoken by Ahijah
the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of
Nebat.
16 Now when all Israel saw that the
king did not listen to them, the people
answered the king, saying: "What
share have we in David? We have no
inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your
tents, O Israel! Now, see to your own
house, O David!" So Israel departed to
their tents.
17 But Rehoboam reigned over the
children of Israel who dwelt in the cities
of Judah.

18 Then King Rehoboam sent Adoram,
who was in charge of the revenue;
but all Israel stoned him with stones,
and he died. Therefore King Rehoboam
mounted his chariot in haste to flee to
Jerusalem.
19 So Israel has been in rebellion against
the house of David to this day.
20 Now it came to pass when all Israel
heard that Jeroboam had come back,
they sent for him and called him to the
congregation, and made him king over
all Israel. There was none who followed
the house of David, but the tribe of
Judah only.
21 And when Rehoboam came to
Jerusalem, he assembled all the house
of Judah with the tribe of Benjamin, one
hundred and eighty thousand chosen
men who were warriors, to fight against
the house of Israel, that he might restore

the kingdom to Rehoboam the son of
Solomon.
22 But the word of God came to
Shemaiah the man of God, saying,
23 "Speak to Rehoboam the son of
Solomon, king of Judah, to all the house
of Judah and Benjamin, and to the rest
of the people, saying,
24 'Thus says the LORD: "You shall not
go up nor fight against your brethren the
children of Israel. Let every man return
to his house, for this thing is from Me."'"
Therefore they obeyed the word of the
LORD, and turned back, according to the
word of the LORD.
25 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the
mountains of Ephraim, and dwelt there.
Also he went out from there and built
Penuel.
26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now
the kingdom may return to the house of
David:

27 "If these people go up to offer
sacrifices in the house of the LORD at
Jerusalem, then the heart of this people
will turn back to their lord, Rehoboam
king of Judah, and they will kill me and
go back to Rehoboam king of Judah."
28 Therefore the king asked advice,
made two calves of gold, and said to
the people, "It is too much for you to go
up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O
Israel, which brought you up from the
land of Egypt!"
29 And he set up one in Bethel, and the
other he put in Dan.
30 Now this thing became a sin, for the
people went to worship before the one
as far as Dan.
31 He made shrines on the high places,
and made priests from every class of
people, who were not of the sons of
Levi.

32 Jeroboam ordained a feast on the
fifteenth day of the eighth month, like
the feast that was in Judah, and offered
sacrifices on the altar. So he did at
Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he
had made. And at Bethel he installed the
priests of the high places which he had
made.
33 So he made offerings on the altar
which he had made at Bethel on the
fifteenth day of the eighth month, in the
month which he had devised in his own
heart. And he ordained a feast for the
children of Israel, and offered sacrifices
on the altar and burned incense.

13 1 And behold, a man of God went
from Judah to Bethel by the word
of the LORD, and Jeroboam stood by the
altar to burn incense.
2 Then he cried out against the altar
by the word of the LORD, and said, "O
altar, altar! Thus says the LORD: ‘Behold,

a child, Josiah by name, shall be born to
the house of David; and on you he shall
sacrifice the priests of the high places
who burn incense on you, and men's
bones shall be burned on you.'"
3 And he gave a sign the same day,
saying, "This is the sign which the LORD
has spoken: Surely the altar shall split
apart, and the ashes on it shall be
poured out."
4 So it came to pass when King
Jeroboam heard the saying of the man
of God, who cried out against the altar
in Bethel, that he stretched out his hand
from the altar, saying, "Arrest him!"
Then his hand, which he stretched out
toward him, withered, so that he could
not pull it back to himself.
5 The altar also was split apart, and
the ashes poured out from the altar,
according to the sign which the man of
God had given by the word of the LORD.

6 Then the king answered and said to
the man of God, "Please entreat the
favor of the LORD your God, and pray for
me, that my hand may be restored to
me." So the man of God entreated the
LORD, and the king’s hand was restored
to him, and became as before.
7 Then the king said to the man of
God, "Come home with me and refresh
yourself, and I will give you a reward."
8 But the man of God said to the king,
"If you were to give me half your house,
I would not go in with you; nor would I
eat bread nor drink water in this place.
9 "For so it was commanded me by the
word of the LORD, saying, ‘You shall not
eat bread, nor drink water, nor return by
the same way you came.’"
10 So he went another way and did not
return by the way he came to Bethel.
11 Now an old prophet dwelt in Bethel,
and his sons came and told him all the

works that the man of God had done
that day in Bethel; they also told their
father the words which he had spoken
to the king.
12 And their father said to them, "Which
way did he go?" For his sons had seen
which way the man of God went who
came from Judah.
13 Then he said to his sons, "Saddle the
donkey for me." So they saddled the
donkey for him; and he rode on it,
14 and went after the man of God, and
found him sitting under an oak. Then he
said to him, "Are you the man of God
who came from Judah?" And he said, "I
am."
15 Then he said to him, "Come home
with me and eat bread."
16 And he said, "I cannot return with
you nor go in with you; neither can I eat
bread nor drink water with you in this
place.

17 "For I have been told by the word of
the LORD, ‘You shall not eat bread nor
drink water there, nor return by going
the way you came.’"
18 He said to him, "I too am a prophet
as you are, and an angel spoke to me
by the word of the LORD, saying, ‘Bring
him back with you to your house, that
he may eat bread and drink water.’" (He
was lying to him.)
19 So he went back with him, and ate
bread in his house, and drank water.
20 Now it happened, as they sat at the
table, that the word of the LORD came to
the prophet who had brought him back;
21 and he cried out to the man of God
who came from Judah, saying, "Thus says
the LORD: ‘Because you have disobeyed
the word of the LORD, and have not kept
the commandment which the LORD your
God commanded you,

22 'but you came back, ate bread, and
drank water in the place of which the
LORD said to you, "Eat no bread and
drink no water," your corpse shall not
come to the tomb of your fathers.'"
23 So it was, after he had eaten bread
and after he had drunk, that he saddled
the donkey for him, the prophet whom
he had brought back.
24 When he was gone, a lion met him on
the road and killed him. And his corpse
was thrown on the road, and the donkey
stood by it. The lion also stood by the
corpse.
25 And there, men passed by and saw
the corpse thrown on the road, and the
lion standing by the corpse. Then they
went and told it in the city where the old
prophet dwelt.
26 Now when the prophet who had
brought him back from the way heard it,
he said, "It is the man of God who was

disobedient to the word of the LORD.
Therefore the LORD has delivered him to
the lion, which has torn him and killed
him, according to the word of the LORD
which He spoke to him."
27 And he spoke to his sons, saying,
"Saddle the donkey for me." So they
saddled it.
28 Then he went and found his corpse
thrown on the road, and the donkey and
the lion standing by the corpse. The lion
had not eaten the corpse nor torn the
donkey.
29 And the prophet took up the corpse
of the man of God, laid it on the donkey,
and brought it back. So the old prophet
came to the city to mourn, and to bury
him.
30 Then he laid the corpse in his own
tomb; and they mourned over him,
saying, "Alas, my brother!"

31 So it was, after he had buried him,
that he spoke to his sons, saying, "When
I am dead, then bury me in the tomb
where the man of God is buried; lay my
bones beside his bones.
32 "For the saying which he cried out by
the word of the LORD against the altar
in Bethel, and against all the shrines on
the high places which are in the cities of
Samaria, will surely come to pass."
33 After this event Jeroboam did not
turn from his evil way, but again he
made priests from every class of people
for the high places; whoever wished, he
consecrated him, and he became one of
the priests of the high places.
34 And this thing was the sin of the
house of Jeroboam, so as to exterminate
and destroy it from the face of the earth.

14 1 At that time Abijah the son of
Jeroboam became sick.

2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, "Please
arise, and disguise yourself, that they
may not recognize you as the wife of
Jeroboam, and go to Shiloh. Indeed,
Ahijah the prophet is there, who told me
that I would be king over this people.
3 "Also take with you ten loaves, some
cakes, and a jar of honey, and go to him;
he will tell you what will become of the
child."
4 And Jeroboam's wife did so; she arose
and went to Shiloh, and came to the
house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not
see, for his eyes were glazed by reason
of his age.
5 Now the LORD had said to Ahijah,
"Here is the wife of Jeroboam, coming
to ask you something about her son, for
he is sick. Thus and thus you shall say
to her; for it will be, when she comes
in, that she will pretend to be another
woman."

6 And so it was, when Ahijah heard
the sound of her footsteps as she came
through the door, he said, "Come in, wife
of Jeroboam. Why do you pretend to be
another person? For I have been sent to
you with bad news.
7 "Go, tell Jeroboam, ‘Thus says the
LORD God of Israel: "Because I exalted
you from among the people, and made
you ruler over My people Israel,
8 "and tore the kingdom away from the
house of David, and gave it to you; and
yet you have not been as My servant
David, who kept My commandments
and who followed Me with all his heart,
to do only what was right in My eyes;
9 "but you have done more evil than all
who were before you, for you have gone
and made for yourself other gods and
molded images to provoke Me to anger,
and have cast Me behind your back—

10 "therefore behold! I will bring
disaster on the house of Jeroboam, and
will cut off from Jeroboam every male in
Israel, bond and free; I will take away the
remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as
one takes away refuse until it is all gone.
11 "The dogs shall eat whoever belongs
to Jeroboam and dies in the city, and the
birds of the air shall eat whoever dies in
the field; for the LORD has spoken!"'
12 "Arise therefore, go to your own
house. When your feet enter the city,
the child shall die.
13 "And all Israel shall mourn for him
and bury him, for he is the only one of
Jeroboam who shall come to the grave,
because in him there is found something
good toward the LORD God of Israel in
the house of Jeroboam.
14 "Moreover the LORD will raise up for
Himself a king over Israel who shall cut

off the house of Jeroboam; this is the
day. What? Even now!
15 "For the LORD will strike Israel,
as a reed is shaken in the water. He
will uproot Israel from this good land
which He gave to their fathers, and will
scatter them beyond the River, because
they have made their wooden images,
provoking the LORD to anger.
16 "And He will give Israel up because of
the sins of Jeroboam, who sinned and
who made Israel sin."
17 Then Jeroboam’s wife arose and
departed, and came to Tirzah. When she
came to the threshold of the house, the
child died.
18 And they buried him; and all Israel
mourned for him, according to the word
of the LORD which He spoke through His
servant Ahijah the prophet.
19 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam,
how he made war and how he reigned,

indeed they are written in the book of
the chronicles of the kings of Israel.
20 The period that Jeroboam reigned
was twenty–two years. So he rested with
his fathers. Then Nadab his son reigned
in his place.
21 And Rehoboam the son of Solomon
reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was
forty–one years old when he became
king. He reigned seventeen years in
Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had
chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to
put His name there. His mother's name
was Naamah, an Ammonitess.
22 Now Judah did evil in the sight of
the LORD, and they provoked Him to
jealousy with their sins which they
committed, more than all that their
fathers had done.
23 For they also built for themselves
high places, sacred pillars, and wooden

images on every high hill and under
every green tree.
24 And there were also perverted
persons in the land. They did according
to all the abominations of the nations
which the LORD had cast out before the
children of Israel.
25 It happened in the fifth year of King
Rehoboam that Shishak king of Egypt
came up against Jerusalem.
26 And he took away the treasures of
the house of the LORD and the treasures
of the king's house; he took away
everything. He also took away all the
gold shields which Solomon had made.
27 Then King Rehoboam made bronze
shields in their place, and committed
them to the hands of the captains of the
guard, who guarded the doorway of the
king's house.
28 And whenever the king entered the
house of the LORD, the guards carried

them, then brought them back into the
guardroom.
29 Now the rest of the acts of
Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they
not written in the book of the chronicles
of the kings of Judah?
30 And there was war between
Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days.
31 So Rehoboam rested with his fathers,
and was buried with his fathers in the
City of David. His mother’s name was
Naamah, an Ammonitess. Then Abijam
his son reigned in his place.

15 1 In the eighteenth year of King
Jeroboam the son of Nebat,
Abijam became king over Judah.
2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem.
His mother’s name was Maachah the
granddaughter of Abishalom.
3 And he walked in all the sins of his
father, which he had done before him;

his heart was not loyal to the LORD his
God, as was the heart of his father David.
4 Nevertheless for David's sake the
LORD his God gave him a lamp in
Jerusalem, by setting up his son after
him and by establishing Jerusalem;
5 because David did what was right
in the eyes of the LORD, and had not
turned aside from anything that He
commanded him all the days of his life,
except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.
6 And there was war between
Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of
his life.
7 Now the rest of the acts of Abijam,
and all that he did, are they not written
in the book of the chronicles of the kings
of Judah? And there was war between
Abijam and Jeroboam.
8 So Abijam rested with his fathers, and
they buried him in the City of David.
Then Asa his son reigned in his place.

9 In the twentieth year of Jeroboam
king of Israel, Asa became king over
Judah.
10 And he reigned forty–one years in
Jerusalem. His grandmother’s name
was Maachah the granddaughter of
Abishalom.
11 Asa did what was right in the eyes of
the LORD, as did his father David.
12 And he banished the perverted
persons from the land, and removed all
the idols that his fathers had made.
13 Also he removed Maachah his
grandmother from being queen mother,
because she had made an obscene
image of Asherah. And Asa cut down
her obscene image and burned it by the
Brook Kidron.
14 But the high places were not
removed. Nevertheless Asa’s heart was
loyal to the LORD all his days.

15 He also brought into the house of
the LORD the things which his father
had dedicated, and the things which he
himself had dedicated: silver and gold
and utensils.
16 Now there was war between Asa and
Baasha king of Israel all their days.
17 And Baasha king of Israel came up
against Judah, and built Ramah, that he
might let none go out or come in to Asa
king of Judah.
18 Then Asa took all the silver and gold
that was left in the treasuries of the
house of the LORD and the treasuries
of the king’s house, and delivered them
into the hand of his servants. And King
Asa sent them to Ben–Hadad the son of
Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, king of
Syria, who dwelt in Damascus, saying,
19 "Let there be a treaty between you
and me, as there was between my father
and your father. See, I have sent you a

present of silver and gold. Come and
break your treaty with Baasha king of
Israel, so that he will withdraw from
me."
20 So Ben–Hadad heeded King Asa, and
sent the captains of his armies against
the cities of Israel. He attacked Ijon, Dan,
Abel Beth Maachah, and all Chinneroth,
with all the land of Naphtali.
21 Now it happened, when Baasha
heard it, that he stopped building
Ramah, and remained in Tirzah.
22 Then King Asa made a proclamation
throughout all Judah; none was
exempted. And they took away the
stones and timber of Ramah, which
Baasha had used for building; and with
them King Asa built Geba of Benjamin,
and Mizpah.
23 The rest of all the acts of Asa, all
his might, all that he did, and the cities
which he built, are they not written in

the book of the chronicles of the kings of
Judah? But in the time of his old age he
was diseased in his feet.
24 So Asa rested with his fathers, and
was buried with his fathers in the City of
David his father. Then Jehoshaphat his
son reigned in his place.
25 Now Nadab the son of Jeroboam
became king over Israel in the second
year of Asa king of Judah, and he reigned
over Israel two years.
26 And he did evil in the sight of the
LORD, and walked in the way of his
father, and in his sin by which he had
made Israel sin.
27 Then Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the
house of Issachar, conspired against him.
And Baasha killed him at Gibbethon,
which belonged to the Philistines,
while Nadab and all Israel laid siege to
Gibbethon.

28 Baasha killed him in the third year
of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his
place.
29 And it was so, when he became king,
that he killed all the house of Jeroboam.
He did not leave to Jeroboam anyone
that breathed, until he had destroyed
him, according to the word of the LORD
which He had spoken by His servant
Ahijah the Shilonite,
30 because of the sins of Jeroboam,
which he had sinned and by which he
had made Israel sin, because of his
provocation with which he had provoked
the LORD God of Israel to anger.
31 Now the rest of the acts of Nadab,
and all that he did, are they not written
in the book of the chronicles of the kings
of Israel?
32 And there was war between Asa and
Baasha king of Israel all their days.

33 In the third year of Asa king of Judah,
Baasha the son of Ahijah became king
over all Israel in Tirzah, and reigned
twenty–four years.
34 He did evil in the sight of the LORD,
and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and
in his sin by which he had made Israel
sin.

16 1 Then the word of the LORD
came to Jehu the son of Hanani,
against Baasha, saying:
2 "Inasmuch as I lifted you out of the
dust and made you ruler over My people
Israel, and you have walked in the way
of Jeroboam, and have made My people
Israel sin, to provoke Me to anger with
their sins,
3 "surely I will take away the posterity
of Baasha and the posterity of his house,
and I will make your house like the house
of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

4 "The dogs shall eat whoever belongs
to Baasha and dies in the city, and the
birds of the air shall eat whoever dies in
the fields."
5 Now the rest of the acts of Baasha,
what he did, and his might, are they not
written in the book of the chronicles of
the kings of Israel?
6 So Baasha rested with his fathers and
was buried in Tirzah. Then Elah his son
reigned in his place.
7 And also the word of the LORD came
by the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani
against Baasha and his house, because
of all the evil that he did in the sight
of the LORD in provoking Him to anger
with the work of his hands, in being like
the house of Jeroboam, and because he
killed them.
8 In the twenty–sixth year of Asa king of
Judah, Elah the son of Baasha became

king over Israel, and reigned two years in
Tirzah.
9 Now his servant Zimri, commander
of half his chariots, conspired against
him as he was in Tirzah drinking himself
drunk in the house of Arza, steward of
his house in Tirzah.
10 And Zimri went in and struck him and
killed him in the twenty–seventh year
of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his
place.
11 Then it came to pass, when he began
to reign, as soon as he was seated on his
throne, that he killed all the household
of Baasha; he did not leave him one
male, neither of his relatives nor of his
friends.
12 Thus Zimri destroyed all the
household of Baasha, according to the
word of the LORD, which He spoke
against Baasha by Jehu the prophet,

13 for all the sins of Baasha and the sins
of Elah his son, by which they had sinned
and by which they had made Israel sin,
in provoking the LORD God of Israel to
anger with their idols.
14 Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and
all that he did, are they not written in
the book of the chronicles of the kings of
Israel?
15 In the twenty–seventh year of Asa
king of Judah, Zimri had reigned in
Tirzah seven days. And the people were
encamped against Gibbethon, which
belonged to the Philistines.
16 Now the people who were encamped
heard it said, "Zimri has conspired and
also has killed the king." So all Israel
made Omri, the commander of the army,
king over Israel that day in the camp.
17 Then Omri and all Israel with him
went up from Gibbethon, and they
besieged Tirzah.

[18] And it happened, when Zimri saw
that the city was taken, that he went
into the citadel of the king's house and
burned the king's house down upon
himself with fire, and died,
[19] because of the sins which he had
committed in doing evil in the sight
of the LORD, in walking in the way of
Jeroboam, and in his sin which he had
committed to make Israel sin.
[20] Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and
the treason he committed, are they not
written in the book of the chronicles of
the kings of Israel?
[21] Then the people of Israel were
divided into two parts: half of the people
followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to
make him king, and half followed Omri.
[22] But the people who followed Omri
prevailed over the people who followed
Tibni the son of Ginath. So Tibni died
and Omri reigned.

23 In the thirty–first year of Asa king of
Judah, Omri became king over Israel,
and reigned twelve years. Six years he
reigned in Tirzah.
24 And he bought the hill of Samaria
from Shemer for two talents of silver;
then he built on the hill, and called the
name of the city which he built, Samaria,
after the name of Shemer, owner of the
hill.
25 Omri did evil in the eyes of the LORD,
and did worse than all who were before
him.
26 For he walked in all the ways of
Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his
sin by which he had made Israel sin,
provoking the LORD God of Israel to
anger with their idols.
27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri
which he did, and the might that he
showed, are they not written in the book
of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

28 So Omri rested with his fathers and
was buried in Samaria. Then Ahab his
son reigned in his place.
29 In the thirty–eighth year of Asa king
of Judah, Ahab the son of Omri became
king over Israel; and Ahab the son of
Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria
twenty–two years.
30 Now Ahab the son of Omri did evil in
the sight of the LORD, more than all who
were before him.
31 And it came to pass, as though it had
been a trivial thing for him to walk in the
sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that
he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of
Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians; and he
went and served Baal and worshiped
him.
32 Then he set up an altar for Baal in
the temple of Baal, which he had built in
Samaria.

33 And Ahab made a wooden image.
Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God
of Israel to anger than all the kings of
Israel who were before him.
34 In his days Hiel of Bethel built Jericho.
He laid its foundation with Abiram his
firstborn, and with his youngest son
Segub he set up its gates, according to
the word of the LORD, which He had
spoken through Joshua the son of Nun.

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1 And Elijah the Tishbite, of the
inhabitants of Gilead, said to
Ahab, "As the LORD God of Israel lives,
before whom I stand, there shall not be
dew nor rain these years, except at my
word."
2 Then the word of the LORD came to
him, saying,
3 "Get away from here and turn
eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith,
which flows into the Jordan.

4 "And it will be that you shall drink
from the brook, and I have commanded
the ravens to feed you there."
5 So he went and did according to the
word of the LORD, for he went and
stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows
into the Jordan.
6 The ravens brought him bread and
meat in the morning, and bread and
meat in the evening; and he drank from
the brook.
7 And it happened after a while that the
brook dried up, because there had been
no rain in the land.
8 Then the word of the LORD came to
him, saying,
9 "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs
to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have
commanded a widow there to provide
for you."
10 So he arose and went to Zarephath.
And when he came to the gate of the

city, indeed a widow was there gathering
sticks. And he called to her and said,
"Please bring me a little water in a cup,
that I may drink."
11 And as she was going to get it, he
called to her and said, "Please bring me
a morsel of bread in your hand."
12 So she said, "As the LORD your God
lives, I do not have bread, only a handful
of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar;
and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks
that I may go in and prepare it for myself
and my son, that we may eat it, and die."
13 And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear;
go and do as you have said, but make
me a small cake from it first, and bring
it to me; and afterward make some for
yourself and your son.
14 "For thus says the LORD God of Israel:
'The bin of flour shall not be used up,
nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the
day the LORD sends rain on the earth.'"

15 So she went away and did according
to the word of Elijah; and she and he and
her household ate for many days.
16 The bin of flour was not used up, nor
did the jar of oil run dry, according to
the word of the LORD which He spoke by
Elijah.
17 Now it happened after these things
that the son of the woman who owned
the house became sick. And his sickness
was so serious that there was no breath
left in him.
18 So she said to Elijah, "What have I
to do with you, O man of God? Have
you come to me to bring my sin to
remembrance, and to kill my son?"
19 And he said to her, "Give me your
son." So he took him out of her arms and
carried him to the upper room where
he was staying, and laid him on his own
bed.

[20] Then he cried out to the LORD and
said, "O LORD my God, have You also
brought tragedy on the widow with
whom I lodge, by killing her son?"
[21] And he stretched himself out on the
child three times, and cried out to the
LORD and said, "O LORD my God, I pray,
let this child’s soul come back to him."
[22] Then the LORD heard the voice of
Elijah; and the soul of the child came
back to him, and he revived.
[23] And Elijah took the child and brought
him down from the upper room into the
house, and gave him to his mother. And
Elijah said, "See, your son lives!"
[24] Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now
by this I know that you are a man of God,
and that the word of the LORD in your
mouth is the truth."

18 [1] And it came to pass after many
days that the word of the LORD
came to Elijah, in the third year, saying,

"Go, present yourself to Ahab, and I will
send rain on the earth."
2 So Elijah went to present himself to
Ahab; and there was a severe famine in
Samaria.
3 And Ahab had called Obadiah, who
was in charge of his house. (Now
Obadiah feared the LORD greatly.
4 For so it was, while Jezebel massacred
the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah
had taken one hundred prophets and
hidden them, fifty to a cave, and had fed
them with bread and water.)
5 And Ahab had said to Obadiah, "Go
into the land to all the springs of water
and to all the brooks; perhaps we may
find grass to keep the horses and mules
alive, so that we will not have to kill any
livestock.
6 So they divided the land between
them to explore it; Ahab went one way

by himself, and Obadiah went another
way by himself.
7 Now as Obadiah was on his way,
suddenly Elijah met him; and he
recognized him, and fell on his face, and
said, "Is that you, my lord Elijah?"
8 And he answered him, "It is I. Go, tell
your master, 'Elijah is here.'"
9 So he said, "How have I sinned, that
you are delivering your servant into the
hand of Ahab, to kill me?
10 "As the LORD your God lives, there is
no nation or kingdom where my master
has not sent someone to hunt for you;
and when they said, 'He is not here,' he
took an oath from the kingdom or nation
that they could not find you.
11 "And now you say, 'Go, tell your
master, "Elijah is here"'!
12 "And it shall come to pass, as soon as
I am gone from you, that the Spirit of the
LORD will carry you to a place I do not

know; so when I go and tell Ahab, and
he cannot find you, he will kill me. But I
your servant have feared the LORD from
my youth.
13 "Was it not reported to my lord what
I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of
the LORD, how I hid one hundred men of
the LORD'S prophets, fifty to a cave, and
fed them with bread and water?
14 "And now you say, 'Go, tell your
master, "Elijah is here."' He will kill me!"
15 Then Elijah said, "As the LORD of
hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will
surely present myself to him today."
16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and
told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah.
17 Then it happened, when Ahab saw
Elijah, that Ahab said to him, "Is that
you, O troubler of Israel?"
18 And he answered, "I have not
troubled Israel, but you and your father's
house have, in that you have forsaken

the commandments of the LORD and
have followed the Baals.
19 "Now therefore, send and gather all
Israel to me on Mount Carmel, the four
hundred and fifty prophets of Baal, and
the four hundred prophets of Asherah,
who eat at Jezebel’s table."
20 So Ahab sent for all the children
of Israel, and gathered the prophets
together on Mount Carmel.
21 And Elijah came to all the people, and
said, "How long will you falter between
two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow
Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the
people answered him not a word.
22 Then Elijah said to the people, "I
alone am left a prophet of the LORD; but
Baal’s prophets are four hundred and
fifty men.
23 "Therefore let them give us two
bulls; and let them choose one bull for
themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on

the wood, but put no fire under it; and I
will prepare the other bull, and lay it on
the wood, but put no fire under it.
24 "Then you call on the name of your
gods, and I will call on the name of the
LORD; and the God who answers by fire,
He is God." So all the people answered
and said, "It is well spoken."
25 Now Elijah said to the prophets of
Baal, "Choose one bull for yourselves
and prepare it first, for you are many;
and call on the name of your god, but
put no fire under it."
26 So they took the bull which was given
them, and they prepared it, and called
on the name of Baal from morning even
till noon, saying, "O Baal, hear us!" But
there was no voice; no one answered.
Then they leaped about the altar which
they had made.
27 And so it was, at noon, that Elijah
mocked them and said, "Cry aloud, for

he is a god; either he is meditating, or he
is busy, or he is on a journey, or perhaps
he is sleeping and must be awakened."
28 So they cried aloud, and cut
themselves, as was their custom, with
knives and lances, until the blood gushed
out on them.
29 And when midday was past, they
prophesied until the time of the offering
of the evening sacrifice. But there was
no voice; no one answered, no one paid
attention.
30 Then Elijah said to all the people,
"Come near to me." So all the people
came near to him. And he repaired the
altar of the LORD that was broken down.
31 And Elijah took twelve stones,
according to the number of the tribes of
the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of
the LORD had come, saying, "Israel shall
be your name."

32 Then with the stones he built an altar
in the name of the LORD; and he made a
trench around the altar large enough to
hold two seahs of seed.
33 And he put the wood in order, cut the
bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood,
and said, "Fill four waterpots with water,
and pour it on the burnt sacrifice and on
the wood."
34 Then he said, "Do it a second time,"
and they did it a second time; and he
said, "Do it a third time," and they did it
a third time.
35 So the water ran all around the altar;
and he also filled the trench with water.
36 And it came to pass, at the time of
the offering of the evening sacrifice,
that Elijah the prophet came near and
said, "LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and
Israel, let it be known this day that You
are God in Israel and I am Your servant,

and that I have done all these things at
Your word.
37 "Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this
people may know that You are the LORD
God, and that You have turned their
hearts back to You again."
38 Then the fire of the LORD fell and
consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the
wood and the stones and the dust, and
it licked up the water that was in the
trench.
39 Now when all the people saw it, they
fell on their faces; and they said, "The
LORD, He is God! The LORD, He is God!"
40 And Elijah said to them, "Seize the
prophets of Baal! Do not let one of them
escape!" So they seized them; and Elijah
brought them down to the Brook Kishon
and executed them there.
41 Then Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up,
eat and drink; for there is the sound of
abundance of rain."

42 So Ahab went up to eat and drink.
And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel;
then he bowed down on the ground,
and put his face between his knees,
43 and said to his servant, "Go up now,
look toward the sea." So he went up and
looked, and said, "There is nothing." And
seven times he said, "Go again."
44 Then it came to pass the seventh
time, that he said, "There is a cloud, as
small as a man’s hand, rising out of the
sea!" So he said, "Go up, say to Ahab,
‘Prepare your chariot, and go down
before the rain stops you.’"
45 Now it happened in the meantime
that the sky became black with clouds
and wind, and there was a heavy rain. So
Ahab rode away and went to Jezreel.
46 Then the hand of the LORD came
upon Elijah; and he girded up his loins
and ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance
of Jezreel.

19 1 And Ahab told Jezebel all that
Elijah had done, also how he
had executed all the prophets with the
sword.
2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to
Elijah, saying, "So let the gods do to me,
and more also, if I do not make your life
as the life of one of them by tomorrow
about this time."
3 And when he saw that, he arose and
ran for his life, and went to Beersheba,
which belongs to Judah, and left his
servant there.
4 But he himself went a day's journey
into the wilderness, and came and
sat down under a broom tree. And he
prayed that he might die, and said, "It is
enough! Now, LORD, take my life, for I
am no better than my fathers!"
5 Then as he lay and slept under a
broom tree, suddenly an angel touched
him, and said to him, "Arise and eat."

6 Then he looked, and there by his head
was a cake baked on coals, and a jar of
water. So he ate and drank, and lay down
again.
7 And the angel of the LORD came back
the second time, and touched him, and
said, "Arise and eat, because the journey
is too great for you."
8 So he arose, and ate and drank; and
he went in the strength of that food forty
days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the
mountain of God.
9 And there he went into a cave, and
spent the night in that place; and behold,
the word of the LORD came to him, and
He said to him, "What are you doing
here, Elijah?"
10 So he said, "I have been very zealous
for the LORD God of hosts; for the
children of Israel have forsaken Your
covenant, torn down Your altars, and
killed Your prophets with the sword. I

alone am left; and they seek to take my
life."
11 Then He said, "Go out, and stand on
the mountain before the LORD." And
behold, the LORD passed by, and a great
and strong wind tore into the mountains
and broke the rocks in pieces before the
LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind;
and after the wind an earthquake, but
the LORD was not in the earthquake;
12 and after the earthquake a fire, but
the LORD was not in the fire; and after
the fire a still small voice.
13 So it was, when Elijah heard it, that
he wrapped his face in his mantle and
went out and stood in the entrance of
the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him,
and said, "What are you doing here,
Elijah?"
14 And he said, "I have been very
zealous for the LORD God of hosts;
because the children of Israel have

forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your
altars, and killed Your prophets with the
sword. I alone am left; and they seek to
take my life."
15 Then the LORD said to him: "Go,
return on your way to the Wilderness of
Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint
Hazael as king over Syria.
16 "Also you shall anoint Jehu the son
of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha
the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you
shall anoint as prophet in your place.
17 "It shall be that whoever escapes
the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and
whoever escapes the sword of Jehu,
Elisha will kill.
18 "Yet I have reserved seven thousand
in Israel, all whose knees have not
bowed to Baal, and every mouth that
has not kissed him."
19 So he departed from there, and
found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who

was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen
before him, and he was with the twelfth.
Then Elijah passed by him and threw his
mantle on him.
20 And he left the oxen and ran after
Elijah, and said, "Please let me kiss my
father and my mother, and then I will
follow you." And he said to him, "Go
back again, for what have I done to
you?"
21 So Elisha turned back from him, and
took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered
them and boiled their flesh, using the
oxen's equipment, and gave it to the
people, and they ate. Then he arose and
followed Elijah, and became his servant.

20 1 Now Ben–Hadad the king of
Syria gathered all his forces
together; thirty–two kings were with
him, with horses and chariots. And he
went up and besieged Samaria, and
made war against it.

2 Then he sent messengers into the city
to Ahab king of Israel, and said to him,
"Thus says Ben–Hadad:
3 'Your silver and your gold are mine;
your loveliest wives and children are
mine.'"
4 And the king of Israel answered and
said, "My lord, O king, just as you say, I
and all that I have are yours."
5 Then the messengers came back and
said, "Thus speaks Ben–Hadad, saying,
'Indeed I have sent to you, saying, "You
shall deliver to me your silver and your
gold, your wives and your children";
6 'but I will send my servants to you
tomorrow about this time, and they
shall search your house and the houses
of your servants. And it shall be, that
whatever is pleasant in your eyes, they
will put it in their hands and take it.'"
7 So the king of Israel called all the
elders of the land, and said, "Notice,

please, and see how this man seeks
trouble, for he sent to me for my wives,
my children, my silver, and my gold; and
I did not deny him."
8 And all the elders and all the people
said to him, "Do not listen or consent."
9 Therefore he said to the messengers
of Ben–Hadad, "Tell my lord the king,
‘All that you sent for to your servant the
first time I will do, but this thing I cannot
do.’" And the messengers departed and
brought back word to him.
10 Then Ben–Hadad sent to him and
said, "The gods do so to me, and more
also, if enough dust is left of Samaria for
a handful for each of the people who
follow me."
11 So the king of Israel answered and
said, "Tell him, ‘Let not the one who puts
on his armor boast like the one who
takes it off.’"

12 And it happened when Ben–Hadad
heard this message, as he and the kings
were drinking at the command post, that
he said to his servants, "Get ready." And
they got ready to attack the city.
13 Suddenly a prophet approached
Ahab king of Israel, saying, "Thus says
the LORD: ‘Have you seen all this great
multitude? Behold, I will deliver it into
your hand today, and you shall know
that I am the LORD.’"
14 So Ahab said, "By whom?" And he
said, "Thus says the LORD: ‘By the young
leaders of the provinces.’" Then he said,
"Who will set the battle in order?" And
he answered, "You."
15 Then he mustered the young leaders
of the provinces, and there were two
hundred and thirty–two; and after them
he mustered all the people, all the
children of Israel—seven thousand.

16 So they went out at noon. Meanwhile
Ben–Hadad and the thirty–two kings
helping him were getting drunk at the
command post.
17 The young leaders of the provinces
went out first. And Ben–Hadad sent out
a patrol, and they told him, saying, "Men
are coming out of Samaria!"
18 So he said, "If they have come out for
peace, take them alive; and if they have
come out for war, take them alive."
19 Then these young leaders of the
provinces went out of the city with the
army which followed them.
20 And each one killed his man; so
the Syrians fled, and Israel pursued
them; and Ben–Hadad the king of Syria
escaped on a horse with the cavalry.
21 Then the king of Israel went out and
attacked the horses and chariots, and
killed the Syrians with a great slaughter.

22 And the prophet came to the king of
Israel and said to him, "Go, strengthen
yourself; take note, and see what you
should do, for in the spring of the year
the king of Syria will come up against
you."
23 Then the servants of the king of Syria
said to him, "Their gods are gods of the
hills. Therefore they were stronger than
we; but if we fight against them in the
plain, surely we will be stronger than
they.
24 "So do this thing: Dismiss the kings,
each from his position, and put captains
in their places;
25 "and you shall muster an army like
the army that you have lost, horse for
horse and chariot for chariot. Then we
will fight against them in the plain; surely
we will be stronger than they." And he
listened to their voice and did so.

26 So it was, in the spring of the year,
that Ben–Hadad mustered the Syrians
and went up to Aphek to fight against
Israel.
27 And the children of Israel were
mustered and given provisions, and they
went against them. Now the children of
Israel encamped before them like two
little flocks of goats, while the Syrians
filled the countryside.
28 Then a man of God came and spoke
to the king of Israel, and said, "Thus says
the LORD: ‘Because the Syrians have
said, "The LORD is God of the hills, but
He is not God of the valleys," therefore I
will deliver all this great multitude into
your hand, and you shall know that I am
the LORD.’"
29 And they encamped opposite each
other for seven days. So it was that on
the seventh day the battle was joined;
and the children of Israel killed one

hundred thousand foot soldiers of the
Syrians in one day.
30 But the rest fled to Aphek, into the
city; then a wall fell on twenty–seven
thousand of the men who were left. And
Ben–Hadad fled and went into the city,
into an inner chamber.
31 Then his servants said to him, "Look
now, we have heard that the kings of
the house of Israel are merciful kings.
Please, let us put sackcloth around our
waists and ropes around our heads, and
go out to the king of Israel; perhaps he
will spare your life."
32 So they wore sackcloth around their
waists and put ropes around their heads,
and came to the king of Israel and said,
"Your servant Ben–Hadad says, 'Please
let me live.'" And he said, "Is he still
alive? He is my brother."
33 Now the men were watching closely
to see whether any sign of mercy

would come from him; and they quickly
grasped at this word and said, "Your
brother Ben–Hadad." So he said, "Go,
bring him." Then Ben–Hadad came out
to him; and he had him come up into the
chariot.
34 So Ben–Hadad said to him, "The
cities which my father took from your
father I will restore; and you may set up
marketplaces for yourself in Damascus,
as my father did in Samaria." Then Ahab
said, "I will send you away with this
treaty." So he made a treaty with him
and sent him away.
35 Now a certain man of the sons of
the prophets said to his neighbor by the
word of the LORD, "Strike me, please."
And the man refused to strike him.
36 Then he said to him, "Because you
have not obeyed the voice of the LORD,
surely, as soon as you depart from me, a

lion shall kill you." And as soon as he left
him, a lion found him and killed him.
37 And he found another man, and said,
"Strike me, please." So the man struck
him, inflicting a wound.
38 Then the prophet departed and
waited for the king by the road, and
disguised himself with a bandage over
his eyes.
39 Now as the king passed by, he cried
out to the king and said, "Your servant
went out into the midst of the battle;
and there, a man came over and brought
a man to me, and said, 'Guard this man;
if by any means he is missing, your life
shall be for his life, or else you shall pay
a talent of silver.'
40 "While your servant was busy here
and there, he was gone." Then the king
of Israel said to him, "So shall your
judgment be; you yourself have decided
it."

41 And he hastened to take the bandage
away from his eyes; and the king of Israel
recognized him as one of the prophets.
42 Then he said to him, "Thus says the
LORD: ‘Because you have let slip out
of your hand a man whom I appointed
to utter destruction, therefore your life
shall go for his life, and your people for
his people.’"
43 So the king of Israel went to his
house sullen and displeased, and came
to Samaria.

21 1 And it came to pass after these
things that Naboth the Jezreelite
had a vineyard which was in Jezreel, next
to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.
2 So Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying,
"Give me your vineyard, that I may have
it for a vegetable garden, because it is
near, next to my house; and for it I will
give you a vineyard better than it. Or, if

it seems good to you, I will give you its
worth in money."
3 But Naboth said to Ahab, "The LORD
forbid that I should give the inheritance
of my fathers to you!"
4 So Ahab went into his house sullen
and displeased because of the word
which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken
to him; for he had said, "I will not give
you the inheritance of my fathers." And
he lay down on his bed, and turned away
his face, and would eat no food.
5 But Jezebel his wife came to him, and
said to him, "Why is your spirit so sullen
that you eat no food?"
6 He said to her, "Because I spoke
to Naboth the Jezreelite, and said
to him, 'Give me your vineyard for
money; or else, if it pleases you, I will
give you another vineyard for it.' And
he answered, 'I will not give you my
vineyard.'"

7 Then Jezebel his wife said to him, "You
now exercise authority over Israel! Arise,
eat food, and let your heart be cheerful;
I will give you the vineyard of Naboth
the Jezreelite."
8 And she wrote letters in Ahab's name,
sealed them with his seal, and sent the
letters to the elders and the nobles who
were dwelling in the city with Naboth.
9 She wrote in the letters, saying,
Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth with
high honor among the people;
10 and seat two men, scoundrels, before
him to bear witness against him, saying,
"You have blasphemed God and the
king." Then take him out, and stone him,
that he may die.
11 So the men of his city, the elders and
nobles who were inhabitants of his city,
did as Jezebel had sent to them, as it was
written in the letters which she had sent
to them.

12 They proclaimed a fast, and seated
Naboth with high honor among the
people.
13 And two men, scoundrels, came in
and sat before him; and the scoundrels
witnessed against him, against Naboth,
in the presence of the people, saying,
"Naboth has blasphemed God and the
king!" Then they took him outside the
city and stoned him with stones, so that
he died.
14 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying,
"Naboth has been stoned and is dead."
15 And it came to pass, when Jezebel
heard that Naboth had been stoned and
was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab,
"Arise, take possession of the vineyard of
Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused
to give you for money; for Naboth is not
alive, but dead."
16 So it was, when Ahab heard that
Naboth was dead, that Ahab got up and

went down to take possession of the
vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.
17 Then the word of the LORD came to
Elijah the Tishbite, saying,
18 "Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of
Israel, who lives in Samaria. There he is,
in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has
gone down to take possession of it.
19 "You shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus
says the LORD: "Have you murdered
and also taken possession?"' And you
shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the
LORD: "In the place where dogs licked
the blood of Naboth, dogs shall lick your
blood, even yours."'"
20 So Ahab said to Elijah, "Have you
found me, O my enemy?" And he
answered, "I have found you, because
you have sold yourself to do evil in the
sight of the LORD:
21 'Behold, I will bring calamity on you.
I will take away your posterity, and will

cut off from Ahab every male in Israel,
both bond and free.
22 'I will make your house like the house
of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like
the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah,
because of the provocation with which
you have provoked Me to anger, and
made Israel sin.'
23 "And concerning Jezebel the LORD
also spoke, saying, 'The dogs shall eat
Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.'
24 "The dogs shall eat whoever belongs
to Ahab and dies in the city, and the
birds of the air shall eat whoever dies in
the field."
25 But there was no one like Ahab who
sold himself to do wickedness in the
sight of the LORD, because Jezebel his
wife stirred him up.
26 And he behaved very abominably in
following idols, according to all that the

Amorites had done, whom the LORD had
cast out before the children of Israel.
27 So it was, when Ahab heard those
words, that he tore his clothes and put
sackcloth on his body, and fasted and lay
in sackcloth, and went about mourning.
28 And the word of the LORD came to
Elijah the Tishbite, saying,
29 "See how Ahab has humbled himself
before Me? Because he has humbled
himself before Me, I will not bring the
calamity in his days. In the days of his son
I will bring the calamity on his house."

22 1 Now three years passed without
war between Syria and Israel.
2 Then it came to pass, in the third year,
that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went
down to visit the king of Israel.
3 And the king of Israel said to his
servants, "Do you know that Ramoth in
Gilead is ours, but we hesitate to take it
out of the hand of the king of Syria?"

4 So he said to Jehoshaphat, "Will you
go with me to fight at Ramoth Gilead?"
Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel,
"I am as you are, my people as your
people, my horses as your horses."
5 Also Jehoshaphat said to the king of
Israel, "Please inquire for the word of
the LORD today."
6 Then the king of Israel gathered the
prophets together, about four hundred
men, and said to them, "Shall I go
against Ramoth Gilead to fight, or shall
I refrain?" So they said, "Go up, for the
Lord will deliver it into the hand of the
king."
7 And Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not
still a prophet of the LORD here, that we
may inquire of Him?"
8 So the king of Israel said to
Jehoshaphat, "There is still one man,
Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we
may inquire of the LORD; but I hate

him, because he does not prophesy
good concerning me, but evil." And
Jehoshaphat said, "Let not the king say
such things!"
9 Then the king of Israel called an officer
and said, "Bring Micaiah the son of Imlah
quickly!"
10 The king of Israel and Jehoshaphat
the king of Judah, having put on their
robes, sat each on his throne, at a
threshing floor at the entrance of the
gate of Samaria; and all the prophets
prophesied before them.
11 Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah
had made horns of iron for himself; and
he said, "Thus says the LORD: ‘With
these you shall gore the Syrians until
they are destroyed.’"
12 And all the prophets prophesied so,
saying, "Go up to Ramoth Gilead and
prosper, for the LORD will deliver it into
the king’s hand."

13 Then the messenger who had gone to
call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, "Now
listen, the words of the prophets with
one accord encourage the king. Please,
let your word be like the word of one of
them, and speak encouragement."
14 And Micaiah said, "As the LORD lives,
whatever the LORD says to me, that I will
speak."
15 Then he came to the king; and the
king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to
war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall we
refrain?" And he answered him, "Go and
prosper, for the LORD will deliver it into
the hand of the king!"
16 So the king said to him, "How many
times shall I make you swear that you tell
me nothing but the truth in the name of
the LORD?"
17 Then he said, "I saw all Israel
scattered on the mountains, as sheep
that have no shepherd. And the LORD

said, ‘These have no master. Let each
return to his house in peace.’"
18 And the king of Israel said to
Jehoshaphat, "Did I not tell you he would
not prophesy good concerning me, but
evil?"
19 Then Micaiah said, "Therefore hear
the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD
sitting on His throne, and all the host of
heaven standing by, on His right hand
and on His left.
20 "And the LORD said, ‘Who will
persuade Ahab to go up, that he may
fall at Ramoth Gilead?’ So one spoke in
this manner, and another spoke in that
manner.
21 "Then a spirit came forward and
stood before the LORD, and said, ‘I will
persuade him.’
22 "The LORD said to him, ‘In what
way?’ So he said, ‘I will go out and be
a lying spirit in the mouth of all his

prophets.’ And the LORD said, ‘You shall
persuade him, and also prevail. Go out
and do so.’
23 "Therefore look! The LORD has put
a lying spirit in the mouth of all these
prophets of yours, and the LORD has
declared disaster against you."
24 Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah
went near and struck Micaiah on the
cheek, and said, "Which way did the
spirit from the LORD go from me to
speak to you?"
25 And Micaiah said, "Indeed, you shall
see on that day when you go into an
inner chamber to hide!"
26 So the king of Israel said, "Take
Micaiah, and return him to Amon the
governor of the city and to Joash the
king’s son;
27 "and say, ‘Thus says the king: "Put
this fellow in prison, and feed him with

bread of affliction and water of affliction,
until I come in peace."'"
28 But Micaiah said, "If you ever return
in peace, the LORD has not spoken by
me." And he said, "Take heed, all you
people!"
29 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat
the king of Judah went up to Ramoth
Gilead.
30 And the king of Israel said to
Jehoshaphat, "I will disguise myself
and go into battle; but you put on your
robes." So the king of Israel disguised
himself and went into battle.
31 Now the king of Syria had
commanded the thirty–two captains of
his chariots, saying, "Fight with no one
small or great, but only with the king of
Israel."
32 So it was, when the captains of the
chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they
said, "Surely it is the king of Israel!"

Therefore they turned aside to fight
against him, and Jehoshaphat cried out.
33 And it happened, when the captains
of the chariots saw that it was not the
king of Israel, that they turned back from
pursuing him.
34 Now a certain man drew a bow at
random, and struck the king of Israel
between the joints of his armor. So he
said to the driver of his chariot, "Turn
around and take me out of the battle, for
I am wounded."
35 The battle increased that day; and
the king was propped up in his chariot,
facing the Syrians, and died at evening.
The blood ran out from the wound onto
the floor of the chariot.
36 Then, as the sun was going down, a
shout went throughout the army, saying,
"Every man to his city, and every man to
his own country!"

37 So the king died, and was brought
to Samaria. And they buried the king in
Samaria.
38 Then someone washed the chariot at
a pool in Samaria, and the dogs licked
up his blood while the harlots bathed,
according to the word of the LORD which
He had spoken.
39 Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and
all that he did, the ivory house which
he built and all the cities that he built,
are they not written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Israel?
40 So Ahab rested with his fathers. Then
Ahaziah his son reigned in his place.
41 Jehoshaphat the son of Asa had
become king over Judah in the fourth
year of Ahab king of Israel.
42 Jehoshaphat was thirty–five years
old when he became king, and he
reigned twenty–five years in Jerusalem.

His mother's name was Azubah the
daughter of Shilhi.
43 And he walked in all the ways of his
father Asa. He did not turn aside from
them, doing what was right in the eyes of
the LORD. Nevertheless the high places
were not taken away, for the people
offered sacrifices and burned incense on
the high places.
44 Also Jehoshaphat made peace with
the king of Israel.
45 Now the rest of the acts of
Jehoshaphat, the might that he showed,
and how he made war, are they not
written in the book of the chronicles of
the kings of Judah?
46 And the rest of the perverted
persons, who remained in the days of his
father Asa, he banished from the land.
47 There was then no king in Edom, only
a deputy of the king.

48 Jehoshaphat made merchant ships
to go to Ophir for gold; but they never
sailed, for the ships were wrecked at
Ezion Geber.
49 Then Ahaziah the son of Ahab said
to Jehoshaphat, "Let my servants go
with your servants in the ships." But
Jehoshaphat would not.
50 And Jehoshaphat rested with his
fathers, and was buried with his fathers
in the City of David his father. Then
Jehoram his son reigned in his place.
51 Ahaziah the son of Ahab became king
over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth
year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and
reigned two years over Israel.
52 He did evil in the sight of the LORD,
and walked in the way of his father and
in the way of his mother and in the way
of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had
made Israel sin;

53 for he served Baal and worshiped
him, and provoked the LORD God of
Israel to anger, according to all that his
father had done.

2 Kings

1 [1] Moab rebelled against Israel after
the death of Ahab.
[2] Now Ahaziah fell through the lattice
of his upper room in Samaria, and was
injured; so he sent messengers and said
to them, "Go, inquire of Baal–Zebub, the
god of Ekron, whether I shall recover
from this injury."
[3] But the angel of the LORD said to
Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet
the messengers of the king of Samaria,
and say to them, ‘Is it because there
is no God in Israel that you are going
to inquire of Baal–Zebub, the god of
Ekron?’
[4] "Now therefore, thus says the LORD:
‘You shall not come down from the bed

to which you have gone up, but you shall
surely die.’" So Elijah departed.
5 And when the messengers returned
to him, he said to them, "Why have you
come back?"
6 So they said to him, "A man came up
to meet us, and said to us, ‘Go, return to
the king who sent you, and say to him,
"Thus says the LORD: ‘Is it because there
is no God in Israel that you are sending
to inquire of Baal–Zebub, the god of
Ekron? Therefore you shall not come
down from the bed to which you have
gone up, but you shall surely die.’"’"
7 Then he said to them, "What kind of
man was it who came up to meet you
and told you these words?"
8 So they answered him, "A hairy man
wearing a leather belt around his waist."
And he said, "It is Elijah the Tishbite."
9 Then the king sent to him a captain of
fifty with his fifty men. So he went up to

him; and there he was, sitting on the top
of a hill. And he spoke to him: "Man of
God, the king has said, ‘Come down!’"
10 So Elijah answered and said to the
captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God,
then let fire come down from heaven
and consume you and your fifty men."
And fire came down from heaven and
consumed him and his fifty.
11 Then he sent to him another captain
of fifty with his fifty men. And he
answered and said to him: "Man of God,
thus has the king said, ‘Come down
quickly!’"
12 So Elijah answered and said to them,
"If I am a man of God, let fire come down
from heaven and consume you and your
fifty men." And the fire of God came
down from heaven and consumed him
and his fifty.
13 Again, he sent a third captain of fifty
with his fifty men. And the third captain

of fifty went up, and came and fell on
his knees before Elijah, and pleaded
with him, and said to him: "Man of God,
please let my life and the life of these
fifty servants of yours be precious in
your sight.
14 "Look, fire has come down from
heaven and burned up the first two
captains of fifties with their fifties. But
let my life now be precious in your sight."
15 And the angel of the LORD said to
Elijah, "Go down with him; do not be
afraid of him." So he arose and went
down with him to the king.
16 Then he said to him, "Thus says
the LORD: ‘Because you have sent
messengers to inquire of Baal–Zebub,
the god of Ekron, is it because there is
no God in Israel to inquire of His word?
Therefore you shall not come down from
the bed to which you have gone up, but
you shall surely die.’"

[17] So Ahaziah died according to the
word of the LORD which Elijah had
spoken. Because he had no son, Jehoram
became king in his place, in the second
year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat,
king of Judah.
[18] Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah
which he did, are they not written in the
book of the chronicles of the kings of
Israel?

2 [1] And it came to pass, when the
LORD was about to take up Elijah
into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah
went with Elisha from Gilgal.
[2] Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here,
please, for the LORD has sent me on
to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the
LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will
not leave you!" So they went down to
Bethel.
[3] Now the sons of the prophets who
were at Bethel came out to Elisha, and

said to him, "Do you know that the LORD
will take away your master from over
you today?" And he said, "Yes, I know;
keep silent!"
4 Then Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay
here, please, for the LORD has sent me
on to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD
lives, and as your soul lives, I will not
leave you!" So they came to Jericho.
5 Now the sons of the prophets who
were at Jericho came to Elisha and said
to him, "Do you know that the LORD will
take away your master from over you
today?" So he answered, "Yes, I know;
keep silent!"
6 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here,
please, for the LORD has sent me on to
the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD
lives, and as your soul lives, I will not
leave you!" So the two of them went on.
7 And fifty men of the sons of the
prophets went and stood facing them at

a distance, while the two of them stood
by the Jordan.
8 Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled it
up, and struck the water; and it was
divided this way and that, so that the
two of them crossed over on dry ground.
9 And so it was, when they had crossed
over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask!
What may I do for you, before I am taken
away from you?" Elisha said, "Please let
a double portion of your spirit be upon
me."
10 So he said, "You have asked a hard
thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when
I am taken from you, it shall be so for
you; but if not, it shall not be so."
11 Then it happened, as they continued
on and talked, that suddenly a chariot
of fire appeared with horses of fire, and
separated the two of them; and Elijah
went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried out,
"My father, my father, the chariot of
Israel and its horsemen!" So he saw him
no more. And he took hold of his own
clothes and tore them into two pieces.
13 He also took up the mantle of Elijah
that had fallen from him, and went back
and stood by the bank of the Jordan.
14 Then he took the mantle of Elijah
that had fallen from him, and struck the
water, and said, "Where is the LORD God
of Elijah?" And when he also had struck
the water, it was divided this way and
that; and Elisha crossed over.
15 Now when the sons of the prophets
who were from Jericho saw him, they
said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha."
And they came to meet him, and bowed
to the ground before him.
16 Then they said to him, "Look now,
there are fifty strong men with your
servants. Please let them go and search

for your master, lest perhaps the Spirit
of the LORD has taken him up and cast
him upon some mountain or into some
valley." And he said, "You shall not send
anyone."
17 But when they urged him till he
was ashamed, he said, "Send them!"
Therefore they sent fifty men, and they
searched for three days but did not find
him.
18 And when they came back to him,
for he had stayed in Jericho, he said to
them, "Did I not say to you, ‘Do not go’?"
19 Then the men of the city said to
Elisha, "Please notice, the situation of
this city is pleasant, as my lord sees;
but the water is bad, and the ground
barren."
20 And he said, "Bring me a new bowl,
and put salt in it." So they brought it to
him.

21 Then he went out to the source of
the water, and cast in the salt there,
and said, "Thus says the LORD: ‘I have
healed this water; from it there shall be
no more death or barrenness.’"
22 So the water remains healed to this
day, according to the word of Elisha
which he spoke.
23 Then he went up from there to
Bethel; and as he was going up the road,
some youths came from the city and
mocked him, and said to him, "Go up,
you baldhead! Go up, you baldhead!"
24 So he turned around and looked
at them, and pronounced a curse on
them in the name of the LORD. And two
female bears came out of the woods and
mauled forty–two of the youths.
25 Then he went from there to Mount
Carmel, and from there he returned to
Samaria.

3 1 Now Jehoram the son of Ahab
became king over Israel at Samaria
in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat
king of Judah, and reigned twelve years.
2 And he did evil in the sight of the
LORD, but not like his father and mother;
for he put away the sacred pillar of Baal
that his father had made.
3 Nevertheless he persisted in the sins
of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had
made Israel sin; he did not depart from
them.
4 Now Mesha king of Moab was a
sheepbreeder, and he regularly paid the
king of Israel one hundred thousand
lambs and the wool of one hundred
thousand rams.
5 But it happened, when Ahab died,
that the king of Moab rebelled against
the king of Israel.
6 So King Jehoram went out of Samaria
at that time and mustered all Israel.

7 Then he went and sent to Jehoshaphat
king of Judah, saying, "The king of Moab
has rebelled against me. Will you go
with me to fight against Moab?" And
he said, "I will go up; I am as you are,
my people as your people, my horses as
your horses."
8 Then he said, "Which way shall we go
up?" And he answered, "By way of the
Wilderness of Edom."
9 So the king of Israel went with the
king of Judah and the king of Edom, and
they marched on that roundabout route
seven days; and there was no water
for the army, nor for the animals that
followed them.
10 And the king of Israel said, "Alas! For
the LORD has called these three kings
together to deliver them into the hand
of Moab."
11 But Jehoshaphat said, "Is there no
prophet of the LORD here, that we may

inquire of the LORD by him?" So one
of the servants of the king of Israel
answered and said, "Elisha the son of
Shaphat is here, who poured water on
the hands of Elijah."
12 And Jehoshaphat said, "The word of
the LORD is with him." So the king of
Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of
Edom went down to him.
13 Then Elisha said to the king of Israel,
"What have I to do with you? Go to
the prophets of your father and the
prophets of your mother." But the king
of Israel said to him, "No, for the LORD
has called these three kings together to
deliver them into the hand of Moab."
14 And Elisha said, "As the LORD of
hosts lives, before whom I stand, surely
were it not that I regard the presence of
Jehoshaphat king of Judah, I would not
look at you, nor see you.

15 "But now bring me a musician." Then
it happened, when the musician played,
that the hand of the LORD came upon
him.
16 And he said, "Thus says the LORD:
‘Make this valley full of ditches.’
17 "For thus says the LORD: ‘You shall
not see wind, nor shall you see rain; yet
that valley shall be filled with water, so
that you, your cattle, and your animals
may drink.’
18 "And this is a simple matter in the
sight of the LORD; He will also deliver
the Moabites into your hand.
19 "Also you shall attack every fortified
city and every choice city, and shall cut
down every good tree, and stop up every
spring of water, and ruin every good
piece of land with stones."
20 Now it happened in the morning,
when the grain offering was offered, that

suddenly water came by way of Edom,
and the land was filled with water.
21 And when all the Moabites heard
that the kings had come up to fight
against them, all who were able to bear
arms and older were gathered; and they
stood at the border.
22 Then they rose up early in the
morning, and the sun was shining on the
water; and the Moabites saw the water
on the other side as red as blood.
23 And they said, "This is blood; the
kings have surely struck swords and
have killed one another; now therefore,
Moab, to the spoil!"
24 So when they came to the camp of
Israel, Israel rose up and attacked the
Moabites, so that they fled before them;
and they entered their land, killing the
Moabites.
25 Then they destroyed the cities, and
each man threw a stone on every good

piece of land and filled it; and they
stopped up all the springs of water and
cut down all the good trees. But they
left the stones of Kir Haraseth intact.
However the slingers surrounded and
attacked it.
26 And when the king of Moab saw that
the battle was too fierce for him, he took
with him seven hundred men who drew
swords, to break through to the king of
Edom, but they could not.
27 Then he took his eldest son who
would have reigned in his place, and
offered him as a burnt offering upon the
wall; and there was great indignation
against Israel. So they departed from
him and returned to their own land.

4 1 A certain woman of the wives of
the sons of the prophets cried out to
Elisha, saying, "Your servant my husband
is dead, and you know that your servant
feared the LORD. And the creditor is

coming to take my two sons to be his
slaves."
2 So Elisha said to her, "What shall I do
for you? Tell me, what do you have in the
house?" And she said, "Your maidservant
has nothing in the house but a jar of oil."
3 Then he said, "Go, borrow vessels
from everywhere, from all your
neighbors—empty vessels; do not
gather just a few.
4 "And when you have come in, you
shall shut the door behind you and your
sons; then pour it into all those vessels,
and set aside the full ones."
5 So she went from him and shut the
door behind her and her sons, who
brought the vessels to her; and she
poured it out.
6 Now it came to pass, when the vessels
were full, that she said to her son, "Bring
me another vessel." And he said to her,

"There is not another vessel." So the oil
ceased.
7 Then she came and told the man of
God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil and
pay your debt; and you and your sons
live on the rest."
8 Now it happened one day that Elisha
went to Shunem, where there was a
notable woman, and she persuaded him
to eat some food. So it was, as often as
he passed by, he would turn in there to
eat some food.
9 And she said to her husband, "Look
now, I know that this is a holy man of
God, who passes by us regularly.
10 "Please, let us make a small upper
room on the wall; and let us put a bed
for him there, and a table and a chair
and a lampstand; so it will be, whenever
he comes to us, he can turn in there."

11 And it happened one day that he
came there, and he turned in to the
upper room and lay down there.
12 Then he said to Gehazi his servant,
"Call this Shunammite woman." When
he had called her, she stood before him.
13 And he said to him, "Say now to her,
'Look, you have been concerned for us
with all this care. What can I do for you?
Do you want me to speak on your behalf
to the king or to the commander of the
army?'" She answered, "I dwell among
my own people."
14 So he said, "What then is to be
done for her?" And Gehazi answered,
"Actually, she has no son, and her
husband is old."
15 So he said, "Call her." When he had
called her, she stood in the doorway.
16 Then he said, "About this time next
year you shall embrace a son." And she

said, "No, my lord. Man of God, do not lie to your maidservant!"
17 But the woman conceived, and bore a son when the appointed time had come, of which Elisha had told her.
18 And the child grew. Now it happened one day that he went out to his father, to the reapers.
19 And he said to his father, "My head, my head!" So he said to a servant, "Carry him to his mother."
20 When he had taken him and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died.
21 And she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, shut the door upon him, and went out.
22 Then she called to her husband, and said, "Please send me one of the young men and one of the donkeys, that I may run to the man of God and come back."

23 So he said, "Why are you going to
him today? It is neither the New Moon
nor the Sabbath." And she said, "It is
well."
24 Then she saddled a donkey, and said
to her servant, "Drive, and go forward;
do not slacken the pace for me unless I
tell you."
25 And so she departed, and went to
the man of God at Mount Carmel. So it
was, when the man of God saw her afar
off, that he said to his servant Gehazi,
"Look, the Shunammite woman!.
26 "Please run now to meet her, and say
to her, ‘Is it well with you? Is it well with
your husband? Is it well with the child?’"
And she answered, "It is well."
27 Now when she came to the man of
God at the hill, she caught him by the
feet, but Gehazi came near to push her
away. But the man of God said, "Let her
alone; for her soul is in deep distress,

and the LORD has hidden it from me,
and has not told me."
28 So she said, "Did I ask a son of my
lord? Did I not say, ‘Do not deceive me’?"
29 Then he said to Gehazi, "Get yourself
ready, and take my staff in your hand,
and be on your way. If you meet anyone,
do not greet him; and if anyone greets
you, do not answer him; but lay my staff
on the face of the child."
30 And the mother of the child said, "As
the LORD lives, and as your soul lives,
I will not leave you." So he arose and
followed her.
31 Now Gehazi went on ahead of them,
and laid the staff on the face of the child;
but there was neither voice nor hearing.
Therefore he went back to meet him,
and told him, saying, "The child has not
awakened."

32 When Elisha came into the house,
there was the child, lying dead on his
bed.
33 He went in therefore, shut the door
behind the two of them, and prayed to
the LORD.
34 And he went up and lay on the child,
and put his mouth on his mouth, his
eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his
hands; and he stretched himself out
on the child, and the flesh of the child
became warm.
35 He returned and walked back and
forth in the house, and again went up
and stretched himself out on him; then
the child sneezed seven times, and the
child opened his eyes.
36 And he called Gehazi and said, "Call
this Shunammite woman." So he called
her. And when she came in to him, he
said, "Pick up your son."

37 So she went in, fell at his feet, and
bowed to the ground; then she picked
up her son and went out.
38 And Elisha returned to Gilgal, and
there was a famine in the land. Now the
sons of the prophets were sitting before
him; and he said to his servant, "Put on
the large pot, and boil stew for the sons
of the prophets."
39 So one went out into the field to
gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and
gathered from it a lapful of wild gourds,
and came and sliced them into the pot
of stew, though they did not know what
they were.
40 Then they served it to the men to
eat. Now it happened, as they were
eating the stew, that they cried out and
said, "Man of God, there is death in the
pot!" And they could not eat it.
41 So he said, "Then bring some flour."
And he put it into the pot, and said,

"Serve it to the people, that they may
eat." And there was nothing harmful in
the pot.
42 Then a man came from Baal Shalisha,
and brought the man of God bread of
the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley
bread, and newly ripened grain in his
knapsack. And he said, "Give it to the
people, that they may eat."
43 But his servant said, "What? Shall I
set this before one hundred men?" He
said again, "Give it to the people, that
they may eat; for thus says the LORD:
'They shall eat and have some left over.'"
44 So he set it before them; and they
ate and had some left over, according to
the word of the LORD.

5 1 Now Naaman, commander of the
army of the king of Syria, was a great
and honorable man in the eyes of his
master, because by him the LORD had

given victory to Syria. He was also a
mighty man of valor, but a leper.
2 And the Syrians had gone out on raids,
and had brought back captive a young
girl from the land of Israel. She waited
on Naaman’s wife.
3 Then she said to her mistress, "If only
my master were with the prophet who is
in Samaria! For he would heal him of his
leprosy."
4 And Naaman went in and told his
master, saying, "Thus and thus said the
girl who is from the land of Israel."
5 Then the king of Syria said, "Go now,
and I will send a letter to the king of
Israel." So he departed and took with
him ten talents of silver, six thousand
shekels of gold, and ten changes of
clothing.
6 Then he brought the letter to the king
of Israel, which said, Now be advised,
when this letter comes to you, that I

have sent Naaman my servant to you,
that you may heal him of his leprosy.
7 And it happened, when the king of
Israel read the letter, that he tore his
clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and
make alive, that this man sends a man to
me to heal him of his leprosy? Therefore
please consider, and see how he seeks a
quarrel with me."
8 So it was, when Elisha the man of God
heard that the king of Israel had torn his
clothes, that he sent to the king, saying,
"Why have you torn your clothes? Please
let him come to me, and he shall know
that there is a prophet in Israel."
9 Then Naaman went with his horses
and chariot, and he stood at the door of
Elisha's house.
10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him,
saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven
times, and your flesh shall be restored to
you, and you shall be clean."

11 But Naaman became furious, and
went away and said, "Indeed, I said to
myself, ‘He will surely come out to me,
and stand and call on the name of the
LORD his God, and wave his hand over
the place, and heal the leprosy.’
12 "Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar,
the rivers of Damascus, better than all
the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in
them and be clean?" So he turned and
went away in a rage.
13 And his servants came near and
spoke to him, and said, "My father, if the
prophet had told you to do something
great, would you not have done it? How
much more then, when he says to you,
‘Wash, and be clean’?"
14 So he went down and dipped seven
times in the Jordan, according to the
saying of the man of God; and his flesh
was restored like the flesh of a little
child, and he was clean.

15 And he returned to the man of God,
he and all his aides, and came and stood
before him; and he said, "Indeed, now
I know that there is no God in all the
earth, except in Israel; now therefore,
please take a gift from your servant."
16 But he said, "As the LORD lives,
before whom I stand, I will receive
nothing." And he urged him to take it,
but he refused.
17 So Naaman said, "Then, if not, please
let your servant be given two mule–loads
of earth; for your servant will no longer
offer either burnt offering or sacrifice to
other gods, but to the LORD.
18 "Yet in this thing may the LORD
pardon your servant: when my master
goes into the temple of Rimmon to
worship there, and he leans on my
hand, and I bow down in the temple
of Rimmon—when I bow down in the

temple of Rimmon, may the LORD please
pardon your servant in this thing."
19 Then he said to him, "Go in peace."
So he departed from him a short
distance.
20 But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the
man of God, said, "Look, my master
has spared Naaman this Syrian, while
not receiving from his hands what he
brought; but as the LORD lives, I will run
after him and take something from him."
21 So Gehazi pursued Naaman. When
Naaman saw him running after him, he
got down from the chariot to meet him,
and said, "Is all well?"
22 And he said, "All is well. My master
has sent me, saying, ‘Indeed, just now
two young men of the sons of the
prophets have come to me from the
mountains of Ephraim. Please give them
a talent of silver and two changes of
garments.’"

23 So Naaman said, "Please, take two
talents." And he urged him, and bound
two talents of silver in two bags, with
two changes of garments, and handed
them to two of his servants; and they
carried them on ahead of him.
24 When he came to the citadel, he took
them from their hand, and stored them
away in the house; then he let the men
go, and they departed.
25 Now he went in and stood before
his master. Elisha said to him, "Where
did you go, Gehazi?" And he said, "Your
servant did not go anywhere."
26 Then he said to him, "Did not my
heart go with you when the man turned
back from his chariot to meet you? Is it
time to receive money and to receive
clothing, olive groves and vineyards,
sheep and oxen, male and female
servants?

27 "Therefore the leprosy of Naaman
shall cling to you and your descendants
forever." And he went out from his
presence leprous, as white as snow.

6 1 And the sons of the prophets said
to Elisha, "See now, the place where
we dwell with you is too small for us.
2 "Please, let us go to the Jordan, and
let every man take a beam from there,
and let us make there a place where we
may dwell." So he answered, "Go."
3 Then one said, "Please consent to go
with your servants." And he answered,
"I will go."
4 So he went with them. And when they
came to the Jordan, they cut down trees.
5 But as one was cutting down a tree,
the iron ax head fell into the water; and
he cried out and said, "Alas, master! For
it was borrowed."
6 So the man of God said, "Where did it
fall?" And he showed him the place. So

he cut off a stick, and threw it in there;
and he made the iron float.
7 Therefore he said, "Pick it up for
yourself." So he reached out his hand
and took it.
8 Now the king of Syria was making war
against Israel; and he consulted with his
servants, saying, "My camp will be in
such and such a place."
9 And the man of God sent to the king
of Israel, saying, "Beware that you do
not pass this place, for the Syrians are
coming down there."
10 Then the king of Israel sent someone
to the place of which the man of God
had told him. Thus he warned him, and
he was watchful there, not just once or
twice.
11 Therefore the heart of the king of
Syria was greatly troubled by this thing;
and he called his servants and said to

them, "Will you not show me which of
us is for the king of Israel?"
12 And one of his servants said, "None,
my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet
who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the
words that you speak in your bedroom."
13 So he said, "Go and see where he
is, that I may send and get him." And
it was told him, saying, "Surely he is in
Dothan."
14 Therefore he sent horses and chariots
and a great army there, and they came
by night and surrounded the city.
15 And when the servant of the man
of God arose early and went out, there
was an army, surrounding the city with
horses and chariots. And his servant said
to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we
do?"
16 So he answered, "Do not fear, for
those who are with us are more than
those who are with them."

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD,
I pray, open his eyes that he may see."
Then the LORD opened the eyes of the
young man, and he saw. And behold, the
mountain was full of horses and chariots
of fire all around Elisha.
18 So when the Syrians came down to
him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, and
said, "Strike this people, I pray, with
blindness." And He struck them with
blindness according to the word of
Elisha.
19 Now Elisha said to them, "This is not
the way, nor is this the city. Follow me,
and I will bring you to the man whom
you seek." But he led them to Samaria.
20 So it was, when they had come to
Samaria, that Elisha said, "LORD, open
the eyes of these men, that they may
see." And the LORD opened their eyes,
and they saw; and there they were,
inside Samaria!

21 Now when the king of Israel saw
them, he said to Elisha, "My father, shall
I kill them? Shall I kill them?"
22 But he answered, "You shall not kill
them. Would you kill those whom you
have taken captive with your sword and
your bow? Set food and water before
them, that they may eat and drink and
go to their master."
23 Then he prepared a great feast for
them; and after they ate and drank, he
sent them away and they went to their
master. So the bands of Syrian raiders
came no more into the land of Israel.
24 And it happened after this that
Ben–Hadad king of Syria gathered all
his army, and went up and besieged
Samaria.
25 And there was a great famine in
Samaria; and indeed they besieged it
until a donkey’s head was sold for eighty
shekels of silver, and one–fourth of a

kab of dove droppings for five shekels of
silver.
26 Then, as the king of Israel was passing
by on the wall, a woman cried out to
him, saying, "Help, my lord, O king!"
27 And he said, "If the LORD does not
help you, where can I find help for you?
From the threshing floor or from the
winepress?"
28 Then the king said to her, "What is
troubling you?" And she answered, "This
woman said to me, ‘Give your son, that
we may eat him today, and we will eat
my son tomorrow.’
29 "So we boiled my son, and ate him.
And I said to her on the next day, ‘Give
your son, that we may eat him’; but she
has hidden her son."
30 Now it happened, when the king
heard the words of the woman, that
he tore his clothes; and as he passed
by on the wall, the people looked, and

there underneath he had sackcloth on
his body.
31 Then he said, "God do so to me and
more also, if the head of Elisha the son
of Shaphat remains on him today."
32 But Elisha was sitting in his house,
and the elders were sitting with him.
And the king sent a man ahead of him,
but before the messenger came to him,
he said to the elders, "Do you see how
this son of a murderer has sent someone
to take away my head? Look, when the
messenger comes, shut the door, and
hold him fast at the door. Is not the
sound of his master’s feet behind him?"
33 And while he was still talking with
them, there was the messenger, coming
down to him; and then the king said,
"Surely this calamity is from the LORD;
why should I wait for the LORD any
longer?"

7 1 Then Elisha said, "Hear the word
of the LORD. Thus says the LORD:
‘Tomorrow about this time a seah of fine
flour shall be sold for a shekel, and two
seahs of barley for a shekel, at the gate
of Samaria.’"
2 So an officer on whose hand the king
leaned answered the man of God and
said, "Look, if the LORD would make
windows in heaven, could this thing be?"
And he said, "In fact, you shall see it with
your eyes, but you shall not eat of it."
3 Now there were four leprous men at
the entrance of the gate; and they said
to one another, "Why are we sitting here
until we die?
4 "If we say, ‘We will enter the city,’ the
famine is in the city, and we shall die
there. And if we sit here, we die also.
Now therefore, come, let us surrender
to the army of the Syrians. If they keep

us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us,
we shall only die."
5 And they rose at twilight to go to the
camp of the Syrians; and when they had
come to the outskirts of the Syrian camp,
to their surprise no one was there.
6 For the Lord had caused the army of
the Syrians to hear the noise of chariots
and the noise of horses—the noise of a
great army; so they said to one another,
"Look, the king of Israel has hired against
us the kings of the Hittites and the kings
of the Egyptians to attack us!"
7 Therefore they arose and fled at
twilight, and left the camp intact—
their tents, their horses, and their
donkeys—and they fled for their lives.
8 And when these lepers came to the
outskirts of the camp, they went into
one tent and ate and drank, and carried
from it silver and gold and clothing, and
went and hid them; then they came back

and entered another tent, and carried
some from there also, and went and hid
it.
9 Then they said to one another, "We
are not doing right. This day is a day
of good news, and we remain silent.
If we wait until morning light, some
punishment will come upon us. Now
therefore, come, let us go and tell the
king’s household."
10 So they went and called to the
gatekeepers of the city, and told them,
saying, "We went to the Syrian camp,
and surprisingly no one was there, not a
human sound—only horses and donkeys
tied, and the tents intact."
11 And the gatekeepers called out, and
they told it to the king’s household
inside.
12 So the king arose in the night and
said to his servants, "Let me now tell you
what the Syrians have done to us. They

know that we are hungry; therefore
they have gone out of the camp to hide
themselves in the field, saying, ‘When
they come out of the city, we shall catch
them alive, and get into the city.’"
13 And one of his servants answered
and said, "Please, let several men take
five of the remaining horses which are
left in the city. Look, they may either
become like all the multitude of Israel
that are left in it; or indeed, I say, they
may become like all the multitude of
Israel left from those who are consumed;
so let us send them and see."
14 Therefore they took two chariots
with horses; and the king sent them in
the direction of the Syrian army, saying,
"Go and see."
15 And they went after them to the
Jordan; and indeed all the road was full
of garments and weapons which the
Syrians had thrown away in their haste.

So the messengers returned and told the
king.
16 Then the people went out and
plundered the tents of the Syrians. So a
seah of fine flour was sold for a shekel,
and two seahs of barley for a shekel,
according to the word of the LORD.
17 Now the king had appointed the
officer on whose hand he leaned to
have charge of the gate. But the people
trampled him in the gate, and he died,
just as the man of God had said, who
spoke when the king came down to him.
18 So it happened just as the man of
God had spoken to the king, saying,
"Two seahs of barley for a shekel, and a
seah of fine flour for a shekel, shall be
sold tomorrow about this time in the
gate of Samaria."
19 Then that officer had answered the
man of God, and said, "Now look, if the
LORD would make windows in heaven,

could such a thing be?" And he had said,
"In fact, you shall see it with your eyes,
but you shall not eat of it."
20 And so it happened to him, for the
people trampled him in the gate, and he
died.

8 1 Then Elisha spoke to the woman
whose son he had restored to life,
saying, "Arise and go, you and your
household, and stay wherever you can;
for the LORD has called for a famine, and
furthermore, it will come upon the land
for seven years."
2 So the woman arose and did according
to the saying of the man of God, and she
went with her household and dwelt in
the land of the Philistines seven years.
3 It came to pass, at the end of seven
years, that the woman returned from
the land of the Philistines; and she went
to make an appeal to the king for her
house and for her land.

4 Then the king talked with Gehazi, the
servant of the man of God, saying, "Tell
me, please, all the great things Elisha has
done."
5 Now it happened, as he was telling
the king how he had restored the dead
to life, that there was the woman whose
son he had restored to life, appealing to
the king for her house and for her land.
And Gehazi said, "My lord, O king, this is
the woman, and this is her son whom
Elisha restored to life."
6 And when the king asked the woman,
she told him. So the king appointed a
certain officer for her, saying, "Restore
all that was hers, and all the proceeds of
the field from the day that she left the
land until now."
7 Then Elisha went to Damascus, and
Ben–Hadad king of Syria was sick; and it
was told him, saying, "The man of God
has come here."

8 And the king said to Hazael, "Take a
present in your hand, and go to meet
the man of God, and inquire of the LORD
by him, saying, ‘Shall I recover from this
disease?’"
9 So Hazael went to meet him and took
a present with him, of every good thing
of Damascus, forty camel–loads; and he
came and stood before him, and said,
"Your son Ben–Hadad king of Syria has
sent me to you, saying, ‘Shall I recover
from this disease?’"
10 And Elisha said to him, "Go, say
to him, ‘You shall certainly recover.’
However the LORD has shown me that
he will really die."
11 Then he set his countenance in a
stare until he was ashamed; and the
man of God wept.
12 And Hazael said, "Why is my lord
weeping?" He answered, "Because I
know the evil that you will do to the

children of Israel: Their strongholds you
will set on fire, and their young men you
will kill with the sword; and you will dash
their children, and rip open their women
with child."
13 So Hazael said, "But what is your
servant—a dog, that he should do this
gross thing?" And Elisha answered,
"The LORD has shown me that you will
become king over Syria."
14 Then he departed from Elisha, and
came to his master, who said to him,
"What did Elisha say to you?" And he
answered, "He told me you would surely
recover."
15 But it happened on the next day that
he took a thick cloth and dipped it in
water, and spread it over his face so that
he died; and Hazael reigned in his place.
16 Now in the fifth year of Joram the
son of Ahab, king of Israel, Jehoshaphat
having been king of Judah, Jehoram the

son of Jehoshaphat began to reign as
king of Judah.
17 He was thirty–two years old when he
became king, and he reigned eight years
in Jerusalem.
18 And he walked in the way of the kings
of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had
done, for the daughter of Ahab was his
wife; and he did evil in the sight of the
LORD.
19 Yet the LORD would not destroy
Judah, for the sake of his servant David,
as He promised him to give a lamp to
him and his sons forever.
20 In his days Edom revolted against
Judah's authority, and made a king over
themselves.
21 So Joram went to Zair, and all his
chariots with him. Then he rose by night
and attacked the Edomites who had
surrounded him and the captains of the

chariots; and the troops fled to their
tents.
22 Thus Edom has been in revolt against
Judah’s authority to this day. And Libnah
revolted at that time.
23 Now the rest of the acts of Joram,
and all that he did, are they not written
in the book of the chronicles of the kings
of Judah?
24 So Joram rested with his fathers, and
was buried with his fathers in the City of
David. Then Ahaziah his son reigned in
his place.
25 In the twelfth year of Joram the son
of Ahab, king of Israel, Ahaziah the son
of Jehoram, king of Judah, began to
reign.
26 Ahaziah was twenty–two years old
when he became king, and he reigned
one year in Jerusalem. His mother’s
name was Athaliah the granddaughter
of Omri, king of Israel.

27 And he walked in the way of the
house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight
of the LORD, like the house of Ahab, for
he was the son–in–law of the house of
Ahab.
28 Now he went with Joram the son
of Ahab to war against Hazael king of
Syria at Ramoth Gilead; and the Syrians
wounded Joram.
29 Then King Joram went back to Jezreel
to recover from the wounds which the
Syrians had inflicted on him at Ramah,
when he fought against Hazael king of
Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram,
king of Judah, went down to see Joram
the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he
was sick.
9 1 And Elisha the prophet called one
of the sons of the prophets, and
said to him, "Get yourself ready, take
this flask of oil in your hand, and go to
Ramoth Gilead.

2 "Now when you arrive at that
place, look there for Jehu the son of
Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi, and go
in and make him rise up from among
his associates, and take him to an inner
room.
3 "Then take the flask of oil, and pour
it on his head, and say, ‘Thus says the
LORD: "I have anointed you king over
Israel."’ Then open the door and flee,
and do not delay."
4 So the young man, the servant of the
prophet, went to Ramoth Gilead.
5 And when he arrived, there were the
captains of the army sitting; and he said,
"I have a message for you, Commander."
Jehu said, "For which one of us?" And he
said, "For you, Commander."
6 Then he arose and went into the
house. And he poured the oil on his
head, and said to him, "Thus says the
LORD God of Israel: ‘I have anointed you

king over the people of the LORD, over
Israel.
7 'You shall strike down the house of
Ahab your master, that I may avenge the
blood of My servants the prophets, and
the blood of all the servants of the LORD,
at the hand of Jezebel.
8 'For the whole house of Ahab shall
perish; and I will cut off from Ahab all
the males in Israel, both bond and free.
9 'So I will make the house of Ahab like
the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat,
and like the house of Baasha the son of
Ahijah.
10 'The dogs shall eat Jezebel on the
plot of ground at Jezreel, and there shall
be none to bury her.'" And he opened
the door and fled.
11 Then Jehu came out to the servants
of his master, and one said to him, "Is
all well? Why did this madman come to

you?" And he said to them, "You know
the man and his babble."
12 And they said, "A lie! Tell us now."
So he said, "Thus and thus he spoke to
me, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD: "I have
anointed you king over Israel."’"
13 Then each man hastened to take his
garment and put it under him on the top
of the steps; and they blew trumpets,
saying, "Jehu is king!"
14 So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, the
son of Nimshi, conspired against Joram.
(Now Joram had been defending Ramoth
Gilead, he and all Israel, against Hazael
king of Syria.
15 But King Joram had returned to
Jezreel to recover from the wounds
which the Syrians had inflicted on him
when he fought with Hazael king of
Syria.) And Jehu said, "If you are so
minded, let no one leave or escape from
the city to go and tell it in Jezreel."

16 So Jehu rode in a chariot and went to
Jezreel, for Joram was laid up there; and
Ahaziah king of Judah had come down to
see Joram.
17 Now a watchman stood on the tower
in Jezreel, and he saw the company
of Jehu as he came, and said, "I see a
company of men." And Joram said, "Get
a horseman and send him to meet them,
and let him say, 'Is it peace?'"
18 So the horseman went to meet
him, and said, "Thus says the king: 'Is
it peace?'" And Jehu said, "What have
you to do with peace? Turn around and
follow me." So the watchman reported,
saying, "The messenger went to them,
but is not coming back."
19 Then he sent out a second horseman
who came to them, and said, "Thus
says the king: 'Is it peace?'" And Jehu
answered, "What have you to do with
peace? Turn around and follow me."

20 So the watchman reported, saying, "He went up to them and is not coming back; and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi, for he drives furiously!"
21 Then Joram said, "Make ready." And his chariot was made ready. Then Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot; and they went out to meet Jehu, and met him on the property of Naboth the Jezreelite.
22 Now it happened, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, "Is it peace, Jehu?" So he answered, "What peace, as long as the harlotries of your mother Jezebel and her witchcraft are so many?"
23 Then Joram turned around and fled, and said to Ahaziah, "Treachery, Ahaziah!"
24 Now Jehu drew his bow with full strength and shot Jehoram between his

arms; and the arrow came out at his
heart, and he sank down in his chariot.
25 Then Jehu said to Bidkar his captain,
"Pick him up, and throw him into the
tract of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite;
for remember, when you and I were
riding together behind Ahab his father,
that the LORD laid this burden upon him:
26 'Surely I saw yesterday the blood of
Naboth and the blood of his sons,' says
the LORD, 'and I will repay you in this
plot,' says the LORD. Now therefore, take
and throw him on the plot of ground,
according to the word of the LORD."
27 But when Ahaziah king of Judah saw
this, he fled by the road to Beth Haggan.
So Jehu pursued him, and said, "Shoot
him also in the chariot." And they shot
him at the Ascent of Gur, which is by
Ibleam. Then he fled to Megiddo, and
died there.

28 And his servants carried him in the
chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in
his tomb with his fathers in the City of
David.
29 In the eleventh year of Joram the son
of Ahab, Ahaziah had become king over
Judah.
30 Now when Jehu had come to Jezreel,
Jezebel heard of it; and she put paint
on her eyes and adorned her head, and
looked through a window.
31 Then, as Jehu entered at the gate,
she said, "Is it peace, Zimri, murderer of
your master?"
32 And he looked up at the window, and
said, "Who is on my side? Who?" So two
or three eunuchs looked out at him.
33 Then he said, "Throw her down." So
they threw her down, and some of her
blood spattered on the wall and on the
horses; and he trampled her underfoot.

34 And when he had gone in, he ate and
drank. Then he said, "Go now, see to this
accursed woman, and bury her, for she
was a king’s daughter."
35 So they went to bury her, but they
found no more of her than the skull and
the feet and the palms of her hands.
36 Therefore they came back and told
him. And he said, "This is the word of
the LORD, which He spoke by His servant
Elijah the Tishbite, saying, ‘On the plot
of ground at Jezreel dogs shall eat the
flesh of Jezebel;
37 ‘and the corpse of Jezebel shall be as
refuse on the surface of the field, in the
plot at Jezreel, so that they shall not say,
"Here lies Jezebel."’"

10 1 Now Ahab had seventy sons
in Samaria. And Jehu wrote and
sent letters to Samaria, to the rulers of
Jezreel, to the elders, and to those who
reared Ahab’s sons, saying:

2 Now as soon as this letter comes to
you, since your master’s sons are with
you, and you have chariots and horses, a
fortified city also, and weapons,
3 choose the best qualified of your
master’s sons, set him on his father’s
throne, and fight for your master’s
house.
4 But they were exceedingly afraid, and
said, "Look, two kings could not stand up
to him; how then can we stand?"
5 And he who was in charge of the
house, and he who was in charge of
the city, the elders also, and those who
reared the sons, sent to Jehu, saying,
"We are your servants, we will do all
you tell us; but we will not make anyone
king. Do what is good in your sight."
6 Then he wrote a second letter to
them, saying: If you are for me and will
obey my voice, take the heads of the
men, your master’s sons, and come to

me at Jezreel by this time tomorrow.
Now the king's sons, seventy persons,
were with the great men of the city, who
were rearing them.
7 So it was, when the letter came to
them, that they took the king's sons and
slaughtered seventy persons, put their
heads in baskets and sent them to him
at Jezreel.
8 Then a messenger came and told him,
saying, "They have brought the heads of
the king's sons." And he said, "Lay them
in two heaps at the entrance of the gate
until morning."
9 So it was, in the morning, that he went
out and stood, and said to all the people,
"You are righteous. Indeed I conspired
against my master and killed him; but
who killed all these?
10 "Know now that nothing shall fall to
the earth of the word of the LORD which
the LORD spoke concerning the house of

Ahab; for the LORD has done what He
spoke by His servant Elijah."
11 So Jehu killed all who remained of
the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his
great men and his close acquaintances
and his priests, until he left him none
remaining.
12 And he arose and departed and went
to Samaria. On the way, at Beth Eked of
the Shepherds,
13 Jehu met with the brothers of
Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, "Who
are you?" So they answered, "We are
the brothers of Ahaziah; we have come
down to greet the sons of the king and
the sons of the queen mother."
14 And he said, "Take them alive!" So
they took them alive, and killed them at
the well of Beth Eked, forty–two men;
and he left none of them.
15 Now when he departed from there,
he met Jehonadab the son of Rechab,

coming to meet him; and he greeted
him and said to him, "Is your heart right,
as my heart is toward your heart?" And
Jehonadab answered, "It is." Jehu said,
"If it is, give me your hand." So he gave
him his hand, and he took him up to him
into the chariot.
16 Then he said, "Come with me, and
see my zeal for the LORD." So they had
him ride in his chariot.
17 And when he came to Samaria,
he killed all who remained to Ahab in
Samaria, till he had destroyed them,
according to the word of the LORD which
He spoke to Elijah.
18 Then Jehu gathered all the people
together, and said to them, "Ahab served
Baal a little, Jehu will serve him much.
19 "Now therefore, call to me all the
prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all
his priests. Let no one be missing, for I
have a great sacrifice for Baal. Whoever

is missing shall not live." But Jehu acted
deceptively, with the intent of destroying
the worshipers of Baal.
20 And Jehu said, "Proclaim a solemn
assembly for Baal." So they proclaimed
it.
21 Then Jehu sent throughout all Israel;
and all the worshipers of Baal came, so
that there was not a man left who did
not come. So they came into the temple
of Baal, and the temple of Baal was full
from one end to the other.
22 And he said to the one in charge of
the wardrobe, "Bring out vestments
for all the worshipers of Baal." So he
brought out vestments for them.
23 Then Jehu and Jehonadab the son
of Rechab went into the temple of Baal,
and said to the worshipers of Baal,
"Search and see that no servants of the
LORD are here with you, but only the
worshipers of Baal."

24 So they went in to offer sacrifices and
burnt offerings. Now Jehu had appointed
for himself eighty men on the outside,
and had said, "If any of the men whom
I have brought into your hands escapes,
whoever lets him escape, it shall be his
life for the life of the other."
25 Now it happened, as soon as he
had made an end of offering the burnt
offering, that Jehu said to the guard and
to the captains, "Go in and kill them;
let no one come out!" And they killed
them with the edge of the sword; then
the guards and the officers threw them
out, and went into the inner room of the
temple of Baal.
26 And they brought the sacred pillars
out of the temple of Baal and burned
them.
27 Then they broke down the sacred
pillar of Baal, and tore down the temple

of Baal and made it a refuse dump to
this day.
28 Thus Jehu destroyed Baal from Israel.
29 However Jehu did not turn away
from the sins of Jeroboam the son of
Nebat, who had made Israel sin, that
is, from the golden calves that were at
Bethel and Dan.
30 And the LORD said to Jehu, "Because
you have done well in doing what is right
in My sight, and have done to the house
of Ahab all that was in My heart, your
sons shall sit on the throne of Israel to
the fourth generation."
31 But Jehu took no heed to walk in the
law of the LORD God of Israel with all his
heart; for he did not depart from the sins
of Jeroboam, who had made Israel sin.
32 In those days the LORD began to cut
off parts of Israel; and Hazael conquered
them in all the territory of Israel

33 from the Jordan eastward: all the
land of Gilead—Gad, Reuben, and
Manasseh—from Aroer, which is by
the River Arnon, including Gilead and
Bashan.
34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, all
that he did, and all his might, are they
not written in the book of the chronicles
of the kings of Israel?
35 So Jehu rested with his fathers,
and they buried him in Samaria. Then
Jehoahaz his son reigned in his place.
36 And the period that Jehu reigned
over Israel in Samaria was twenty–eight
years.

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1 When Athaliah the mother of
Ahaziah saw that her son was
dead, she arose and destroyed all the
royal heirs.
2 But Jehosheba, the daughter of King
Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the
son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from

among the king's sons who were being
murdered; and they hid him and his
nurse in the bedroom, from Athaliah, so
that he was not killed.
3 So he was hidden with her in the
house of the LORD for six years, while
Athaliah reigned over the land.
4 In the seventh year Jehoiada sent and
brought the captains of hundreds—of
the bodyguards and the escorts—and
brought them into the house of the
LORD to him. And he made a covenant
with them and took an oath from them
in the house of the LORD, and showed
them the king's son.
5 Then he commanded them, saying,
"This is what you shall do: One–third of
you who come on duty on the Sabbath
shall be keeping watch over the king's
house,
6 "one–third shall be at the gate of Sur,
and one–third at the gate behind the

escorts. You shall keep the watch of the
house, lest it be broken down.
7 "The two contingents of you who go
off duty on the Sabbath shall keep the
watch of the house of the LORD for the
king.
8 "But you shall surround the king on all
sides, every man with his weapons in his
hand; and whoever comes within range,
let him be put to death. You are to be
with the king as he goes out and as he
comes in."
9 So the captains of the hundreds did
according to all that Jehoiada the priest
commanded. Each of them took his men
who were to be on duty on the Sabbath,
with those who were going off duty on
the Sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the
priest.
10 And the priest gave the captains of
hundreds the spears and shields which

had belonged to King David, that were in
the temple of the LORD.
11 Then the escorts stood, every man
with his weapons in his hand, all around
the king, from the right side of the
temple to the left side of the temple, by
the altar and the house.
12 And he brought out the king's son,
put the crown on him, and gave him
the Testimony; they made him king and
anointed him, and they clapped their
hands and said, "Long live the king!"
13 Now when Athaliah heard the noise
of the escorts and the people, she came
to the people in the temple of the LORD.
14 When she looked, there was the king
standing by a pillar according to custom;
and the leaders and the trumpeters were
by the king. All the people of the land
were rejoicing and blowing trumpets. So
Athaliah tore her clothes and cried out,
"Treason! Treason!"

15 And Jehoiada the priest commanded
the captains of the hundreds, the officers
of the army, and said to them, "Take
her outside under guard, and slay with
the sword whoever follows her." For the
priest had said, "Do not let her be killed
in the house of the LORD."
16 So they seized her; and she went
by way of the horses' entrance into the
king's house, and there she was killed.
17 Then Jehoiada made a covenant
between the LORD, the king, and the
people, that they should be the LORD'S
people, and also between the king and
the people.
18 And all the people of the land went
to the temple of Baal, and tore it down.
They thoroughly broke in pieces its altars
and images, and killed Mattan the priest
of Baal before the altars. And the priest
appointed officers over the house of the
LORD.

19 Then he took the captains of
hundreds, the bodyguards, the escorts,
and all the people of the land; and they
brought the king down from the house
of the LORD, and went by way of the
gate of the escorts to the king’s house.
Then he sat on the throne of the kings.
20 So all the people of the land rejoiced;
and the city was quiet, for they had slain
Athaliah with the sword in the king’s
house.
21 Jehoash was seven years old when
he became king.

12 1 In the seventh year of Jehu,
Jehoash became king, and he
reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His
mother’s name was Zibiah of Beersheba.
2 Jehoash did what was right in the
sight of the LORD all the days in which
Jehoiada the priest instructed him.

3 But the high places were not taken
away; the people still sacrificed and
burned incense on the high places.
4 And Jehoash said to the priests,
"All the money of the dedicated gifts
that are brought into the house of the
LORD—each man's census money, each
man's assessment money—and all the
money that a man purposes in his heart
to bring into the house of the LORD,
5 "let the priests take it themselves,
each from his constituency; and let
them repair the damages of the temple,
wherever any dilapidation is found."
6 Now it was so, by the twenty–third
year of King Jehoash, that the priests
had not repaired the damages of the
temple.
7 So King Jehoash called Jehoiada the
priest and the other priests, and said to
them, "Why have you not repaired the
damages of the temple? Now therefore,

do not take more money from your
constituency, but deliver it for repairing
the damages of the temple."
8 And the priests agreed that they
would neither receive more money from
the people, nor repair the damages of
the temple.
9 Then Jehoiada the priest took a chest,
bored a hole in its lid, and set it beside
the altar, on the right side as one comes
into the house of the LORD; and the
priests who kept the door put there all
the money brought into the house of the
LORD.
10 So it was, whenever they saw that
there was much money in the chest,
that the king's scribe and the high priest
came up and put it in bags, and counted
the money that was found in the house
of the LORD.
11 Then they gave the money, which
had been apportioned, into the hands

of those who did the work, who had the
oversight of the house of the LORD; and
they paid it out to the carpenters and
builders who worked on the house of
the LORD,
12 and to masons and stonecutters, and
for buying timber and hewn stone, to
repair the damage of the house of the
LORD, and for all that was paid out to
repair the temple.
13 However there were not made for
the house of the LORD basins of silver,
trimmers, sprinkling–bowls, trumpets,
any articles of gold or articles of silver,
from the money brought into the house
of the LORD.
14 But they gave that to the workmen,
and they repaired the house of the LORD
with it.
15 Moreover they did not require an
account from the men into whose hand

they delivered the money to be paid to
workmen, for they dealt faithfully.
16 The money from the trespass
offerings and the money from the sin
offerings was not brought into the house
of the LORD. It belonged to the priests.
17 Hazael king of Syria went up and
fought against Gath, and took it; then
Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem.
18 And Jehoash king of Judah took
all the sacred things that his fathers,
Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah,
kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his
own sacred things, and all the gold found
in the treasuries of the house of the
LORD and in the king's house, and sent
them to Hazael king of Syria. Then he
went away from Jerusalem.
19 Now the rest of the acts of Joash,
and all that he did, are they not written
in the book of the chronicles of the kings
of Judah?

[20] And his servants arose and formed a
conspiracy, and killed Joash in the house
of the Millo, which goes down to Silla.
[21] For Jozachar the son of Shimeath
and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his
servants, struck him. So he died, and
they buried him with his fathers in the
City of David. Then Amaziah his son
reigned in his place.

13 [1] In the twenty–third year of
Joash the son of Ahaziah, king of
Judah, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu became
king over Israel in Samaria, and reigned
seventeen years.
[2] And he did evil in the sight of the
LORD, and followed the sins of Jeroboam
the son of Nebat, who had made Israel
sin. He did not depart from them.
[3] Then the anger of the LORD was
aroused against Israel, and He delivered
them into the hand of Hazael king of

Syria, and into the hand of Ben–Hadad
the son of Hazael, all their days.
4 So Jehoahaz pleaded with the LORD,
and the LORD listened to him; for He
saw the oppression of Israel, because
the king of Syria oppressed them.
5 Then the LORD gave Israel a deliverer,
so that they escaped from under the
hand of the Syrians; and the children of
Israel dwelt in their tents as before.
6 Nevertheless they did not depart from
the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who
had made Israel sin, but walked in them;
and the wooden image also remained in
Samaria.
7 For He left of the army of Jehoahaz
only fifty horsemen, ten chariots, and
ten thousand foot soldiers; for the king
of Syria had destroyed them and made
them like the dust at threshing.
8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz,
all that he did, and his might, are they

not written in the book of the chronicles
of the kings of Israel?
9 So Jehoahaz rested with his fathers,
and they buried him in Samaria. Then
Joash his son reigned in his place.
10 In the thirty–seventh year of Joash
king of Judah, Jehoash the son of
Jehoahaz became king over Israel in
Samaria, and reigned sixteen years.
11 And he did evil in the sight of the
LORD. He did not depart from all the
sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who
made Israel sin, but walked in them.
12 Now the rest of the acts of Joash, all
that he did, and his might with which he
fought against Amaziah king of Judah,
are they not written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Israel?
13 So Joash rested with his fathers. Then
Jeroboam sat on his throne. And Joash
was buried in Samaria with the kings of
Israel.

14 Elisha had become sick with the
illness of which he would die. Then Joash
the king of Israel came down to him,
and wept over his face, and said, "O my
father, my father, the chariots of Israel
and their horsemen!"
15 And Elisha said to him, "Take a bow
and some arrows." So he took himself a
bow and some arrows.
16 Then he said to the king of Israel,
"Put your hand on the bow." So he put
his hand on it, and Elisha put his hands
on the king’s hands.
17 And he said, "Open the east
window"; and he opened it. Then Elisha
said, "Shoot"; and he shot. And he said,
"The arrow of the LORD’S deliverance
and the arrow of deliverance from Syria;
for you must strike the Syrians at Aphek
till you have destroyed them."
18 Then he said, "Take the arrows"; so
he took them. And he said to the king of

Israel, "Strike the ground"; so he struck
three times, and stopped.
19 And the man of God was angry with
him, and said, "You should have struck
five or six times; then you would have
struck Syria till you had destroyed it!
But now you will strike Syria only three
times."
20 Then Elisha died, and they buried
him. And the raiding bands from Moab
invaded the land in the spring of the
year.
21 So it was, as they were burying a
man, that suddenly they spied a band
of raiders; and they put the man in the
tomb of Elisha; and when the man was
let down and touched the bones of
Elisha, he revived and stood on his feet.
22 And Hazael king of Syria oppressed
Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.
23 But the LORD was gracious to them,
had compassion on them, and regarded

them, because of His covenant with
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would
not yet destroy them or cast them from
His presence.
24 Now Hazael king of Syria died. Then
Ben–Hadad his son reigned in his place.
25 And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz
recaptured from the hand of Ben–Hadad,
the son of Hazael, the cities which he
had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz
his father by war. Three times Joash
defeated him and recaptured the cities
of Israel.

14 1 In the second year of Joash the
son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel,
Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah,
became king.
2 He was twenty–five years old when
he became king, and he reigned twenty–
nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's
name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

3 And he did what was right in the sight
of the LORD, yet not like his father David;
he did everything as his father Joash had
done.
4 However the high places were
not taken away, and the people still
sacrificed and burned incense on the
high places.
5 Now it happened, as soon as the
kingdom was established in his hand,
that he executed his servants who had
murdered his father the king.
6 But the children of the murderers he
did not execute, according to what is
written in the Book of the Law of Moses,
in which the LORD commanded, saying,
"Fathers shall not be put to death for
their children, nor shall children be put
to death for their fathers; but a person
shall be put to death for his own sin."

7 He killed ten thousand Edomites in
the Valley of Salt, and took Sela by war,
and called its name Joktheel to this day.
8 Then Amaziah sent messengers to
Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz, the son of
Jehu, king of Israel, saying, "Come, let us
face one another in battle."
9 And Jehoash king of Israel sent to
Amaziah king of Judah, saying, "The
thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the
cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, ‘Give
your daughter to my son as wife’; and a
wild beast that was in Lebanon passed
by and trampled the thistle.
10 "You have indeed defeated Edom,
and your heart has lifted you up. Glory in
that, and stay at home; for why should
you meddle with trouble so that you
fall—you and Judah with you?"
11 But Amaziah would not heed.
Therefore Jehoash king of Israel went
out; so he and Amaziah king of Judah

faced one another at Beth Shemesh,
which belongs to Judah.
12 And Judah was defeated by Israel,
and every man fled to his tent.
13 Then Jehoash king of Israel captured
Amaziah king of Judah, the son of
Jehoash, the son of Ahaziah, at Beth
Shemesh; and he went to Jerusalem,
and broke down the wall of Jerusalem
from the Gate of Ephraim to the Corner
Gate—four hundred cubits.
14 And he took all the gold and silver,
all the articles that were found in the
house of the LORD and in the treasuries
of the king's house, and hostages, and
returned to Samaria.
15 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash
which he did—his might, and how he
fought with Amaziah king of Judah—are
they not written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Israel?

16 So Jehoash rested with his fathers,
and was buried in Samaria with the kings
of Israel. Then Jeroboam his son reigned
in his place.
17 Amaziah the son of Joash, king of
Judah, lived fifteen years after the death
of Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz, king of
Israel.
18 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah,
are they not written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Judah?
19 And they formed a conspiracy against
him in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish;
but they sent after him to Lachish and
killed him there.
20 Then they brought him on horses,
and he was buried at Jerusalem with his
fathers in the City of David.
21 And all the people of Judah took
Azariah, who was sixteen years old, and
made him king instead of his father
Amaziah.

22 He built Elath and restored it to
Judah, after the king rested with his
fathers.
23 In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the
son of Joash, king of Judah, Jeroboam
the son of Joash, king of Israel, became
king in Samaria, and reigned forty–one
years.
24 And he did evil in the sight of the
LORD; he did not depart from all the sins
of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had
made Israel sin.
25 He restored the territory of Israel
from the entrance of Hamath to the Sea
of the Arabah, according to the word of
the LORD God of Israel, which He had
spoken through His servant Jonah the
son of Amittai, the prophet who was
from Gath Hepher.
26 For the LORD saw that the affliction
of Israel was very bitter; and whether

bond or free, there was no helper for
Israel.
27 And the LORD did not say that He
would blot out the name of Israel from
under heaven; but He saved them by the
hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.
28 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam,
and all that he did—his might, how he
made war, and how he recaptured for
Israel, from Damascus and Hamath,
what had belonged to Judah—are they
not written in the book of the chronicles
of the kings of Israel?
29 So Jeroboam rested with his fathers,
the kings of Israel. Then Zechariah his
son reigned in his place.

15

1 In the twenty–seventh year of
Jeroboam king of Israel, Azariah
the son of Amaziah, king of Judah,
became king.
2 He was sixteen years old when he
became king, and he reigned fifty–two

years in Jerusalem. His mother's name
was Jecholiah of Jerusalem.
3 And he did what was right in the sight
of the LORD, according to all that his
father Amaziah had done,
4 except that the high places were not
removed; the people still sacrificed and
burned incense on the high places.
5 Then the LORD struck the king, so that
he was a leper until the day of his death;
so he dwelt in an isolated house. And
Jotham the king's son was over the royal
house, judging the people of the land.
6 Now the rest of the acts of Azariah,
and all that he did, are they not written
in the book of the chronicles of the kings
of Judah?
7 So Azariah rested with his fathers,
and they buried him with his fathers in
the City of David. Then Jotham his son
reigned in his place.

8 In the thirty–eighth year of Azariah
king of Judah, Zechariah the son of
Jeroboam reigned over Israel in Samaria
six months.
9 And he did evil in the sight of the
LORD, as his fathers had done; he did not
depart from the sins of Jeroboam the
son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin.
10 Then Shallum the son of Jabesh
conspired against him, and struck and
killed him in front of the people; and he
reigned in his place.
11 Now the rest of the acts of Zechariah,
indeed they are written in the book of
the chronicles of the kings of Israel.
12 This was the word of the LORD which
He spoke to Jehu, saying, "Your sons
shall sit on the throne of Israel to the
fourth generation." And so it was.
13 Shallum the son of Jabesh became
king in the thirty–ninth year of Uzziah

king of Judah; and he reigned a full
month in Samaria.
14 For Menahem the son of Gadi went
up from Tirzah, came to Samaria, and
struck Shallum the son of Jabesh in
Samaria and killed him; and he reigned
in his place.
15 Now the rest of the acts of Shallum,
and the conspiracy which he led, indeed
they are written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Israel.
16 Then from Tirzah, Menahem attacked
Tiphsah, all who were there, and its
territory. Because they did not surrender,
therefore he attacked it. All the women
there who were with child he ripped
open.
17 In the thirty–ninth year of Azariah
king of Judah, Menahem the son of Gadi
became king over Israel, and reigned ten
years in Samaria.

18 And he did evil in the sight of the
LORD; he did not depart all his days from
the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat,
who had made Israel sin.
19 Pul king of Assyria came against the
land; and Menahem gave Pul a thousand
talents of silver, that his hand might be
with him to strengthen the kingdom
under his control.
20 And Menahem exacted the money
from Israel, from all the very wealthy,
from each man fifty shekels of silver, to
give to the king of Assyria. So the king
of Assyria turned back, and did not stay
there in the land.
21 Now the rest of the acts of Menahem,
and all that he did, are they not written
in the book of the chronicles of the kings
of Israel?
22 So Menahem rested with his fathers.
Then Pekahiah his son reigned in his
place.

23 In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of
Judah, Pekahiah the son of Menahem
became king over Israel in Samaria, and
reigned two years.
24 And he did evil in the sight of the
LORD; he did not depart from the sins
of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had
made Israel sin.
25 Then Pekah the son of Remaliah, an
officer of his, conspired against him and
killed him in Samaria, in the citadel of
the king's house, along with Argob and
Arieh; and with him were fifty men of
Gilead. He killed him and reigned in his
place.
26 Now the rest of the acts of Pekahiah,
and all that he did, indeed they are
written in the book of the chronicles of
the kings of Israel.
27 In the fifty–second year of Azariah
king of Judah, Pekah the son of Remaliah

became king over Israel in Samaria, and
reigned twenty years.
28 And he did evil in the sight of the
LORD; he did not depart from the sins
of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had
made Israel sin.
29 In the days of Pekah king of Israel,
Tiglath–Pileser king of Assyria came and
took Ijon, Abel Beth Maachah, Janoah,
Kedesh, Hazor, Gilead, and Galilee, all
the land of Naphtali; and he carried
them captive to Assyria.
30 Then Hoshea the son of Elah led
a conspiracy against Pekah the son of
Remaliah, and struck and killed him; so
he reigned in his place in the twentieth
year of Jotham the son of Uzziah.
31 Now the rest of the acts of Pekah,
and all that he did, indeed they are
written in the book of the chronicles of
the kings of Israel.

32 In the second year of Pekah the son
of Remaliah, king of Israel, Jotham the
son of Uzziah, king of Judah, began to
reign.
33 He was twenty–five years old when
he became king, and he reigned sixteen
years in Jerusalem. His mother's name
was Jerusha the daughter of Zadok.
34 And he did what was right in the sight
of the LORD; he did according to all that
his father Uzziah had done.
35 However the high places were not
removed; the people still sacrificed and
burned incense on the high places. He
built the Upper Gate of the house of the
LORD.
36 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham,
and all that he did, are they not written
in the book of the chronicles of the kings
of Judah?

37 In those days the LORD began to send
Rezin king of Syria and Pekah the son of
Remaliah against Judah.
38 So Jotham rested with his fathers,
and was buried with his fathers in the
City of David his father. Then Ahaz his
son reigned in his place.

16 1 In the seventeenth year of
Pekah the son of Remaliah, Ahaz
the son of Jotham, king of Judah, began
to reign.
2 Ahaz was twenty years old when he
became king, and he reigned sixteen
years in Jerusalem; and he did not do
what was right in the sight of the LORD
his God, as his father David had done.
3 But he walked in the way of the
kings of Israel; indeed he made his son
pass through the fire, according to the
abominations of the nations whom the
LORD had cast out from before the
children of Israel.

4 And he sacrificed and burned incense
on the high places, on the hills, and
under every green tree.
5 Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah
the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, came
up to Jerusalem to make war; and they
besieged Ahaz but could not overcome
him.
6 At that time Rezin king of Syria
captured Elath for Syria, and drove the
men of Judah from Elath. Then the
Edomites went to Elath, and dwell there
to this day.
7 So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath–
Pileser king of Assyria, saying, "I am your
servant and your son. Come up and save
me from the hand of the king of Syria
and from the hand of the king of Israel,
who rise up against me."
8 And Ahaz took the silver and gold that
was found in the house of the LORD, and

in the treasuries of the king's house, and
sent it as a present to the king of Assyria.
9 So the king of Assyria heeded him;
for the king of Assyria went up against
Damascus and took it, carried its people
captive to Kir, and killed Rezin.
10 Now King Ahaz went to Damascus
to meet Tiglath–Pileser king of Assyria,
and saw an altar that was at Damascus;
and King Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest
the design of the altar and its pattern,
according to all its workmanship.
11 Then Urijah the priest built an altar
according to all that King Ahaz had sent
from Damascus. So Urijah the priest
made it before King Ahaz came back
from Damascus.
12 And when the king came back from
Damascus, the king saw the altar; and
the king approached the altar and made
offerings on it.

13 So he burned his burnt offering and
his grain offering; and he poured his
drink offering and sprinkled the blood of
his peace offerings on the altar.
14 He also brought the bronze altar
which was before the LORD, from the
front of the temple—from between
the new altar and the house of the
LORD—and put it on the north side of
the new altar.
15 Then King Ahaz commanded Urijah
the priest, saying, "On the great new
altar burn the morning burnt offering,
the evening grain offering, the king’s
burnt sacrifice, and his grain offering,
with the burnt offering of all the people
of the land, their grain offering, and their
drink offerings; and sprinkle on it all the
blood of the burnt offering and all the
blood of the sacrifice. And the bronze
altar shall be for me to inquire by."

16 Thus did Urijah the priest, according
to all that King Ahaz commanded.
17 And King Ahaz cut off the panels of
the carts, and removed the lavers from
them; and he took down the Sea from
the bronze oxen that were under it, and
put it on a pavement of stones.
18 Also he removed the Sabbath
pavilion which they had built in the
temple, and he removed the king's outer
entrance from the house of the LORD,
on account of the king of Assyria.
19 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz
which he did, are they not written in the
book of the chronicles of the kings of
Judah?
20 So Ahaz rested with his fathers, and
was buried with his fathers in the City of
David. Then Hezekiah his son reigned in
his place.

17 1 In the twelfth year of Ahaz king
of Judah, Hoshea the son of Elah

became king of Israel in Samaria, and he
reigned nine years.
2 And he did evil in the sight of the
LORD, but not as the kings of Israel who
were before him.
3 Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up
against him; and Hoshea became his
vassal, and paid him tribute money.
4 And the king of Assyria uncovered a
conspiracy by Hoshea; for he had sent
messengers to So, king of Egypt, and
brought no tribute to the king of Assyria,
as he had done year by year. Therefore
the king of Assyria shut him up, and
bound him in prison.
5 Now the king of Assyria went
throughout all the land, and went up to
Samaria and besieged it for three years.
6 In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king
of Assyria took Samaria and carried
Israel away to Assyria, and placed them

in Halah and by the Habor, the River of
Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.
7 For so it was that the children of Israel
had sinned against the LORD their God,
who had brought them up out of the
land of Egypt, from under the hand of
Pharaoh king of Egypt; and they had
feared other gods,
8 and had walked in the statutes of the
nations whom the LORD had cast out
from before the children of Israel, and of
the kings of Israel, which they had made.
9 Also the children of Israel secretly
did against the LORD their God things
that were not right, and they built for
themselves high places in all their cities,
from watchtower to fortified city.
10 They set up for themselves sacred
pillars and wooden images on every high
hill and under every green tree.
11 There they burned incense on all the
high places, like the nations whom the

LORD had carried away before them;
and they did wicked things to provoke
the LORD to anger,
12 for they served idols, of which the
LORD had said to them, "You shall not do
this thing."
13 Yet the LORD testified against Israel
and against Judah, by all of His prophets,
every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil
ways, and keep My commandments and
My statutes, according to all the law
which I commanded your fathers, and
which I sent to you by My servants the
prophets."
14 Nevertheless they would not hear,
but stiffened their necks, like the necks
of their fathers, who did not believe in
the LORD their God.
15 And they rejected His statutes and
His covenant that He had made with
their fathers, and His testimonies which
He had testified against them; they

followed idols, became idolaters, and
went after the nations who were all
around them, concerning whom the
LORD had charged them that they should
not do like them.
16 So they left all the commandments
of the LORD their God, made for
themselves a molded image and two
calves, made a wooden image and
worshiped all the host of heaven, and
served Baal.
17 And they caused their sons and
daughters to pass through the fire,
practiced witchcraft and soothsaying,
and sold themselves to do evil in the
sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to
anger.
18 Therefore the LORD was very angry
with Israel, and removed them from His
sight; there was none left but the tribe
of Judah alone.

19 Also Judah did not keep the
commandments of the LORD their God,
but walked in the statutes of Israel which
they made.
20 And the LORD rejected all the
descendants of Israel, afflicted them,
and delivered them into the hand of
plunderers, until He had cast them from
His sight.
21 For He tore Israel from the house
of David, and they made Jeroboam the
son of Nebat king. Then Jeroboam drove
Israel from following the LORD, and
made them commit a great sin.
22 For the children of Israel walked in all
the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they
did not depart from them,
23 until the LORD removed Israel out
of His sight, as He had said by all His
servants the prophets. So Israel was
carried away from their own land to
Assyria, as it is to this day.

24 Then the king of Assyria brought
people from Babylon, Cuthah, Ava,
Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and
placed them in the cities of Samaria
instead of the children of Israel; and they
took possession of Samaria and dwelt in
its cities.
25 And it was so, at the beginning of
their dwelling there, that they did not
fear the LORD; therefore the LORD sent
lions among them, which killed some of
them.
26 So they spoke to the king of Assyria,
saying, "The nations whom you have
removed and placed in the cities of
Samaria do not know the rituals of the
God of the land; therefore He has sent
lions among them, and indeed, they are
killing them because they do not know
the rituals of the God of the land."
27 Then the king of Assyria commanded,
saying, "Send there one of the priests

whom you brought from there; let him
go and dwell there, and let him teach
them the rituals of the God of the land."
28 Then one of the priests whom they
had carried away from Samaria came
and dwelt in Bethel, and taught them
how they should fear the LORD.
29 However every nation continued to
make gods of its own, and put them in
the shrines on the high places which the
Samaritans had made, every nation in
the cities where they dwelt.
30 The men of Babylon made Succoth
Benoth, the men of Cuth made Nergal,
the men of Hamath made Ashima,
31 and the Avites made Nibhaz and
Tartak; and the Sepharvites burned their
children in fire to Adrammelech and
Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.
32 So they feared the LORD, and
from every class they appointed for
themselves priests of the high places,

who sacrificed for them in the shrines of
the high places.
33 They feared the LORD, yet served
their own gods—according to the rituals
of the nations from among whom they
were carried away.
34 To this day they continue practicing
the former rituals; they do not fear
the LORD, nor do they follow their
statutes or their ordinances, or the law
and commandment which the LORD
had commanded the children of Jacob,
whom He named Israel,
35 with whom the LORD had made a
covenant and charged them, saying:
"You shall not fear other gods, nor
bow down to them nor serve them nor
sacrifice to them;
36 "but the LORD, who brought you up
from the land of Egypt with great power
and an outstretched arm, Him you shall

fear, Him you shall worship, and to Him
you shall offer sacrifice.
37 "And the statutes, the ordinances,
the law, and the commandment which
He wrote for you, you shall be careful to
observe forever; you shall not fear other
gods.
38 "And the covenant that I have made
with you, you shall not forget, nor shall
you fear other gods.
39 "But the LORD your God you shall
fear; and He will deliver you from the
hand of all your enemies."
40 However they did not obey, but they
followed their former rituals.
41 So these nations feared the LORD, yet
served their carved images; also their
children and their children's children
have continued doing as their fathers
did, even to this day.

18 1 Now it came to pass in the third
year of Hoshea the son of Elah,

king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of
Ahaz, king of Judah, began to reign.
2 He was twenty–five years old when
he became king, and he reigned twenty–
nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's
name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah.
3 And he did what was right in the sight
of the LORD, according to all that his
father David had done.
4 He removed the high places and broke
the sacred pillars, cut down the wooden
image and broke in pieces the bronze
serpent that Moses had made; for until
those days the children of Israel burned
incense to it, and called it Nehushtan.
5 He trusted in the LORD God of Israel,
so that after him was none like him
among all the kings of Judah, nor who
were before him.
6 For he held fast to the LORD; he did
not depart from following Him, but kept

His commandments, which the LORD
had commanded Moses.
7 The LORD was with him; he prospered
wherever he went. And he rebelled
against the king of Assyria and did not
serve him.
8 He subdued the Philistines, as far as
Gaza and its territory, from watchtower
to fortified city.
9 Now it came to pass in the fourth year
of King Hezekiah, which was the seventh
year of Hoshea the son of Elah, king of
Israel, that Shalmaneser king of Assyria
came up against Samaria and besieged
it.
10 And at the end of three years they
took it. In the sixth year of Hezekiah,
that is, the ninth year of Hoshea king of
Israel, Samaria was taken.
11 Then the king of Assyria carried Israel
away captive to Assyria, and put them

in Halah and by the Habor, the River of
Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes,
12 because they did not obey the voice
of the LORD their God, but transgressed
His covenant and all that Moses the
servant of the LORD had commanded;
and they would neither hear nor do
them.
13 And in the fourteenth year of King
Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria
came up against all the fortified cities of
Judah and took them.
14 Then Hezekiah king of Judah sent to
the king of Assyria at Lachish, saying,
"I have done wrong; turn away from
me; whatever you impose on me I will
pay." And the king of Assyria assessed
Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred
talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.
15 So Hezekiah gave him all the silver
that was found in the house of the LORD
and in the treasuries of the king’s house.

16 At that time Hezekiah stripped the
gold from the doors of the temple of
the LORD, and from the pillars which
Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and
gave it to the king of Assyria.
17 Then the king of Assyria sent the
Tartan, the Rabsaris, and the Rabshakeh
from Lachish, with a great army against
Jerusalem, to King Hezekiah. And they
went up and came to Jerusalem. When
they had come up, they went and stood
by the aqueduct from the upper pool,
which was on the highway to the Fuller’s
Field.
18 And when they had called to the
king, Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was
over the household, Shebna the scribe,
and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder,
came out to them.
19 Then the Rabshakeh said to them,
"Say now to Hezekiah, ‘Thus says the

great king, the king of Assyria: "What
confidence is this in which you trust?
20 "You speak of having plans and
power for war; but they are mere words.
And in whom do you trust, that you
rebel against me?
21 "Now look! You are trusting in the
staff of this broken reed, Egypt, on which
if a man leans, it will go into his hand
and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt
to all who trust in him.
22 "But if you say to me, ‘We trust in
the LORD our God,’ is it not He whose
high places and whose altars Hezekiah
has taken away, and said to Judah and
Jerusalem, ‘You shall worship before this
altar in Jerusalem’?"’
23 "Now therefore, I urge you, give
a pledge to my master the king of
Assyria, and I will give you two thousand
horses—if you are able on your part to
put riders on them!

24 "How then will you repel one captain
of the least of my master's servants, and
put your trust in Egypt for chariots and
horsemen?
25 "Have I now come up without the
LORD against this place to destroy it?
The LORD said to me, 'Go up against this
land, and destroy it.'"
26 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah,
Shebna, and Joah said to the Rabshakeh,
"Please speak to your servants in
Aramaic, for we understand it; and do
not speak to us in Hebrew in the hearing
of the people who are on the wall."
27 But the Rabshakeh said to them,
"Has my master sent me to your master
and to you to speak these words, and
not to the men who sit on the wall, who
will eat and drink their own waste with
you?"
28 Then the Rabshakeh stood and called
out with a loud voice in Hebrew, and

spoke, saying, "Hear the word of the
great king, the king of Assyria!
29 "Thus says the king: ‘Do not let
Hezekiah deceive you, for he shall not be
able to deliver you from his hand;
30 ‘nor let Hezekiah make you trust in
the LORD, saying, "The LORD will surely
deliver us; this city shall not be given
into the hand of the king of Assyria."’
31 "Do not listen to Hezekiah; for thus
says the king of Assyria: ‘Make peace
with me by a present and come out to
me; and every one of you eat from his
own vine and every one from his own
fig tree, and every one of you drink the
waters of his own cistern;
32 ‘until I come and take you away to
a land like your own land, a land of
grain and new wine, a land of bread and
vineyards, a land of olive groves and
honey, that you may live and not die.
But do not listen to Hezekiah, lest he

persuade you, saying, "The LORD will
deliver us."
33 ‘Has any of the gods of the nations
at all delivered its land from the hand of
the king of Assyria?
34 ‘Where are the gods of Hamath
and Arpad? Where are the gods of
Sepharvaim and Hena and Ivah? Indeed,
have they delivered Samaria from my
hand?
35 ‘Who among all the gods of the lands
have delivered their countries from
my hand, that the LORD should deliver
Jerusalem from my hand?’"
36 But the people held their peace and
answered him not a word; for the king’s
commandment was, "Do not answer
him."
37 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who
was over the household, Shebna the
scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the
recorder, came to Hezekiah with their

clothes torn, and told him the words of the Rabshakeh.

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1 And so it was, when King Hezekiah heard it, that he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.
2 Then he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz.
3 And they said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah: ‘This day is a day of trouble, and rebuke, and blasphemy; for the children have come to birth, but there is no strength to bring them forth.
4 ‘It may be that the LORD your God will hear all the words of the Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD your

God has heard. Therefore lift up your
prayer for the remnant that is left.’"
5 So the servants of King Hezekiah came
to Isaiah.
6 And Isaiah said to them, "Thus you
shall say to your master, ‘Thus says the
LORD: "Do not be afraid of the words
which you have heard, with which the
servants of the king of Assyria have
blasphemed Me.
7 "Surely I will send a spirit upon him,
and he shall hear a rumor and return to
his own land; and I will cause him to fall
by the sword in his own land."’"
8 Then the Rabshakeh returned and
found the king of Assyria warring
against Libnah, for he heard that he had
departed from Lachish.
9 And the king heard concerning
Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, "Look, he has
come out to make war with you." So

he again sent messengers to Hezekiah,
saying,
10 "Thus you shall speak to Hezekiah
king of Judah, saying: ‘Do not let your
God in whom you trust deceive you,
saying, "Jerusalem shall not be given
into the hand of the king of Assyria."
11 ‘Look! You have heard what the kings
of Assyria have done to all lands by
utterly destroying them; and shall you
be delivered?
12 ‘Have the gods of the nations
delivered those whom my fathers have
destroyed, Gozan and Haran and Rezeph,
and the people of Eden who were in
Telassar?
13 ‘Where is the king of Hamath, the
king of Arpad, and the king of the city of
Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?’"
14 And Hezekiah received the letter
from the hand of the messengers, and
read it; and Hezekiah went up to the

house of the LORD, and spread it before
the LORD.
15 Then Hezekiah prayed before the
LORD, and said: "O LORD God of Israel,
the One who dwells between the
cherubim, You are God, You alone, of
all the kingdoms of the earth. You have
made heaven and earth.
16 "Incline Your ear, O LORD, and hear;
open Your eyes, O LORD, and see; and
hear the words of Sennacherib, which
he has sent to reproach the living God.
17 "Truly, LORD, the kings of Assyria
have laid waste the nations and their
lands,
18 "and have cast their gods into the
fire; for they were not gods, but the
work of men's hands—wood and stone.
Therefore they destroyed them.
19 "Now therefore, O LORD our God, I
pray, save us from his hand, that all the

kingdoms of the earth may know that
You are the LORD God, You alone."
20 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent
to Hezekiah, saying, "Thus says the
LORD God of Israel: ‘Because you have
prayed to Me against Sennacherib king
of Assyria, I have heard.’
21 "This is the word which the LORD
has spoken concerning him: ‘The virgin,
the daughter of Zion, Has despised you,
laughed you to scorn; The daughter of
Jerusalem Has shaken her head behind
your back!
22 ‘Whom have you reproached and
blasphemed? Against whom have you
raised your voice, And lifted up your eyes
on high? Against the Holy One of Israel.
23 By your messengers you have
reproached the Lord, And said: "By the
multitude of my chariots I have come up
to the height of the mountains, To the
limits of Lebanon; I will cut down its tall

cedars And its choice cypress trees; I will
enter the extremity of its borders, To its
fruitful forest.
24 I have dug and drunk strange water,
And with the soles of my feet I have
dried up All the brooks of defense."
25 'Did you not hear long ago How
I made it, From ancient times that I
formed it? Now I have brought it to pass,
That you should be For crushing fortified
cities into heaps of ruins.
26 Therefore their inhabitants had
little power; They were dismayed and
confounded; They were as the grass
of the field And the green herb, As
the grass on the housetops And grain
blighted before it is grown.
27 'But I know your dwelling place, Your
going out and your coming in, And your
rage against Me.
28 Because your rage against Me and
your tumult Have come up to My ears,

Therefore I will put My hook in your nose
And My bridle in your lips, And I will turn
you back By the way which you came.
29 ‘This shall be a sign to you: You shall
eat this year such as grows of itself, And
in the second year what springs from
the same; Also in the third year sow and
reap, Plant vineyards and eat the fruit of
them.
30 And the remnant who have escaped
of the house of Judah Shall again take
root downward, And bear fruit upward.
31 For out of Jerusalem shall go a
remnant, And those who escape from
Mount Zion. The zeal of the LORD of
hosts will do this.’
32 "Therefore thus says the LORD
concerning the king of Assyria: ‘He shall
not come into this city, Nor shoot an
arrow there, Nor come before it with
shield, Nor build a siege mound against
it.

33 By the way that he came, By the
same shall he return; And he shall not
come into this city,' Says the LORD.
34 'For I will defend this city, to save it
For My own sake and for My servant
David's sake.'"
35 And it came to pass on a certain night
that the angel of the LORD went out, and
killed in the camp of the Assyrians one
hundred and eighty–five thousand; and
when people arose early in the morning,
there were the corpses—all dead.
36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria
departed and went away, returned
home, and remained at Nineveh.
37 Now it came to pass, as he was
worshiping in the temple of Nisroch
his god, that his sons Adrammelech
and Sharezer struck him down with the
sword; and they escaped into the land of
Ararat. Then Esarhaddon his son reigned
in his place.

20 1 In those days Hezekiah was sick
and near death. And Isaiah the
prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him
and said to him, "Thus says the LORD:
'Set your house in order, for you shall
die, and not live.'"
2 Then he turned his face toward the
wall, and prayed to the LORD, saying,
3 "Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how
I have walked before You in truth and
with a loyal heart, and have done what
was good in Your sight." And Hezekiah
wept bitterly.
4 And it happened, before Isaiah had
gone out into the middle court, that the
word of the LORD came to him, saying,
5 "Return and tell Hezekiah the leader
of My people, 'Thus says the LORD, the
God of David your father: "I have heard
your prayer, I have seen your tears;
surely I will heal you. On the third day
you shall go up to the house of the LORD.

6 "And I will add to your days fifteen
years. I will deliver you and this city from
the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will
defend this city for My own sake, and for
the sake of My servant David."’"
7 Then Isaiah said, "Take a lump of figs."
So they took and laid it on the boil, and
he recovered.
8 And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "What
is the sign that the LORD will heal me,
and that I shall go up to the house of the
LORD the third day?"
9 Then Isaiah said, "This is the sign to
you from the LORD, that the LORD will
do the thing which He has spoken: shall
the shadow go forward ten degrees or
go backward ten degrees?"
10 And Hezekiah answered, "It is an
easy thing for the shadow to go down
ten degrees; no, but let the shadow go
backward ten degrees."

11 So Isaiah the prophet cried out to the
LORD, and He brought the shadow ten
degrees backward, by which it had gone
down on the sundial of Ahaz.
12 At that time Berodach–Baladan the
son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent
letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he
heard that Hezekiah had been sick.
13 And Hezekiah was attentive to them,
and showed them all the house of his
treasures—the silver and gold, the
spices and precious ointment, and all
his armory—all that was found among
his treasures. There was nothing in
his house or in all his dominion that
Hezekiah did not show them.
14 Then Isaiah the prophet went to King
Hezekiah, and said to him, "What did
these men say, and from where did they
come to you?" So Hezekiah said, "They
came from a far country, from Babylon."

15 And he said, "What have they seen
in your house?" So Hezekiah answered,
"They have seen all that is in my house;
there is nothing among my treasures
that I have not shown them."
16 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear
the word of the LORD:
17 ‘Behold, the days are coming when
all that is in your house, and what your
fathers have accumulated until this day,
shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall
be left,’ says the LORD.
18 ‘And they shall take away some of
your sons who will descend from you,
whom you will beget; and they shall
be eunuchs in the palace of the king of
Babylon.’"
19 So Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word
of the LORD which you have spoken is
good!" For he said, "Will there not be
peace and truth at least in my days?"

20 Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah–
–all his might, and how he made a pool
and a tunnel and brought water into the
city––are they not written in the book of
the chronicles of the kings of Judah?
21 So Hezekiah rested with his fathers.
Then Manasseh his son reigned in his
place.

21 1 Manasseh was twelve years old
when he became king, and he
reigned fifty–five years in Jerusalem. His
mother's name was Hephzibah.
2 And he did evil in the sight of the
LORD, according to the abominations of
the nations whom the LORD had cast out
before the children of Israel.
3 For he rebuilt the high places which
Hezekiah his father had destroyed; he
raised up altars for Baal, and made a
wooden image, as Ahab king of Israel
had done; and he worshiped all the host
of heaven and served them.

4 He also built altars in the house of the
LORD, of which the LORD had said, "In
Jerusalem I will put My name."
5 And he built altars for all the host of
heaven in the two courts of the house of
the LORD.
6 Also he made his son pass through
the fire, practiced soothsaying, used
witchcraft, and consulted spiritists and
mediums. He did much evil in the sight
of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger.
7 He even set a carved image of Asherah
that he had made, in the house of which
the LORD had said to David and to
Solomon his son, "In this house and in
Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of
all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name
forever;
8 "and I will not make the feet of Israel
wander anymore from the land which
I gave their fathers—only if they are
careful to do according to all that I

have commanded them, and according
to all the law that My servant Moses
commanded them."
9 But they paid no attention, and
Manasseh seduced them to do more evil
than the nations whom the LORD had
destroyed before the children of Israel.
10 And the LORD spoke by His servants
the prophets, saying,
11 "Because Manasseh king of Judah has
done these abominations (he has acted
more wickedly than all the Amorites who
were before him, and has also made
Judah sin with his idols),
12 "therefore thus says the LORD God
of Israel: 'Behold, I am bringing such
calamity upon Jerusalem and Judah, that
whoever hears of it, both his ears will
tingle.
13 'And I will stretch over Jerusalem
the measuring line of Samaria and the
plummet of the house of Ahab; I will

wipe Jerusalem as one wipes a dish,
wiping it and turning it upside down.
14 'So I will forsake the remnant of My
inheritance and deliver them into the
hand of their enemies; and they shall
become victims of plunder to all their
enemies,
15 'because they have done evil in My
sight, and have provoked Me to anger
since the day their fathers came out of
Egypt, even to this day.'"
16 Moreover Manasseh shed very
much innocent blood, till he had filled
Jerusalem from one end to another,
besides his sin by which he made Judah
sin, in doing evil in the sight of the LORD.
17 Now the rest of the acts of
Manasseh—all that he did, and the
sin that he committed—are they not
written in the book of the chronicles of
the kings of Judah?

18 So Manasseh rested with his fathers,
and was buried in the garden of his own
house, in the garden of Uzza. Then his
son Amon reigned in his place.
19 Amon was twenty–two years old
when he became king, and he reigned
two years in Jerusalem. His mother's
name was Meshullemeth the daughter
of Haruz of Jotbah.
20 And he did evil in the sight of the
LORD, as his father Manasseh had done.
21 So he walked in all the ways that his
father had walked; and he served the
idols that his father had served, and
worshiped them.
22 He forsook the LORD God of his
fathers, and did not walk in the way of
the LORD.
23 Then the servants of Amon conspired
against him, and killed the king in his
own house.

24 But the people of the land executed
all those who had conspired against
King Amon. Then the people of the land
made his son Josiah king in his place.
25 Now the rest of the acts of Amon
which he did, are they not written in the
book of the chronicles of the kings of
Judah?
26 And he was buried in his tomb in
the garden of Uzza. Then Josiah his son
reigned in his place.

22 1 Josiah was eight years old
when he became king, and he
reigned thirty–one years in Jerusalem.
His mother's name was Jedidah the
daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath.
2 And he did what was right in the sight
of the LORD, and walked in all the ways
of his father David; he did not turn aside
to the right hand or to the left.
3 Now it came to pass, in the eighteenth
year of King Josiah, that the king sent

Shaphan the scribe, the son of Azaliah,
the son of Meshullam, to the house of
the LORD, saying:
4 "Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that
he may count the money which has been
brought into the house of the LORD,
which the doorkeepers have gathered
from the people.
5 "And let them deliver it into the hand
of those doing the work, who are the
overseers in the house of the LORD; let
them give it to those who are in the
house of the LORD doing the work, to
repair the damages of the house—
6 "to carpenters and builders and
masons—and to buy timber and hewn
stone to repair the house.
7 "However there need be no
accounting made with them of the
money delivered into their hand,
because they deal faithfully."

8 Then Hilkiah the high priest said to
Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the
Book of the Law in the house of the
LORD." And Hilkiah gave the book to
Shaphan, and he read it.
9 So Shaphan the scribe went to the
king, bringing the king word, saying,
"Your servants have gathered the money
that was found in the house, and have
delivered it into the hand of those who
do the work, who oversee the house of
the LORD."
10 Then Shaphan the scribe showed the
king, saying, "Hilkiah the priest has given
me a book." And Shaphan read it before
the king.
11 Now it happened, when the king
heard the words of the Book of the Law,
that he tore his clothes.
12 Then the king commanded Hilkiah
the priest, Ahikam the son of Shaphan,
Achbor the son of Michaiah, Shaphan

the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the
king, saying,
13 "Go, inquire of the LORD for me, for
the people and for all Judah, concerning
the words of this book that has been
found; for great is the wrath of the LORD
that is aroused against us, because our
fathers have not obeyed the words of
this book, to do according to all that is
written concerning us."
14 So Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam, Achbor,
Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah the
prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son
of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of
the wardrobe. (She dwelt in Jerusalem
in the Second Quarter.) And they spoke
with her.
15 Then she said to them, "Thus says
the LORD God of Israel, ‘Tell the man
who sent you to Me,
16 "Thus says the LORD: ‘Behold, I will
bring calamity on this place and on its

inhabitants—all the words of the book
which the king of Judah has read—
17 ‘because they have forsaken Me
and burned incense to other gods, that
they might provoke Me to anger with all
the works of their hands. Therefore My
wrath shall be aroused against this place
and shall not be quenched.’"’
18 "But as for the king of Judah, who
sent you to inquire of the LORD, in this
manner you shall speak to him, ‘Thus
says the LORD God of Israel: "Concerning
the words which you have heard—
19 "because your heart was tender, and
you humbled yourself before the LORD
when you heard what I spoke against
this place and against its inhabitants,
that they would become a desolation
and a curse, and you tore your clothes
and wept before Me, I also have heard
you," says the LORD.

20 "Surely, therefore, I will gather you to
your fathers, and you shall be gathered
to your grave in peace; and your eyes
shall not see all the calamity which I will
bring on this place."'" So they brought
back word to the king.

23 1 Now the king sent them to
gather all the elders of Judah and
Jerusalem to him.
2 The king went up to the house of
the LORD with all the men of Judah,
and with him all the inhabitants of
Jerusalem—the priests and the prophets
and all the people, both small and great.
And he read in their hearing all the
words of the Book of the Covenant
which had been found in the house of
the LORD.
3 Then the king stood by a pillar and
made a covenant before the LORD,
to follow the LORD and to keep His
commandments and His testimonies

and His statutes, with all his heart and
all his soul, to perform the words of this
covenant that were written in this book.
And all the people took a stand for the
covenant.
4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the
high priest, the priests of the second
order, and the doorkeepers, to bring out
of the temple of the LORD all the articles
that were made for Baal, for Asherah,
and for all the host of heaven; and he
burned them outside Jerusalem in the
fields of Kidron, and carried their ashes
to Bethel.
5 Then he removed the idolatrous
priests whom the kings of Judah had
ordained to burn incense on the high
places in the cities of Judah and in the
places all around Jerusalem, and those
who burned incense to Baal, to the sun,
to the moon, to the constellations, and
to all the host of heaven.

6 And he brought out the wooden
image from the house of the LORD, to
the Brook Kidron outside Jerusalem,
burned it at the Brook Kidron and ground
it to ashes, and threw its ashes on the
graves of the common people.
7 Then he tore down the ritual booths
of the perverted persons that were
in the house of the LORD, where the
women wove hangings for the wooden
image.
8 And he brought all the priests from
the cities of Judah, and defiled the high
places where the priests had burned
incense, from Geba to Beersheba; also
he broke down the high places at the
gates which were at the entrance of the
Gate of Joshua the governor of the city,
which were to the left of the city gate.
9 Nevertheless the priests of the high
places did not come up to the altar of

the LORD in Jerusalem, but they ate
unleavened bread among their brethren.
10 And he defiled Topheth, which is in
the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, that no
man might make his son or his daughter
pass through the fire to Molech.
11 Then he removed the horses that the
kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun,
at the entrance to the house of the LORD,
by the chamber of Nathan–Melech, the
officer who was in the court; and he
burned the chariots of the sun with fire.
12 The altars that were on the roof, the
upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings
of Judah had made, and the altars which
Manasseh had made in the two courts
of the house of the LORD, the king broke
down and pulverized there, and threw
their dust into the Brook Kidron.
13 Then the king defiled the high places
that were east of Jerusalem, which were
on the south of the Mount of Corruption,

which Solomon king of Israel had built
for Ashtoreth the abomination of the
Sidonians, for Chemosh the abomination
of the Moabites, and for Milcom the
abomination of the people of Ammon.
14 And he broke in pieces the sacred
pillars and cut down the wooden images,
and filled their places with the bones of
men.
15 Moreover the altar that was at
Bethel, and the high place which
Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made
Israel sin, had made, both that altar and
the high place he broke down; and he
burned the high place and crushed it to
powder, and burned the wooden image.
16 As Josiah turned, he saw the tombs
that were there on the mountain. And
he sent and took the bones out of the
tombs and burned them on the altar, and
defiled it according to the word of the

LORD which the man of God proclaimed,
who proclaimed these words.
17 Then he said, "What gravestone
is this that I see?" So the men of the
city told him, "It is the tomb of the
man of God who came from Judah and
proclaimed these things which you have
done against the altar of Bethel."
18 And he said, "Let him alone; let no
one move his bones." So they let his
bones alone, with the bones of the
prophet who came from Samaria.
19 Now Josiah also took away all the
shrines of the high places that were in
the cities of Samaria, which the kings of
Israel had made to provoke the LORD to
anger; and he did to them according to
all the deeds he had done in Bethel.
20 He executed all the priests of the high
places who were there, on the altars,
and burned men's bones on them; and
he returned to Jerusalem.

21 Then the king commanded all the
people, saying, "Keep the Passover to
the LORD your God, as it is written in this
Book of the Covenant."
22 Such a Passover surely had never
been held since the days of the judges
who judged Israel, nor in all the days of
the kings of Israel and the kings of Judah.
23 But in the eighteenth year of King
Josiah this Passover was held before the
LORD in Jerusalem.
24 Moreover Josiah put away those
who consulted mediums and spiritists,
the household gods and idols, all the
abominations that were seen in the land
of Judah and in Jerusalem, that he might
perform the words of the law which
were written in the book that Hilkiah the
priest found in the house of the LORD.
25 Now before him there was no king
like him, who turned to the LORD with
all his heart, with all his soul, and with

all his might, according to all the Law of
Moses; nor after him did any arise like
him.
26 Nevertheless the LORD did not turn
from the fierceness of His great wrath,
with which His anger was aroused
against Judah, because of all the
provocations with which Manasseh had
provoked Him.
27 And the LORD said, "I will also
remove Judah from My sight, as I have
removed Israel, and will cast off this city
Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the
house of which I said, ‘My name shall be
there.’"
28 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah,
and all that he did, are they not written
in the book of the chronicles of the kings
of Judah?
29 In his days Pharaoh Necho king of
Egypt went to the aid of the king of
Assyria, to the River Euphrates; and King

Josiah went against him. And Pharaoh
Necho killed him at Megiddo when he
confronted him.
30 Then his servants moved his body in
a chariot from Megiddo, brought him to
Jerusalem, and buried him in his own
tomb. And the people of the land took
Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, anointed
him, and made him king in his father's
place.
31 Jehoahaz was twenty–three years old
when he became king, and he reigned
three months in Jerusalem. His mother's
name was Hamutal the daughter of
Jeremiah of Libnah.
32 And he did evil in the sight of the
LORD, according to all that his fathers
had done.
33 Now Pharaoh Necho put him in
prison at Riblah in the land of Hamath,
that he might not reign in Jerusalem;
and he imposed on the land a tribute

of one hundred talents of silver and a
talent of gold.
34 Then Pharaoh Necho made Eliakim
the son of Josiah king in place of his
father Josiah, and changed his name to
Jehoiakim. And Pharaoh took Jehoahaz
and went to Egypt, and he died there.
35 So Jehoiakim gave the silver and gold
to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give
money according to the command of
Pharaoh; he exacted the silver and gold
from the people of the land, from every
one according to his assessment, to give
it to Pharaoh Necho.
36 Jehoiakim was twenty–five years old
when he became king, and he reigned
eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's
name was Zebudah the daughter of
Pedaiah of Rumah.
37 And he did evil in the sight of the
LORD, according to all that his fathers
had done.

24 1 In his days Nebuchadnezzar
king of Babylon came up, and
Jehoiakim became his vassal for three
years. Then he turned and rebelled
against him.
2 And the LORD sent against him raiding
bands of Chaldeans, bands of Syrians,
bands of Moabites, and bands of the
people of Ammon; He sent them against
Judah to destroy it, according to the
word of the LORD which He had spoken
by His servants the prophets.
3 Surely at the commandment of the
LORD this came upon Judah, to remove
them from His sight because of the sins
of Manasseh, according to all that he
had done,
4 and also because of the innocent
blood that he had shed; for he had filled
Jerusalem with innocent blood, which
the LORD would not pardon.

5 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim,
and all that he did, are they not written
in the book of the chronicles of the kings
of Judah?
6 So Jehoiakim rested with his fathers.
Then Jehoiachin his son reigned in his
place.
7 And the king of Egypt did not come
out of his land anymore, for the king
of Babylon had taken all that belonged
to the king of Egypt from the Brook of
Egypt to the River Euphrates.
8 Jehoiachin was eighteen years old
when he became king, and he reigned in
Jerusalem three months. His mother's
name was Nehushta the daughter of
Elnathan of Jerusalem.
9 And he did evil in the sight of the
LORD, according to all that his father had
done.
10 At that time the servants of
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came

up against Jerusalem, and the city was
besieged.
11 And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon
came against the city, as his servants
were besieging it.
12 Then Jehoiachin king of Judah, his
mother, his servants, his princes, and his
officers went out to the king of Babylon;
and the king of Babylon, in the eighth
year of his reign, took him prisoner.
13 And he carried out from there all the
treasures of the house of the LORD and
the treasures of the king's house, and
he cut in pieces all the articles of gold
which Solomon king of Israel had made
in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD
had said.
14 Also he carried into captivity all
Jerusalem: all the captains and all the
mighty men of valor, ten thousand
captives, and all the craftsmen and

smiths. None remained except the
poorest people of the land.
15 And he carried Jehoiachin captive to
Babylon. The king's mother, the king's
wives, his officers, and the mighty of
the land he carried into captivity from
Jerusalem to Babylon.
16 All the valiant men, seven thousand,
and craftsmen and smiths, one
thousand, all who were strong and fit for
war, these the king of Babylon brought
captive to Babylon.
17 Then the king of Babylon made
Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's uncle, king in
his place, and changed his name to
Zedekiah.
18 Zedekiah was twenty–one years old
when he became king, and he reigned
eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's
name was Hamutal the daughter of
Jeremiah of Libnah.

19 He also did evil in the sight of the
LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim
had done.
20 For because of the anger of the
LORD this happened in Jerusalem and
Judah, that He finally cast them out from
His presence. Then Zedekiah rebelled
against the king of Babylon.

25 1 Now it came to pass in the ninth
year of his reign, in the tenth
month, on the tenth day of the month,
that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon
and all his army came against Jerusalem
and encamped against it; and they built
a siege wall against it all around.
2 So the city was besieged until the
eleventh year of King Zedekiah.
3 By the ninth day of the fourth month
the famine had become so severe in
the city that there was no food for the
people of the land.

4 Then the city wall was broken through, and all the men of war fled at night by way of the gate between two walls, which was by the king’s garden, even though the Chaldeans were still encamped all around against the city. And the king went by way of the plain.
5 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king, and they overtook him in the plains of Jericho. All his army was scattered from him.
6 So they took the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah, and they pronounced judgment on him.
7 Then they killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, put out the eyes of Zedekiah, bound him with bronze fetters, and took him to Babylon.
8 And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month (which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), Nebuzaradan the

captain of the guard, a servant of the
king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem.
9 He burned the house of the LORD
and the king's house; all the houses of
Jerusalem, that is, all the houses of the
great, he burned with fire.
10 And all the army of the Chaldeans
who were with the captain of the guard
broke down the walls of Jerusalem all
around.
11 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of
the guard carried away captive the rest
of the people who remained in the city
and the defectors who had deserted to
the king of Babylon, with the rest of the
multitude.
12 But the captain of the guard left some
of the poor of the land as vinedressers
and farmers.
13 The bronze pillars that were in the
house of the LORD, and the carts and
the bronze Sea that were in the house of

the LORD, the Chaldeans broke in pieces,
and carried their bronze to Babylon.
14 They also took away the pots, the
shovels, the trimmers, the spoons, and
all the bronze utensils with which the
priests ministered.
15 The firepans and the basins, the
things of solid gold and solid silver, the
captain of the guard took away.
16 The two pillars, one Sea, and the
carts, which Solomon had made for the
house of the LORD, the bronze of all
these articles was beyond measure.
17 The height of one pillar was eighteen
cubits, and the capital on it was of
bronze. The height of the capital was
three cubits, and the network and
pomegranates all around the capital
were all of bronze. The second pillar was
the same, with a network.
18 And the captain of the guard took
Seraiah the chief priest, Zephaniah

the second priest, and the three
doorkeepers.
19 He also took out of the city an officer
who had charge of the men of war,
five men of the king’s close associates
who were found in the city, the chief
recruiting officer of the army, who
mustered the people of the land, and
sixty men of the people of the land who
were found in the city.
20 So Nebuzaradan, captain of the
guard, took these and brought them to
the king of Babylon at Riblah.
21 Then the king of Babylon struck them
and put them to death at Riblah in the
land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried
away captive from its own land.
22 Then he made Gedaliah the son of
Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, governor
over the people who remained in the
land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar
king of Babylon had left.

23 Now when all the captains of the
armies, they and their men, heard that
the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah
governor, they came to Gedaliah at
Mizpah—Ishmael the son of Nethaniah,
Johanan the son of Careah, Seraiah the
son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and
Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite, they
and their men.
24 And Gedaliah took an oath before
them and their men, and said to them,
"Do not be afraid of the servants of the
Chaldeans. Dwell in the land and serve
the king of Babylon, and it shall be well
with you."
25 But it happened in the seventh month
that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the
son of Elishama, of the royal family,
came with ten men and struck and
killed Gedaliah, the Jews, as well as
the Chaldeans who were with him at
Mizpah.

26 And all the people, small and great,
and the captains of the armies, arose
and went to Egypt; for they were afraid
of the Chaldeans.
27 Now it came to pass in the
thirty–seventh year of the captivity of
Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth
month, on the twenty–seventh day of
the month, that Evil–Merodach king of
Babylon, in the year that he began to
reign, released Jehoiachin king of Judah
from prison.
28 He spoke kindly to him, and gave him
a more prominent seat than those of the
kings who were with him in Babylon.
29 So Jehoiachin changed from his
prison garments, and he ate bread
regularly before the king all the days of
his life.
30 And as for his provisions, there was
a regular ration given him by the king, a

portion for each day, all the days of his
life.

1 Chronicles

1 1 Adam, Seth, Enosh,
2 Cainan, Mahalalel, Jared,
3 Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech,
4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
5 The sons of Japheth were Gomer,
Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech,
and Tiras.
6 The sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz,
Diphath, and Togarmah.
7 The sons of Javan were Elishah,
Tarshishah, Kittim, and Rodanim.
8 The sons of Ham were Cush, Mizraim,
Put, and Canaan.
9 The sons of Cush were Seba, Havilah,
Sabta, Raama, and Sabtecha. The sons of
Raama were Sheba and Dedan.
10 Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a
mighty one on the earth.

11 Mizraim begot Ludim, Anamim,
Lehabim, Naphtuhim,
12 Pathrusim, Casluhim (from whom
came the Philistines and the Caphtorim).
13 Canaan begot Sidon, his firstborn,
and Heth;
14 the Jebusite, the Amorite, and the
Girgashite;
15 the Hivite, the Arkite, and the Sinite;
16 the Arvadite, the Zemarite, and the
Hamathite.
17 The sons of Shem were Elam, Asshur,
Arphaxad, Lud, Aram, Uz, Hul, Gether,
and Meshech.
18 Arphaxad begot Shelah, and Shelah
begot Eber.
19 To Eber were born two sons: the
name of one was Peleg, for in his days
the earth was divided; and his brother's
name was Joktan.
20 Joktan begot Almodad, Sheleph,
Hazarmaveth, Jerah,

21 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,
22 Ebal, Abimael, Sheba,
23 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these
were the sons of Joktan.
24 Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah,
25 Eber, Peleg, Reu,
26 Serug, Nahor, Terah,
27 and Abram, who is Abraham.
28 The sons of Abraham were Isaac and
Ishmael.
29 These are their genealogies: The
firstborn of Ishmael was Nebajoth; then
Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,
30 Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad,
Tema,
31 Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These
were the sons of Ishmael.
32 Now the sons born to Keturah,
Abraham's concubine, were Zimran,
Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and
Shuah. The sons of Jokshan were Sheba
and Dedan.

33 The sons of Midian were Ephah,
Epher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All
these were the children of Keturah.
34 And Abraham begot Isaac. The sons
of Isaac were Esau and Israel.
35 The sons of Esau were Eliphaz, Reuel,
Jeush, Jaalam, and Korah.
36 And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman,
Omar, Zephi, Gatam, and Kenaz; and by
Timna, Amalek.
37 The sons of Reuel were Nahath,
Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.
38 The sons of Seir were Lotan, Shobal,
Zibeon, Anah, Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan.
39 And the sons of Lotan were Hori and
Homam; Lotan's sister was Timna.
40 The sons of Shobal were Alian,
Manahath, Ebal, Shephi, and Onam. The
sons of Zibeon were Ajah and Anah.
41 The son of Anah was Dishon. The
sons of Dishon were Hamran, Eshban,
Ithran, and Cheran.

42 The sons of Ezer were Bilhan, Zaavan, and Jaakan. The sons of Dishan were Uz and Aran.
43 Now these were the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before a king reigned over the children of Israel: Bela the son of Beor, and the name of his city was Dinhabah.
44 And when Bela died, Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place.
45 When Jobab died, Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his place.
46 And when Husham died, Hadad the son of Bedad, who attacked Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his place. The name of his city was Avith.
47 When Hadad died, Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his place.
48 And when Samlah died, Saul of Rehoboth–by–the–River reigned in his place.

49 When Saul died, Baal–Hanan the son
of Achbor reigned in his place.
50 And when Baal–Hanan died, Hadad
reigned in his place; and the name of
his city was Pai. His wife's name was
Mehetabel the daughter of Matred, the
daughter of Mezahab.
51 Hadad died also. And the chiefs of
Edom were Chief Timnah, Chief Aliah,
Chief Jetheth,
52 Chief Aholibamah, Chief Elah, Chief
Pinon,
53 Chief Kenaz, Chief Teman, Chief
Mibzar,
54 Chief Magdiel, and Chief Iram. These
were the chiefs of Edom.

2 1 These were the sons of Israel:
Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah,
Issachar, Zebulun,
2 Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad,
and Asher.

3 The sons of Judah were Er, Onan, and
Shelah. These three were born to him by
the daughter of Shua, the Canaanitess.
Er, the firstborn of Judah, was wicked in
the sight of the LORD; so He killed him.
4 And Tamar, his daughter–in–law, bore
him Perez and Zerah. All the sons of
Judah were five.
5 The sons of Perez were Hezron and
Hamul.
6 The sons of Zerah were Zimri, Ethan,
Heman, Calcol, and Dara—five of them
in all.
7 The son of Carmi was Achar, the
troubler of Israel, who transgressed in
the accursed thing.
8 The son of Ethan was Azariah.
9 Also the sons of Hezron who were
born to him were Jerahmeel, Ram, and
Chelubai.

10 Ram begot Amminadab, and
Amminadab begot Nahshon, leader of
the children of Judah;
11 Nahshon begot Salma, and Salma
begot Boaz;
12 Boaz begot Obed, and Obed begot
Jesse;
13 Jesse begot Eliab his firstborn,
Abinadab the second, Shimea the third,
14 Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth,
15 Ozem the sixth, and David the
seventh.
16 Now their sisters were Zeruiah and
Abigail. And the sons of Zeruiah were
Abishai, Joab, and Asahel—three.
17 Abigail bore Amasa; and the father of
Amasa was Jether the Ishmaelite.
18 Caleb the son of Hezron had children
by Azubah, his wife, and by Jerioth. Now
these were her sons: Jesher, Shobab,
and Ardon.

19 When Azubah died, Caleb took
Ephrath as his wife, who bore him Hur.
20 And Hur begot Uri, and Uri begot
Bezalel.
21 Now afterward Hezron went in to the
daughter of Machir the father of Gilead,
whom he married when he was sixty
years old; and she bore him Segub.
22 Segub begot Jair, who had twenty–
three cities in the land of Gilead.
23 (Geshur and Syria took from them
the towns of Jair, with Kenath and its
towns—sixty towns.) All these belonged
to the sons of Machir the father of
Gilead.
24 After Hezron died in Caleb Ephrathah,
Hezron's wife Abijah bore him Ashhur
the father of Tekoa.
25 The sons of Jerahmeel, the firstborn
of Hezron, were Ram, the firstborn, and
Bunah, Oren, Ozem, and Ahijah.

26 Jerahmeel had another wife, whose
name was Atarah; she was the mother
of Onam.
27 The sons of Ram, the firstborn of
Jerahmeel, were Maaz, Jamin, and Eker.
28 The sons of Onam were Shammai
and Jada. The sons of Shammai were
Nadab and Abishur.
29 And the name of the wife of Abishur
was Abihail, and she bore him Ahban
and Molid.
30 The sons of Nadab were Seled and
Appaim; Seled died without children.
31 The son of Appaim was Ishi, the son
of Ishi was Sheshan, and Sheshan's child
was Ahlai.
32 The sons of Jada, the brother of
Shammai, were Jether and Jonathan;
Jether died without children.
33 The sons of Jonathan were Peleth
and Zaza. These were the sons of
Jerahmeel.

34 Now Sheshan had no sons, only
daughters. And Sheshan had an Egyptian
servant whose name was Jarha.
35 Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha
his servant as wife, and she bore him
Attai.
36 Attai begot Nathan, and Nathan
begot Zabad;
37 Zabad begot Ephlal, and Ephlal begot
Obed;
38 Obed begot Jehu, and Jehu begot
Azariah;
39 Azariah begot Helez, and Helez begot
Eleasah;
40 Eleasah begot Sismai, and Sismai
begot Shallum;
41 Shallum begot Jekamiah, and
Jekamiah begot Elishama.
42 The descendants of Caleb the brother
of Jerahmeel were Mesha, his firstborn,
who was the father of Ziph, and the sons
of Mareshah the father of Hebron.

43 The sons of Hebron were Korah,
Tappuah, Rekem, and Shema.
44 Shema begot Raham the father of
Jorkoam, and Rekem begot Shammai.
45 And the son of Shammai was Maon,
and Maon was the father of Beth Zur.
46 Ephah, Caleb’s concubine, bore
Haran, Moza, and Gazez; and Haran
begot Gazez.
47 And the sons of Jahdai were Regem,
Jotham, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah, and
Shaaph.
48 Maachah, Caleb’s concubine, bore
Sheber and Tirhanah.
49 She also bore Shaaph the father
of Madmannah, Sheva the father of
Machbenah and the father of Gibea. And
the daughter of Caleb was Achsah.
50 These were the descendants of
Caleb: The sons of Hur, the firstborn of
Ephrathah, were Shobal the father of
Kirjath Jearim,

51 Salma the father of Bethlehem, and
Hareph the father of Beth Gader.
52 And Shobal the father of Kirjath
Jearim had descendants: Haroeh, and
half of the families of Manuhoth.
53 The families of Kirjath Jearim
were the Ithrites, the Puthites, the
Shumathites, and the Mishraites. From
these came the Zorathites and the
Eshtaolites.
54 The sons of Salma were Bethlehem,
the Netophathites, Atroth Beth Joab, half
of the Manahethites, and the Zorites.
55 And the families of the scribes who
dwelt at Jabez were the Tirathites,
the Shimeathites, and the Suchathites.
These were the Kenites who came from
Hammath, the father of the house of
Rechab.

3 1 Now these were the sons of David
who were born to him in Hebron:
The firstborn was Amnon, by Ahinoam

the Jezreelitess; the second, Daniel, by
Abigail the Carmelitess;
2 the third, Absalom the son of Maacah,
the daughter of Talmai, king of Geshur;
the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith;
3 the fifth, Shephatiah, by Abital; the
sixth, Ithream, by his wife Eglah.
4 These six were born to him in Hebron.
There he reigned seven years and six
months, and in Jerusalem he reigned
thirty–three years.
5 And these were born to him in
Jerusalem: Shimea, Shobab, Nathan,
and Solomon—four by Bathshua the
daughter of Ammiel.
6 Also there were Ibhar, Elishama,
Eliphelet,
7 Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,
8 Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet—nine
in all.

9 These were all the sons of David,
besides the sons of the concubines, and
Tamar their sister.
10 Solomon's son was Rehoboam;
Abijah was his son, Asa his son,
Jehoshaphat his son,
11 Joram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash
his son,
12 Amaziah his son, Azariah his son,
Jotham his son,
13 Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son,
Manasseh his son,
14 Amon his son, and Josiah his son.
15 The sons of Josiah were Johanan
the firstborn, the second Jehoiakim, the
third Zedekiah, and the fourth Shallum.
16 The sons of Jehoiakim were Jeconiah
his son and Zedekiah his son.
17 And the sons of Jeconiah were Assir,
Shealtiel his son,
18 and Malchiram, Pedaiah, Shenazzar,
Jecamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.

19 The sons of Pedaiah were Zerubbabel
and Shimei. The sons of Zerubbabel
were Meshullam, Hananiah, Shelomith
their sister,
20 and Hashubah, Ohel, Berechiah,
Hasadiah, and Jushab–Hesed—five in
all.
21 The sons of Hananiah were Pelatiah
and Jeshaiah, the sons of Rephaiah, the
sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, and
the sons of Shechaniah.
22 The son of Shechaniah was Shemaiah.
The sons of Shemaiah were Hattush, Igal,
Bariah, Neariah, and Shaphat—six in all.
23 The sons of Neariah were Elioenai,
Hezekiah, and Azrikam—three in all.
24 The sons of Elioenai were Hodaviah,
Eliashib, Pelaiah, Akkub, Johanan,
Delaiah, and Anani—seven in all.

4 1 The sons of Judah were Perez,
Hezron, Carmi, Hur, and Shobal.

2 And Reaiah the son of Shobal begot
Jahath, and Jahath begot Ahumai and
Lahad. These were the families of the
Zorathites.
3 These were the sons of the father of
Etam: Jezreel, Ishma, and Idbash; and
the name of their sister was Hazelelponi;
4 and Penuel was the father of Gedor,
and Ezer was the father of Hushah.
These were the sons of Hur, the firstborn
of Ephrathah the father of Bethlehem.
5 And Ashhur the father of Tekoa had
two wives, Helah and Naarah.
6 Naarah bore him Ahuzzam, Hepher,
Temeni, and Haahashtari. These were
the sons of Naarah.
7 The sons of Helah were Zereth, Zohar,
and Ethnan;
8 and Koz begot Anub, Zobebah, and
the families of Aharhel the son of Harum.
9 Now Jabez was more honorable than
his brothers, and his mother called his

name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him
in pain."
10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel
saying, "Oh, that You would bless me
indeed, and enlarge my territory, that
Your hand would be with me, and that
You would keep me from evil, that I may
not cause pain!" So God granted him
what he requested.
11 Chelub the brother of Shuhah begot
Mehir, who was the father of Eshton.
12 And Eshton begot Beth–Rapha,
Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of
Ir–Nahash. These were the men of
Rechah.
13 The sons of Kenaz were Othniel
and Seraiah. The sons of Othniel were
Hathath,
14 and Meonothai who begot Ophrah.
Seraiah begot Joab the father of Ge
Harashim, for they were craftsmen.

15 The sons of Caleb the son of
Jephunneh were Iru, Elah, and Naam.
The son of Elah was Kenaz.
16 The sons of Jehallelel were Ziph,
Ziphah, Tiria, and Asarel.
17 The sons of Ezrah were Jether,
Mered, Epher, and Jalon. And Mered's
wife bore Miriam, Shammai, and Ishbah
the father of Eshtemoa.
18 (His wife Jehudijah bore Jered the
father of Gedor, Heber the father of
Sochoh, and Jekuthiel the father of
Zanoah.) And these were the sons of
Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, whom
Mered took.
19 The sons of Hodiah's wife, the sister
of Naham, were the fathers of Keilah
the Garmite and of Eshtemoa the
Maachathite.
20 And the sons of Shimon were
Amnon, Rinnah, Ben–Hanan, and Tilon.

And the sons of Ishi were Zoheth and
Ben–Zoheth.
21 The sons of Shelah the son of Judah
were Er the father of Lecah, Laadah the
father of Mareshah, and the families of
the house of the linen workers of the
house of Ashbea;
22 also Jokim, the men of Chozeba, and
Joash; Saraph, who ruled in Moab, and
Jashubi–Lehem. Now the records are
ancient.
23 These were the potters and those
who dwell at Netaim and Gederah; there
they dwelt with the king for his work.
24 The sons of Simeon were Nemuel,
Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, and Shaul,
25 Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, and
Mishma his son.
26 And the sons of Mishma were
Hamuel his son, Zacchur his son, and
Shimei his son.

27 Shimei had sixteen sons and six
daughters; but his brothers did not
have many children, nor did any of their
families multiply as much as the children
of Judah.
28 They dwelt at Beersheba, Moladah,
Hazar Shual,
29 Bilhah, Ezem, Tolad,
30 Bethuel, Hormah, Ziklag,
31 Beth Marcaboth, Hazar Susim, Beth
Biri, and at Shaaraim. These were their
cities until the reign of David.
32 And their villages were Etam, Ain,
Rimmon, Tochen, and Ashan—five
cities—
33 and all the villages that were
around these cities as far as Baal. These
were their dwelling places, and they
maintained their genealogy:
34 Meshobab, Jamlech, and Joshah the
son of Amaziah;

35 Joel, and Jehu the son of Joshibiah,
the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel;
36 Elioenai, Jaakobah, Jeshohaiah,
Asaiah, Adiel, Jesimiel, and Benaiah;
37 Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of
Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of
Shimri, the son of Shemaiah—
38 these mentioned by name were
leaders in their families, and their
father's house increased greatly.
39 So they went to the entrance of
Gedor, as far as the east side of the
valley, to seek pasture for their flocks.
40 And they found rich, good pasture,
and the land was broad, quiet, and
peaceful; for some Hamites formerly
lived there.
41 These recorded by name came in the
days of Hezekiah king of Judah; and they
attacked their tents and the Meunites
who were found there, and utterly
destroyed them, as it is to this day. So

they dwelt in their place, because there
was pasture for their flocks there.
42 Now some of them, five hundred
men of the sons of Simeon, went to
Mount Seir, having as their captains
Pelatiah, Neariah, Rephaiah, and Uzziel,
the sons of Ishi.
43 And they defeated the rest of the
Amalekites who had escaped. They have
dwelt there to this day.

5 1 Now the sons of Reuben the
firstborn of Israel—he was indeed
the firstborn, but because he defiled his
father's bed, his birthright was given to
the sons of Joseph, the son of Israel, so
that the genealogy is not listed according
to the birthright;
2 yet Judah prevailed over his brothers,
and from him came a ruler, although the
birthright was Joseph's—

3 the sons of Reuben the firstborn of
Israel were Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and
Carmi.
4 The sons of Joel were Shemaiah his
son, Gog his son, Shimei his son,
5 Micah his son, Reaiah his son, Baal his
son,
6 and Beerah his son, whom Tiglath–
Pileser king of Assyria carried into
captivity. He was leader of the
Reubenites.
7 And his brethren by their families,
when the genealogy of their generations
was registered: the chief, Jeiel, and
Zechariah,
8 and Bela the son of Azaz, the son of
Shema, the son of Joel, who dwelt in
Aroer, as far as Nebo and Baal Meon.
9 Eastward they settled as far as the
entrance of the wilderness this side of
the River Euphrates, because their cattle
had multiplied in the land of Gilead.

10 Now in the days of Saul they made
war with the Hagrites, who fell by their
hand; and they dwelt in their tents
throughout the entire area east of
Gilead.
11 And the children of Gad dwelt next
to them in the land of Bashan as far as
Salcah:
12 Joel was the chief, Shapham the next,
then Jaanai and Shaphat in Bashan,
13 and their brethren of their father's
house: Michael, Meshullam, Sheba,
Jorai, Jachan, Zia, and Eber—seven in all.
14 These were the children of Abihail
the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the
son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the
son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the
son of Buz;
15 Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of
Guni, was chief of their father's house.
16 And the Gadites dwelt in Gilead, in
Bashan and in its villages, and in all the

common–lands of Sharon within their
borders.
17 All these were registered by
genealogies in the days of Jotham king
of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam
king of Israel.
18 The sons of Reuben, the Gadites,
and half the tribe of Manasseh had
forty–four thousand seven hundred
and sixty valiant men, men able to bear
shield and sword, to shoot with the bow,
and skillful in war, who went to war.
19 They made war with the Hagrites,
Jetur, Naphish, and Nodab.
20 And they were helped against them,
and the Hagrites were delivered into
their hand, and all who were with them,
for they cried out to God in the battle.
He heeded their prayer, because they
put their trust in Him.
21 Then they took away their livestock–
–fifty thousand of their camels, two

hundred and fifty thousand of their
sheep, and two thousand of their
donkeys—also one hundred thousand of
their men;
22 for many fell dead, because the war
was God’s. And they dwelt in their place
until the captivity.
23 So the children of the half–tribe
of Manasseh dwelt in the land. Their
numbers increased from Bashan to Baal
Hermon, that is, to Senir, or Mount
Hermon.
24 These were the heads of their
fathers’ houses: Epher, Ishi, Eliel, Azriel,
Jeremiah, Hodaviah, and Jahdiel. They
were mighty men of valor, famous men,
and heads of their fathers’ houses.
25 And they were unfaithful to the God
of their fathers, and played the harlot
after the gods of the peoples of the land,
whom God had destroyed before them.

26 So the God of Israel stirred up
the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, that
is, Tiglath–Pileser king of Assyria. He
carried the Reubenites, the Gadites,
and the half–tribe of Manasseh into
captivity. He took them to Halah, Habor,
Hara, and the river of Gozan to this day.

6

1 The sons of Levi were Gershon,
Kohath, and Merari.
2 The sons of Kohath were Amram,
Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.
3 The children of Amram were Aaron,
Moses, and Miriam. And the sons of
Aaron were Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and
Ithamar.
4 Eleazar begot Phinehas, and Phinehas
begot Abishua;
5 Abishua begot Bukki, and Bukki begot
Uzzi;
6 Uzzi begot Zerahiah, and Zerahiah
begot Meraioth;

[7] Meraioth begot Amariah, and Amariah
begot Ahitub;
[8] Ahitub begot Zadok, and Zadok begot
Ahimaaz;
[9] Ahimaaz begot Azariah, and Azariah
begot Johanan;
[10] Johanan begot Azariah (it was he
who ministered as priest in the temple
that Solomon built in Jerusalem);
[11] Azariah begot Amariah, and Amariah
begot Ahitub;
[12] Ahitub begot Zadok, and Zadok begot
Shallum;
[13] Shallum begot Hilkiah, and Hilkiah
begot Azariah;
[14] Azariah begot Seraiah, and Seraiah
begot Jehozadak.
[15] Jehozadak went into captivity
when the LORD carried Judah and
Jerusalem into captivity by the hand of
Nebuchadnezzar.

16 The sons of Levi were Gershon,
Kohath, and Merari.
17 These are the names of the sons of
Gershon: Libni and Shimei.
18 The sons of Kohath were Amram,
Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.
19 The sons of Merari were Mahli and
Mushi. Now these are the families of the
Levites according to their fathers:
20 Of Gershon were Libni his son, Jahath
his son, Zimmah his son,
21 Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his
son, and Jeatherai his son.
22 The sons of Kohath were Amminadab
his son, Korah his son, Assir his son,
23 Elkanah his son, Ebiasaph his son,
Assir his son,
24 Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uzziah
his son, and Shaul his son.
25 The sons of Elkanah were Amasai and
Ahimoth.

26 As for Elkanah, the sons of Elkanah
were Zophai his son, Nahath his son,
27 Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, and
Elkanah his son.
28 The sons of Samuel were Joel the
firstborn, and Abijah the second.
29 The sons of Merari were Mahli, Libni
his son, Shimei his son, Uzzah his son,
30 Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, and
Asaiah his son.
31 Now these are the men whom David
appointed over the service of song in the
house of the LORD, after the ark came to
rest.
32 They were ministering with music
before the dwelling place of the
tabernacle of meeting, until Solomon
had built the house of the LORD in
Jerusalem, and they served in their
office according to their order.
33 And these are the ones who
ministered with their sons: Of the sons

of the Kohathites were Heman the
singer, the son of Joel, the son of Samuel,
34 the son of Elkanah, the son of
Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of
Toah,
35 the son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah,
the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai,
36 the son of Elkanah, the son of Joel,
the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah,
37 the son of Tahath, the son of Assir,
the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah,
38 the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath,
the son of Levi, the son of Israel.
39 And his brother Asaph, who stood
at his right hand, was Asaph the son of
Berachiah, the son of Shimea,
40 the son of Michael, the son of
Baaseiah, the son of Malchijah,
41 the son of Ethni, the son of Zerah,
the son of Adaiah,
42 the son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah,
the son of Shimei,

43 the son of Jahath, the son of Gershon,
the son of Levi.
44 Their brethren, the sons of Merari,
on the left hand, were Ethan the son
of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of
Malluch,
45 the son of Hashabiah, the son of
Amaziah, the son of Hilkiah,
46 the son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the
son of Shamer,
47 the son of Mahli, the son of Mushi,
the son of Merari, the son of Levi.
48 And their brethren, the Levites, were
appointed to every kind of service of the
tabernacle of the house of God.
49 But Aaron and his sons offered
sacrifices on the altar of burnt offering
and on the altar of incense, for all the
work of the Most Holy Place, and to
make atonement for Israel, according to
all that Moses the servant of God had
commanded.

50 Now these are the sons of Aaron:
Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son,
Abishua his son,
51 Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah
his son,
52 Meraioth his son, Amariah his son,
Ahitub his son,
53 Zadok his son, and Ahimaaz his son.
54 Now these are their dwelling places
throughout their settlements in their
territory, for they were given by lot to
the sons of Aaron, of the family of the
Kohathites:
55 They gave them Hebron in the
land of Judah, with its surrounding
common–lands.
56 But the fields of the city and its
villages they gave to Caleb the son of
Jephunneh.
57 And to the sons of Aaron they gave
one of the cities of refuge, Hebron; also

Libnah with its common–lands, Jattir,
Eshtemoa with its common–lands,
58 Hilen with its common–lands, Debir
with its common–lands,
59 Ashan with its common–lands, and
Beth Shemesh with its common–lands.
60 And from the tribe of Benjamin:
Geba with its common–lands, Alemeth
with its common–lands, and Anathoth
with its common–lands. All their cities
among their families were thirteen.
61 To the rest of the family of the tribe
of the Kohathites they gave by lot ten
cities from half the tribe of Manasseh.
62 And to the sons of Gershon,
throughout their families, they gave
thirteen cities from the tribe of Issachar,
from the tribe of Asher, from the tribe
of Naphtali, and from the tribe of
Manasseh in Bashan.
63 To the sons of Merari, throughout
their families, they gave twelve cities

from the tribe of Reuben, from the tribe
of Gad, and from the tribe of Zebulun.
64 So the children of Israel gave these
cities with their common–lands to the
Levites.
65 And they gave by lot from the tribe
of the children of Judah, from the tribe
of the children of Simeon, and from the
tribe of the children of Benjamin these
cities which are called by their names.
66 Now some of the families of the
sons of Kohath were given cities as their
territory from the tribe of Ephraim.
67 And they gave them one of the cities
of refuge, Shechem with its common–
lands, in the mountains of Ephraim, also
Gezer with its common–lands,
68 Jokmeam with its common–lands,
Beth Horon with its common–lands,
69 Aijalon with its common–lands, and
Gath Rimmon with its common–lands.

70 And from the half–tribe of Manasseh:
Aner with its common–lands and Bileam
with its common–lands, for the rest of
the family of the sons of Kohath.
71 From the family of the half–tribe
of Manasseh the sons of Gershon
were given Golan in Bashan with its
common–lands and Ashtaroth with its
common–lands.
72 And from the tribe of Issachar:
Kedesh with its common–lands,
Daberath with its common–lands,
73 Ramoth with its common–lands, and
Anem with its common–lands.
74 And from the tribe of Asher: Mashal
with its common–lands, Abdon with its
common–lands,
75 Hukok with its common–lands, and
Rehob with its common–lands.
76 And from the tribe of Naphtali:
Kedesh in Galilee with its common–

lands, Hammon with its common–lands,
and Kirjathaim with its common–lands.
77 From the tribe of Zebulun the rest
of the children of Merari were given
Rimmon with its common–lands and
Tabor with its common–lands.
78 And on the other side of the Jordan,
across from Jericho, on the east side of
the Jordan, they were given from the
tribe of Reuben: Bezer in the wilderness
with its common–lands, Jahzah with its
common–lands,
79 Kedemoth with its common–lands,
and Mephaath with its common–lands.
80 And from the tribe of Gad: Ramoth
in Gilead with its common–lands,
Mahanaim with its common–lands,
81 Heshbon with its common–lands,
and Jazer with its common–lands.

7 1 The sons of Issachar were Tola,
Puah, Jashub, and Shimron—four in
all.

2 The sons of Tola were Uzzi, Rephaiah,
Jeriel, Jahmai, Jibsam, and Shemuel,
heads of their father's house. The sons
of Tola were mighty men of valor in their
generations; their number in the days
of David was twenty–two thousand six
hundred.
3 The son of Uzzi was Izrahiah, and the
sons of Izrahiah were Michael, Obadiah,
Joel, and Ishiah. All five of them were
chief men.
4 And with them, by their generations,
according to their fathers' houses, were
thirty–six thousand troops ready for
war; for they had many wives and sons.
5 Now their brethren among all the
families of Issachar were mighty men
of valor, listed by their genealogies,
eighty–seven thousand in all.
6 The sons of Benjamin were Bela,
Becher, and Jediael—three in all.

7 The sons of Bela were Ezbon, Uzzi,
Uzziel, Jerimoth, and Iri—five in all. They
were heads of their fathers' houses, and
they were listed by their genealogies,
twenty–two thousand and thirty–four
mighty men of valor.
8 The sons of Becher were Zemirah,
Joash, Eliezer, Elioenai, Omri, Jerimoth,
Abijah, Anathoth, and Alemeth. All these
are the sons of Becher.
9 And they were recorded by genealogy
according to their generations, heads of
their fathers' houses, twenty thousand
two hundred mighty men of valor.
10 The son of Jediael was Bilhan, and
the sons of Bilhan were Jeush, Benjamin,
Ehud, Chenaanah, Zethan, Tharshish,
and Ahishahar.
11 All these sons of Jediael were heads
of their fathers' houses; there were
seventeen thousand two hundred

mighty men of valor fit to go out for war
and battle.
12 Shuppim and Huppim were the sons
of Ir, and Hushim was the son of Aher.
13 The sons of Naphtali were Jahziel,
Guni, Jezer, and Shallum, the sons of
Bilhah.
14 The descendants of Manasseh: his
Syrian concubine bore him Machir the
father of Gilead, the father of Asriel.
15 Machir took as his wife the sister of
Huppim and Shuppim, whose name was
Maachah. The name of Gilead's grandson
was Zelophehad, but Zelophehad begot
only daughters.
16 (Maachah the wife of Machir bore a
son, and she called his name Peresh. The
name of his brother was Sheresh, and
his sons were Ulam and Rakem.
17 The son of Ulam was Bedan.) These
were the descendants of Gilead the son
of Machir, the son of Manasseh.

18 His sister Hammoleketh bore Ishhod,
Abiezer, and Mahlah.
19 And the sons of Shemida were Ahian,
Shechem, Likhi, and Aniam.
20 The sons of Ephraim were Shuthelah,
Bered his son, Tahath his son, Eladah his
son, Tahath his son,
21 Zabad his son, Shuthelah his son,
and Ezer and Elead. The men of Gath
who were born in that land killed them
because they came down to take away
their cattle.
22 Then Ephraim their father mourned
many days, and his brethren came to
comfort him.
23 And when he went in to his wife, she
conceived and bore a son; and he called
his name Beriah, because tragedy had
come upon his house.
24 Now his daughter was Sheerah, who
built Lower and Upper Beth Horon and
Uzzen Sheerah;

25 and Rephah was his son, as well as
Resheph, and Telah his son, Tahan his
son,
26 Laadan his son, Ammihud his son,
Elishama his son,
27 Nun his son, and Joshua his son.
28 Now their possessions and dwelling
places were Bethel and its towns: to the
east Naaran, to the west Gezer and its
towns, and Shechem and its towns, as
far as Ayyah and its towns;
29 and by the borders of the children
of Manasseh were Beth Shean and its
towns, Taanach and its towns, Megiddo
and its towns, Dor and its towns. In
these dwelt the children of Joseph, the
son of Israel.
30 The sons of Asher were Imnah,
Ishvah, Ishvi, Beriah, and their sister
Serah.
31 The sons of Beriah were Heber and
Malchiel, who was the father of Birzaith.

32 And Heber begot Japhlet, Shomer,
Hotham, and their sister Shua.
33 The sons of Japhlet were Pasach,
Bimhal, and Ashvath. These were the
children of Japhlet.
34 The sons of Shemer were Ahi,
Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram.
35 And the sons of his brother Helem
were Zophah, Imna, Shelesh, and Amal.
36 The sons of Zophah were Suah,
Harnepher, Shual, Beri, Imrah,
37 Bezer, Hod, Shamma, Shilshah,
Jithran, and Beera.
38 The sons of Jether were Jephunneh,
Pispah, and Ara.
39 The sons of Ulla were Arah, Haniel,
and Rizia.
40 All these were the children of Asher,
heads of their fathers' houses, choice
men, mighty men of valor, chief leaders.
And they were recorded by genealogies

among the army fit for battle; their
number was twenty–six thousand.

8 1 Now Benjamin begot Bela his
firstborn, Ashbel the second, Aharah
the third,
2 Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth.
3 The sons of Bela were Addar, Gera,
Abihud,
4 Abishua, Naaman, Ahoah,
5 Gera, Shephuphan, and Huram.
6 These are the sons of Ehud, who were
the heads of the fathers' houses of the
inhabitants of Geba, and who forced
them to move to Manahath:
7 Naaman, Ahijah, and Gera who forced
them to move. He begot Uzza and
Ahihud.
8 And Shaharaim had children in the
country of Moab, after he had sent away
Hushim and Baara his wives.
9 By Hodesh his wife he begot Jobab,
Zibia, Mesha, Malcam,

10 Jeuz, Sachiah, and Mirmah. These
were his sons, heads of their fathers’
houses.
11 And by Hushim he begot Abitub and
Elpaal.
12 The sons of Elpaal were Eber,
Misham, and Shemed, who built Ono
and Lod with its towns;
13 and Beriah and Shema, who were
heads of their fathers’ houses of the
inhabitants of Aijalon, who drove out
the inhabitants of Gath.
14 Ahio, Shashak, Jeremoth,
15 Zebadiah, Arad, Eder,
16 Michael, Ispah, and Joha were the
sons of Beriah.
17 Zebadiah, Meshullam, Hizki, Heber,
18 Ishmerai, Jizliah, and Jobab were the
sons of Elpaal.
19 Jakim, Zichri, Zabdi,
20 Elienai, Zillethai, Eliel,

21 Adaiah, Beraiah, and Shimrath were
the sons of Shimei.
22 Ishpan, Eber, Eliel,
23 Abdon, Zichri, Hanan,
24 Hananiah, Elam, Antothijah,
25 Iphdeiah, and Penuel were the sons
of Shashak.
26 Shamsherai, Shehariah, Athaliah,
27 Jaareshiah, Elijah, and Zichri were
the sons of Jeroham.
28 These were heads of the fathers'
houses by their generations, chief men.
These dwelt in Jerusalem.
29 Now the father of Gibeon, whose
wife's name was Maacah, dwelt at
Gibeon.
30 And his firstborn son was Abdon,
then Zur, Kish, Baal, Nadab,
31 Gedor, Ahio, Zecher,
32 and Mikloth, who begot Shimeah.
They also dwelt alongside their relatives
in Jerusalem, with their brethren.

33 Ner begot Kish, Kish begot Saul,
and Saul begot Jonathan, Malchishua,
Abinadab, and Esh–Baal.
34 The son of Jonathan was Merib–Baal,
and Merib–Baal begot Micah.
35 The sons of Micah were Pithon,
Melech, Tarea, and Ahaz.
36 And Ahaz begot Jehoaddah;
Jehoaddah begot Alemeth, Azmaveth,
and Zimri; and Zimri begot Moza.
37 Moza begot Binea, Raphah his son,
Eleasah his son, and Azel his son.
38 Azel had six sons whose names
were these: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael,
Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan. All these
were the sons of Azel.
39 And the sons of Eshek his brother
were Ulam his firstborn, Jeush the
second, and Eliphelet the third.
40 The sons of Ulam were mighty men
of valor—archers. They had many sons

and grandsons, one hundred and fifty in
all. These were all sons of Benjamin.

9 1 So all Israel was recorded by
genealogies, and indeed, they were
inscribed in the book of the kings of
Israel. But Judah was carried away
captive to Babylon because of their
unfaithfulness.

2 And the first inhabitants who dwelt
in their possessions in their cities were
Israelites, priests, Levites, and the
Nethinim.

3 Now in Jerusalem the children of
Judah dwelt, and some of the children of
Benjamin, and of the children of Ephraim
and Manasseh:

4 Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of
Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani,
of the descendants of Perez, the son of
Judah.

5 Of the Shilonites: Asaiah the firstborn
and his sons.

6 Of the sons of Zerah: Jeuel, and their
brethren—six hundred and ninety.
7 Of the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son
of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the
son of Hassenuah;
8 Ibneiah the son of Jeroham; Elah
the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri;
Meshullam the son of Shephatiah, the
son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah;
9 and their brethren, according to
their generations—nine hundred and
fifty–six. All these men were heads of a
father's house in their fathers' houses.
10 Of the priests: Jedaiah, Jehoiarib, and
Jachin;
11 Azariah the son of Hilkiah, the son of
Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of
Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the officer
over the house of God;
12 Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of
Pashur, the son of Malchijah; Maasai the
son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son

of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith,
the son of Immer;
13 and their brethren, heads of their
fathers' houses—one thousand seven
hundred and sixty. They were very able
men for the work of the service of the
house of God.
14 Of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of
Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of
Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari;
15 Bakbakkar, Heresh, Galal, and
Mattaniah the son of Micah, the son of
Zichri, the son of Asaph;
16 Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the
son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun; and
Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of
Elkanah, who lived in the villages of the
Netophathites.
17 And the gatekeepers were Shallum,
Akkub, Talmon, Ahiman, and their
brethren. Shallum was the chief.

18 Until then they had been gatekeepers
for the camps of the children of Levi at
the King's Gate on the east.
19 Shallum the son of Kore, the son
of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and
his brethren, from his father's house,
the Korahites, were in charge of the
work of the service, gatekeepers of
the tabernacle. Their fathers had been
keepers of the entrance to the camp of
the LORD.
20 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar had
been the officer over them in time past;
the LORD was with him.
21 Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah
was keeper of the door of the tabernacle
of meeting.
22 All those chosen as gatekeepers were
two hundred and twelve. They were
recorded by their genealogy, in their
villages. David and Samuel the seer had
appointed them to their trusted office.

23 So they and their children were in
charge of the gates of the house of the
LORD, the house of the tabernacle, by
assignment.
24 The gatekeepers were assigned to
the four directions: the east, west, north,
and south.
25 And their brethren in their villages
had to come with them from time to
time for seven days.
26 For in this trusted office were four
chief gatekeepers; they were Levites.
And they had charge over the chambers
and treasuries of the house of God.
27 And they lodged all around the
house of God because they had the
responsibility, and they were in charge
of opening it every morning.
28 Now some of them were in charge
of the serving vessels, for they brought
them in and took them out by count.

29 Some of them were appointed
over the furnishings and over all the
implements of the sanctuary, and over
the fine flour and the wine and the oil
and the incense and the spices.
30 And some of the sons of the priests
made the ointment of the spices.
31 Mattithiah of the Levites, the
firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, had
the trusted office over the things that
were baked in the pans.
32 And some of their brethren of the
sons of the Kohathites were in charge
of preparing the showbread for every
Sabbath.
33 These are the singers, heads of the
fathers' houses of the Levites, who
lodged in the chambers, and were
free from other duties; for they were
employed in that work day and night.

34 These heads of the fathers' houses of
the Levites were heads throughout their
generations. They dwelt at Jerusalem.
35 Jeiel the father of Gibeon, whose
wife's name was Maacah, dwelt at
Gibeon.
36 His firstborn son was Abdon, then
Zur, Kish, Baal, Ner, Nadab,
37 Gedor, Ahio, Zechariah, and Mikloth.
38 And Mikloth begot Shimeam. They
also dwelt alongside their relatives in
Jerusalem, with their brethren.
39 Ner begot Kish, Kish begot Saul,
and Saul begot Jonathan, Malchishua,
Abinadab, and Esh–Baal.
40 The son of Jonathan was Merib–Baal,
and Merib–Baal begot Micah.
41 The sons of Micah were Pithon,
Melech, Tahrea, and Ahaz.
42 And Ahaz begot Jarah; Jarah begot
Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri
begot Moza;

43 Moza begot Binea, Rephaiah his son,
Eleasah his son, and Azel his son.
44 And Azel had six sons whose names
were these: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael,
Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan; these
were the sons of Azel.

10 1 Now the Philistines fought
against Israel; and the men of
Israel fled from before the Philistines,
and fell slain on Mount Gilboa.
2 Then the Philistines followed hard
after Saul and his sons. And the
Philistines killed Jonathan, Abinadab,
and Malchishua, Saul's sons.
3 The battle became fierce against
Saul. The archers hit him, and he was
wounded by the archers.
4 Then Saul said to his armorbearer,
"Draw your sword, and thrust me
through with it, lest these uncircumcised
men come and abuse me." But his
armorbearer would not, for he was

greatly afraid. Therefore Saul took a
sword and fell on it.
5 And when his armorbearer saw that
Saul was dead, he also fell on his sword
and died.
6 So Saul and his three sons died, and
all his house died together.
7 And when all the men of Israel who
were in the valley saw that they had fled
and that Saul and his sons were dead,
they forsook their cities and fled; then
the Philistines came and dwelt in them.
8 So it happened the next day, when the
Philistines came to strip the slain, that
they found Saul and his sons fallen on
Mount Gilboa.
9 And they stripped him and took his
head and his armor, and sent word
throughout the land of the Philistines to
proclaim the news in the temple of their
idols and among the people.

10 Then they put his armor in the
temple of their gods, and fastened his
head in the temple of Dagon.
11 And when all Jabesh Gilead heard all
that the Philistines had done to Saul,
12 all the valiant men arose and took the
body of Saul and the bodies of his sons;
and they brought them to Jabesh, and
buried their bones under the tamarisk
tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.
13 So Saul died for his unfaithfulness
which he had committed against the
LORD, because he did not keep the
word of the LORD, and also because he
consulted a medium for guidance.
14 But he did not inquire of the LORD;
therefore He killed him, and turned the
kingdom over to David the son of Jesse.

11 1 Then all Israel came together to
David at Hebron, saying, "Indeed
we are your bone and your flesh.

2 "Also, in time past, even when Saul
was king, you were the one who led
Israel out and brought them in; and the
LORD your God said to you, ‘You shall
shepherd My people Israel, and be ruler
over My people Israel.’"
3 Therefore all the elders of Israel came
to the king at Hebron, and David made
a covenant with them at Hebron before
the LORD. Then they anointed David king
over Israel, according to the word of the
LORD by Samuel.
4 And David and all Israel went to
Jerusalem, which is Jebus, where the
Jebusites were, the inhabitants of the
land.
5 Then the inhabitants of Jebus said
to David, "You shall not come in here!"
Nevertheless David took the stronghold
of Zion (that is, the City of David).
6 Now David said, "Whoever attacks the
Jebusites first shall be chief and captain."

And Joab the son of Zeruiah went up
first, and became chief.
7 Then David dwelt in the stronghold;
therefore they called it the City of David.
8 And he built the city around it, from
the Millo to the surrounding area. Joab
repaired the rest of the city.
9 Then David went on and became
great, and the LORD of hosts was with
him.
10 Now these were the heads of the
mighty men whom David had, who
strengthened themselves with him in his
kingdom, with all Israel, to make him
king, according to the word of the LORD
concerning Israel.
11 And this is the number of the mighty
men whom David had: Jashobeam
the son of a Hachmonite, chief of the
captains; he had lifted up his spear
against three hundred, killed by him at
one time.

12 After him was Eleazar the son of
Dodo, the Ahohite, who was one of the
three mighty men.
13 He was with David at Pasdammim.
Now there the Philistines were gathered
for battle, and there was a piece of
ground full of barley. And the people
fled from the Philistines.
14 But they stationed themselves in
the middle of that field, defended it,
and killed the Philistines. So the LORD
brought about a great victory.
15 Now three of the thirty chief men
went down to the rock to David, into
the cave of Adullam; and the army of
the Philistines encamped in the Valley of
Rephaim.
16 David was then in the stronghold,
and the garrison of the Philistines was
then in Bethlehem.
17 And David said with longing, "Oh,
that someone would give me a drink of

water from the well of Bethlehem, which
is by the gate!"
18 So the three broke through the camp
of the Philistines, drew water from the
well of Bethlehem that was by the gate,
and took it and brought it to David.
Nevertheless David would not drink it,
but poured it out to the LORD.
19 And he said, "Far be it from me, O my
God, that I should do this! Shall I drink
the blood of these men who have put
their lives in jeopardy? For at the risk of
their lives they brought it." Therefore he
would not drink it. These things were
done by the three mighty men.
20 Abishai the brother of Joab was chief
of another three. He had lifted up his
spear against three hundred men, killed
them, and won a name among these
three.
21 Of the three he was more honored
than the other two men. Therefore he

became their captain. However he did
not attain to the first three.
22 Benaiah was the son of Jehoiada, the
son of a valiant man from Kabzeel, who
had done many deeds. He had killed two
lion–like heroes of Moab. He also had
gone down and killed a lion in the midst
of a pit on a snowy day.
23 And he killed an Egyptian, a man
of great height, five cubits tall. In the
Egyptian's hand there was a spear like
a weaver's beam; and he went down to
him with a staff, wrested the spear out
of the Egyptian's hand, and killed him
with his own spear.
24 These things Benaiah the son of
Jehoiada did, and won a name among
three mighty men.
25 Indeed he was more honored than
the thirty, but he did not attain to the
first three. And David appointed him
over his guard.

26 Also the mighty warriors were Asahel
the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of
Dodo of Bethlehem,
27 Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the
Pelonite,
28 Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite,
Abiezer the Anathothite,
29 Sibbechai the Hushathite, Ilai the
Ahohite,
30 Maharai the Netophathite, Heled the
son of Baanah the Netophathite,
31 Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah,
of the sons of Benjamin, Benaiah the
Pirathonite,
32 Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, Abiel
the Arbathite,
33 Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba
the Shaalbonite,
34 the sons of Hashem the Gizonite,
Jonathan the son of Shageh the Hararite,
35 Ahiam the son of Sacar the Hararite,
Eliphal the son of Ur,

36 Hepher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the
Pelonite,
37 Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the son
of Ezbai,
38 Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar
the son of Hagri,
39 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the
Berothite (the armorbearer of Joab the
son of Zeruiah),
40 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,
41 Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of
Ahlai,
42 Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite
(a chief of the Reubenites) and thirty
with him,
43 Hanan the son of Maachah,
Joshaphat the Mithnite,
44 Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and
Jeiel the sons of Hotham the Aroerite,
45 Jediael the son of Shimri, and Joha
his brother, the Tizite,

46 Eliel the Mahavite, Jeribai and
Joshaviah the sons of Elnaam, Ithmah
the Moabite,
47 Eliel, Obed, and Jaasiel the
Mezobaite.

12 1 Now these were the men who
came to David at Ziklag while he
was still a fugitive from Saul the son of
Kish; and they were among the mighty
men, helpers in the war,
2 armed with bows, using both the right
hand and the left in hurling stones and
shooting arrows with the bow. They
were of Benjamin, Saul's brethren.
3 The chief was Ahiezer, then Joash,
the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite;
Jeziel and Pelet the sons of Azmaveth;
Berachah, and Jehu the Anathothite;
4 Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty
man among the thirty, and over the
thirty; Jeremiah, Jahaziel, Johanan, and
Jozabad the Gederathite;

5 Eluzai, Jerimoth, Bealiah, Shemariah,
and Shephatiah the Haruphite;
6 Elkanah, Jisshiah, Azarel, Joezer, and
Jashobeam, the Korahites;
7 and Joelah and Zebadiah the sons of
Jeroham of Gedor.
8 Some Gadites joined David at the
stronghold in the wilderness, mighty
men of valor, men trained for battle,
who could handle shield and spear,
whose faces were like the faces of lions,
and were as swift as gazelles on the
mountains:
9 Ezer the first, Obadiah the second,
Eliab the third,
10 Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah
the fifth,
11 Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh,
12 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the
ninth,
13 Jeremiah the tenth, and Machbanai
the eleventh.

14 These were from the sons of Gad,
captains of the army; the least was over
a hundred, and the greatest was over a
thousand.
15 These are the ones who crossed the
Jordan in the first month, when it had
overflowed all its banks; and they put to
flight all those in the valleys, to the east
and to the west.
16 Then some of the sons of Benjamin
and Judah came to David at the
stronghold.
17 And David went out to meet them,
and answered and said to them, "If you
have come peaceably to me to help me,
my heart will be united with you; but if
to betray me to my enemies, since there
is no wrong in my hands, may the God of
our fathers look and bring judgment."
18 Then the Spirit came upon Amasai,
chief of the captains, and he said: "We
are yours, O David; We are on your side,

O son of Jesse! Peace, peace to you, And
peace to your helpers! For your God
helps you." So David received them, and
made them captains of the troop.
19 And some from Manasseh defected
to David when he was going with the
Philistines to battle against Saul; but they
did not help them, for the lords of the
Philistines sent him away by agreement,
saying, "He may defect to his master
Saul and endanger our heads."
20 When he went to Ziklag, those
of Manasseh who defected to him
were Adnah, Jozabad, Jediael, Michael,
Jozabad, Elihu, and Zillethai, captains
of the thousands who were from
Manasseh.
21 And they helped David against the
bands of raiders, for they were all mighty
men of valor, and they were captains in
the army.

22 For at that time they came to David
day by day to help him, until it was a
great army, like the army of God.
23 Now these were the numbers of
the divisions that were equipped for
war, and came to David at Hebron to
turn over the kingdom of Saul to him,
according to the word of the LORD:
24 of the sons of Judah bearing shield
and spear, six thousand eight hundred
armed for war;
25 of the sons of Simeon, mighty men
of valor fit for war, seven thousand one
hundred;
26 of the sons of Levi four thousand six
hundred;
27 Jehoiada, the leader of the Aaronites,
and with him three thousand seven
hundred;
28 Zadok, a young man, a valiant
warrior, and from his father's house
twenty–two captains;

29 of the sons of Benjamin, relatives
of Saul, three thousand (until then the
greatest part of them had remained
loyal to the house of Saul);
30 of the sons of Ephraim twenty
thousand eight hundred, mighty men
of valor, famous men throughout their
father's house;
31 of the half–tribe of Manasseh
eighteen thousand, who were
designated by name to come and make
David king;
32 of the sons of Issachar who had
understanding of the times, to know
what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were
two hundred; and all their brethren
were at their command;
33 of Zebulun there were fifty thousand
who went out to battle, expert in war
with all weapons of war, stouthearted
men who could keep ranks;

34 of Naphtali one thousand captains,
and with them thirty–seven thousand
with shield and spear;
35 of the Danites who could keep battle
formation, twenty–eight thousand six
hundred;
36 of Asher, those who could go out to
war, able to keep battle formation, forty
thousand;
37 of the Reubenites and the Gadites
and the half–tribe of Manasseh, from
the other side of the Jordan, one
hundred and twenty thousand armed
for battle with every kind of weapon of
war.
38 All these men of war, who could keep
ranks, came to Hebron with a loyal heart,
to make David king over all Israel; and
all the rest of Israel were of one mind to
make David king.

39 And they were there with David
three days, eating and drinking, for their
brethren had prepared for them.
40 Moreover those who were near to
them, from as far away as Issachar and
Zebulun and Naphtali, were bringing
food on donkeys and camels, on mules
and oxen—provisions of flour and cakes
of figs and cakes of raisins, wine and
oil and oxen and sheep abundantly, for
there was joy in Israel.

13 1 Then David consulted with
the captains of thousands and
hundreds, and with every leader.
2 And David said to all the assembly of
Israel, "If it seems good to you, and if it
is of the LORD our God, let us send out
to our brethren everywhere who are left
in all the land of Israel, and with them to
the priests and Levites who are in their
cities and their common–lands, that
they may gather together to us;

3 "and let us bring the ark of our God
back to us, for we have not inquired at it
since the days of Saul."
4 Then all the assembly said that they
would do so, for the thing was right in
the eyes of all the people.
5 So David gathered all Israel together,
from Shihor in Egypt to as far as the
entrance of Hamath, to bring the ark of
God from Kirjath Jearim.
6 And David and all Israel went up
to Baalah, to Kirjath Jearim, which
belonged to Judah, to bring up from
there the ark of God the LORD, who
dwells between the cherubim, where His
name is proclaimed.
7 So they carried the ark of God on a
new cart from the house of Abinadab,
and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart.
8 Then David and all Israel played
music before God with all their might,
with singing, on harps, on stringed

instruments, on tambourines, on
cymbals, and with trumpets.
9 And when they came to Chidon's
threshing floor, Uzza put out his hand to
hold the ark, for the oxen stumbled.
10 Then the anger of the LORD was
aroused against Uzza, and He struck him
because he put his hand to the ark; and
he died there before God.
11 And David became angry because
of the LORD'S outbreak against Uzza;
therefore that place is called Perez Uzza
to this day.
12 David was afraid of God that day,
saying, "How can I bring the ark of God
to me?"
13 So David would not move the ark
with him into the City of David, but took
it aside into the house of Obed–Edom
the Gittite.
14 The ark of God remained with the
family of Obed–Edom in his house three

months. And the LORD blessed the
house of Obed–Edom and all that he
had.

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1 Now Hiram king of Tyre sent
messengers to David, and cedar
trees, with masons and carpenters, to
build him a house.
2 So David knew that the LORD had
established him as king over Israel, for
his kingdom was highly exalted for the
sake of His people Israel.
3 Then David took more wives in
Jerusalem, and David begot more sons
and daughters.
4 And these are the names of his
children whom he had in Jerusalem:
Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,
5 Ibhar, Elishua, Elpelet,
6 Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,
7 Elishama, Beeliada, and Eliphelet.
8 Now when the Philistines heard that
David had been anointed king over all

Israel, all the Philistines went up to
search for David. And David heard of it
and went out against them.
9 Then the Philistines went and made a
raid on the Valley of Rephaim.
10 And David inquired of God, saying,
"Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will
You deliver them into my hand?" And
the LORD said to him, "Go up, for I will
deliver them into your hand."
11 So they went up to Baal Perazim,
and David defeated them there. Then
David said, "God has broken through my
enemies by my hand like a breakthrough
of water." Therefore they called the
name of that place Baal Perazim.
12 And when they left their gods there,
David gave a commandment, and they
were burned with fire.
13 Then the Philistines once again made
a raid on the valley.

14 Therefore David inquired again of God, and God said to him, "You shall not go up after them; circle around them, and come upon them in front of the mulberry trees.
15 "And it shall be, when you hear a sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall go out to battle, for God has gone out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines."
16 So David did as God commanded him, and they drove back the army of the Philistines from Gibeon as far as Gezer.
17 Then the fame of David went out into all lands, and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.

15 1 David built houses for himself in the City of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched a tent for it.

2 Then David said, "No one may carry
the ark of God but the Levites, for the
LORD has chosen them to carry the
ark of God and to minister before Him
forever."
3 And David gathered all Israel together
at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the
LORD to its place, which he had prepared
for it.
4 Then David assembled the children of
Aaron and the Levites:
5 of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief,
and one hundred and twenty of his
brethren;
6 of the sons of Merari, Asaiah the
chief, and two hundred and twenty of
his brethren;
7 of the sons of Gershom, Joel the
chief, and one hundred and thirty of his
brethren;
8 of the sons of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the
chief, and two hundred of his brethren;

9 of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief,
and eighty of his brethren;
10 of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the
chief, and one hundred and twelve of his
brethren.
11 And David called for Zadok and
Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites:
for Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel,
and Amminadab.
12 He said to them, "You are the heads
of the fathers' houses of the Levites;
sanctify yourselves, you and your
brethren, that you may bring up the ark
of the LORD God of Israel to the place I
have prepared for it.
13 "For because you did not do it the
first time, the LORD our God broke out
against us, because we did not consult
Him about the proper order."
14 So the priests and the Levites
sanctified themselves to bring up the ark
of the LORD God of Israel.

15 And the children of the Levites bore
the ark of God on their shoulders, by
its poles, as Moses had commanded
according to the word of the LORD.
16 Then David spoke to the leaders of
the Levites to appoint their brethren
to be the singers accompanied
by instruments of music, stringed
instruments, harps, and cymbals, by
raising the voice with resounding joy.
17 So the Levites appointed Heman
the son of Joel; and of his brethren,
Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of their
brethren, the sons of Merari, Ethan the
son of Kushaiah;
18 and with them their brethren
of the second rank: Zechariah, Ben,
Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni,
Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah,
Elipheleh, Mikneiah, Obed–Edom, and
Jeiel, the gatekeepers;

19 the singers, Heman, Asaph, and
Ethan, were to sound the cymbals of
bronze;
20 Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth,
Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and
Benaiah, with strings according to
Alamoth;
21 Mattithiah, Elipheleh, Mikneiah,
Obed–Edom, Jeiel, and Azaziah, to direct
with harps on the Sheminith;
22 Chenaniah, leader of the Levites,
was instructor in charge of the music,
because he was skillful;
23 Berechiah and Elkanah were
doorkeepers for the ark;
24 Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel,
Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer,
the priests, were to blow the trumpets
before the ark of God; and Obed–Edom
and Jehiah, doorkeepers for the ark.
25 So David, the elders of Israel, and the
captains over thousands went to bring

up the ark of the covenant of the LORD
from the house of Obed–Edom with joy.
26 And so it was, when God helped the
Levites who bore the ark of the covenant
of the LORD, that they offered seven
bulls and seven rams.
27 David was clothed with a robe of fine
linen, as were all the Levites who bore
the ark, the singers, and Chenaniah the
music master with the singers. David
also wore a linen ephod.
28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of
the covenant of the LORD with shouting
and with the sound of the horn, with
trumpets and with cymbals, making
music with stringed instruments and
harps.
29 And it happened, as the ark of the
covenant of the LORD came to the City
of David, that Michal, Saul's daughter,
looked through a window and saw King

David whirling and playing music; and
she despised him in her heart.

16 [1] So they brought the ark of God,
and set it in the midst of the
tabernacle that David had erected for it.
Then they offered burnt offerings and
peace offerings before God.
[2] And when David had finished offering
the burnt offerings and the peace
offerings, he blessed the people in the
name of the LORD.
[3] Then he distributed to everyone
of Israel, both man and woman, to
everyone a loaf of bread, a piece of
meat, and a cake of raisins.
[4] And he appointed some of the Levites
to minister before the ark of the LORD,
to commemorate, to thank, and to praise
the LORD God of Israel:
[5] Asaph the chief, and next to him
Zechariah, then Jeiel, Shemiramoth,
Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah,

and Obed–Edom: Jeiel with stringed
instruments and harps, but Asaph made
music with cymbals;
6 Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests
regularly blew the trumpets before the
ark of the covenant of God.
7 On that day David first delivered this
psalm into the hand of Asaph and his
brethren, to thank the LORD:
8 Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call
upon His name; Make known His deeds
among the peoples!
9 Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk
of all His wondrous works!
10 Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts
of those rejoice who seek the LORD!
11 Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek
His face evermore!
12 Remember His marvelous works
which He has done, His wonders, and
the judgments of His mouth,

13 O seed of Israel His servant, You
children of Jacob, His chosen ones!
14 He is the LORD our God; His
judgments are in all the earth.
15 Remember His covenant forever,
The word which He commanded, for a
thousand generations,
16 The covenant which He made with
Abraham, And His oath to Isaac,
17 And confirmed it to Jacob for a
statute, To Israel for an everlasting
covenant,
18 Saying, "To you I will give the land
of Canaan As the allotment of your
inheritance,"
19 When you were few in number,
Indeed very few, and strangers in it.
20 When they went from one nation
to another, And from one kingdom to
another people,

21 He permitted no man to do them
wrong; Yes, He rebuked kings for their
sakes,
22 Saying, "Do not touch My anointed
ones, And do My prophets no harm."
23 Sing to the LORD, all the earth;
Proclaim the good news of His salvation
from day to day.
24 Declare His glory among the nations,
His wonders among all peoples.
25 For the LORD is great and greatly to
be praised; He is also to be feared above
all gods.
26 For all the gods of the peoples are
idols, But the LORD made the heavens.
27 Honor and majesty are before Him;
Strength and gladness are in His place.
28 Give to the LORD, O families of the
peoples, Give to the LORD glory and
strength.
29 Give to the LORD the glory due His
name; Bring an offering, and come

before Him. Oh, worship the LORD in the
beauty of holiness!
30 Tremble before Him, all the earth.
The world also is firmly established, It
shall not be moved.
31 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the
earth be glad; And let them say among
the nations, "The LORD reigns."
32 Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;
Let the field rejoice, and all that is in it.
33 Then the trees of the woods shall
rejoice before the LORD, For He is
coming to judge the earth.
34 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is
good! For His mercy endures forever.
35 And say, "Save us, O God of our
salvation; Gather us together, and
deliver us from the Gentiles, To give
thanks to Your holy name, To triumph in
Your praise."
36 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel
From everlasting to everlasting! And all

the people said, "Amen!" and praised
the LORD.
37 So he left Asaph and his brothers
there before the ark of the covenant
of the LORD to minister before the ark
regularly, as every day's work required;
38 and Obed–Edom with his sixty–eight
brethren, including Obed–Edom the
son of Jeduthun, and Hosah, to be
gatekeepers;
39 and Zadok the priest and his brethren
the priests, before the tabernacle of
the LORD at the high place that was at
Gibeon,
40 to offer burnt offerings to the
LORD on the altar of burnt offering
regularly morning and evening, and to
do according to all that is written in the
Law of the LORD which He commanded
Israel;
41 and with them Heman and Jeduthun
and the rest who were chosen, who

were designated by name, to give thanks
to the LORD, because His mercy endures
forever;
42 and with them Heman and Jeduthun,
to sound aloud with trumpets and
cymbals and the musical instruments of
God. Now the sons of Jeduthun were
gatekeepers.
43 Then all the people departed, every
man to his house; and David returned to
bless his house.
17 1 Now it came to pass, when
David was dwelling in his house,
that David said to Nathan the prophet,
"See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but
the ark of the covenant of the LORD is
under tent curtains."
2 Then Nathan said to David, "Do all
that is in your heart, for God is with you."
3 But it happened that night that the
word of God came to Nathan, saying,

4 "Go and tell My servant David, ‘Thus
says the LORD: "You shall not build Me a
house to dwell in.
5 "For I have not dwelt in a house since
the time that I brought up Israel, even to
this day, but have gone from tent to tent,
and from one tabernacle to another.
6 "Wherever I have moved about with
all Israel, have I ever spoken a word
to any of the judges of Israel, whom I
commanded to shepherd My people,
saying, ‘Why have you not built Me a
house of cedar?’"’
7 "Now therefore, thus shall you say to
My servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD
of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold,
from following the sheep, to be ruler
over My people Israel.
8 "And I have been with you wherever
you have gone, and have cut off all your
enemies from before you, and have

made you a name like the name of the
great men who are on the earth.
9 "Moreover I will appoint a place for
My people Israel, and will plant them,
that they may dwell in a place of their
own and move no more; nor shall
the sons of wickedness oppress them
anymore, as previously,
10 "since the time that I commanded
judges to be over My people Israel.
Also I will subdue all your enemies.
Furthermore I tell you that the LORD will
build you a house.
11 "And it shall be, when your days are
fulfilled, when you must go to be with
your fathers, that I will set up your seed
after you, who will be of your sons; and I
will establish his kingdom.
12 "He shall build Me a house, and I will
establish his throne forever.
13 "I will be his Father, and he shall be
My son; and I will not take My mercy

away from him, as I took it from him who
was before you.
14 "And I will establish him in My house
and in My kingdom forever; and his
throne shall be established forever."’"
15 According to all these words and
according to all this vision, so Nathan
spoke to David.
16 Then King David went in and sat
before the LORD; and he said: "Who am
I, O LORD God? And what is my house,
that You have brought me this far?
17 "And yet this was a small thing in
Your sight, O God; and You have also
spoken of Your servant’s house for a
great while to come, and have regarded
me according to the rank of a man of
high degree, O LORD God.
18 "What more can David say to You for
the honor of Your servant? For You know
Your servant.

19 "O LORD, for Your servant’s sake, and
according to Your own heart, You have
done all this greatness, in making known
all these great things.
20 "O LORD, there is none like You, nor
is there any God besides You, according
to all that we have heard with our ears.
21 "And who is like Your people Israel,
the one nation on the earth whom
God went to redeem for Himself as a
people—to make for Yourself a name by
great and awesome deeds, by driving
out nations from before Your people
whom You redeemed from Egypt?
22 "For You have made Your people
Israel Your very own people forever; and
You, LORD, have become their God.
23 "And now, O LORD, the word which
You have spoken concerning Your
servant and concerning his house, let it
be established forever, and do as You
have said.

24 "So let it be established, that Your
name may be magnified forever, saying,
'The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, is
Israel's God.' And let the house of Your
servant David be established before You.
25 "For You, O my God, have revealed
to Your servant that You will build him a
house. Therefore Your servant has found
it in his heart to pray before You.
26 "And now, LORD, You are God, and
have promised this goodness to Your
servant.
27 "Now You have been pleased to bless
the house of Your servant, that it may
continue before You forever; for You
have blessed it, O LORD, and it shall be
blessed forever."

18 1 After this it came to pass that
David attacked the Philistines,
subdued them, and took Gath and its
towns from the hand of the Philistines.

2 Then he defeated Moab, and the
Moabites became David's servants, and
brought tribute.
3 And David defeated Hadadezer king
of Zobah as far as Hamath, as he went
to establish his power by the River
Euphrates.
4 David took from him one thousand
chariots, seven thousand horsemen,
and twenty thousand foot soldiers. And
David also hamstrung all the chariot
horses, except that he spared enough of
them for one hundred chariots.
5 When the Syrians of Damascus came
to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David
killed twenty–two thousand of the
Syrians.
6 Then David put garrisons in Syria
of Damascus; and the Syrians became
David's servants, and brought tribute. So
the LORD preserved David wherever he
went.

7 And David took the shields of gold
that were on the servants of Hadadezer,
and brought them to Jerusalem.
8 Also from Tibhath and from Chun,
cities of Hadadezer, David brought a
large amount of bronze, with which
Solomon made the bronze Sea, the
pillars, and the articles of bronze.
9 Now when Tou king of Hamath heard
that David had defeated all the army of
Hadadezer king of Zobah,
10 he sent Hadoram his son to
King David, to greet him and bless
him, because he had fought against
Hadadezer and defeated him (for
Hadadezer had been at war with Tou);
and Hadoram brought with him all kinds
of articles of gold, silver, and bronze.
11 King David also dedicated these to
the LORD, along with the silver and
gold that he had brought from all these
nations—from Edom, from Moab,

from the people of Ammon, from the
Philistines, and from Amalek.
12 Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruiah
killed eighteen thousand Edomites in the
Valley of Salt.
13 He also put garrisons in Edom, and all
the Edomites became David's servants.
And the LORD preserved David wherever
he went.
14 So David reigned over all Israel, and
administered judgment and justice to all
his people.
15 Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the
army; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud
was recorder;
16 Zadok the son of Ahitub and
Abimelech the son of Abiathar were the
priests; Shavsha was the scribe;
17 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over
the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and
David's sons were chief ministers at the
king's side.

19 [1] It happened after this that
Nahash the king of the people of
Ammon died, and his son reigned in his
place.
[2] Then David said, "I will show kindness
to Hanun the son of Nahash, because
his father showed kindness to me."
So David sent messengers to comfort
him concerning his father. And David’s
servants came to Hanun in the land of
the people of Ammon to comfort him.
[3] And the princes of the people of
Ammon said to Hanun, "Do you think
that David really honors your father
because he has sent comforters to you?
Did his servants not come to you to
search and to overthrow and to spy out
the land?"
[4] Therefore Hanun took David’s
servants, shaved them, and cut off
their garments in the middle, at their
buttocks, and sent them away.

5 Then some went and told David about
the men; and he sent to meet them,
because the men were greatly ashamed.
And the king said, "Wait at Jericho
until your beards have grown, and then
return."
6 When the people of Ammon saw that
they had made themselves repulsive
to David, Hanun and the people of
Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver
to hire for themselves chariots and
horsemen from Mesopotamia, from
Syrian Maachah, and from Zobah.
7 So they hired for themselves thirty–
two thousand chariots, with the king
of Maachah and his people, who came
and encamped before Medeba. Also the
people of Ammon gathered together
from their cities, and came to battle.
8 Now when David heard of it, he sent
Joab and all the army of the mighty men.

9 Then the people of Ammon came
out and put themselves in battle array
before the gate of the city, and the kings
who had come were by themselves in
the field.
10 When Joab saw that the battle line
was against him before and behind, he
chose some of Israel's best and put them
in battle array against the Syrians.
11 And the rest of the people he
put under the command of Abishai
his brother, and they set themselves
in battle array against the people of
Ammon.
12 Then he said, "If the Syrians are too
strong for me, then you shall help me;
but if the people of Ammon are too
strong for you, then I will help you.
13 "Be of good courage, and let us be
strong for our people and for the cities
of our God. And may the LORD do what
is good in His sight."

14 So Joab and the people who were
with him drew near for the battle against
the Syrians, and they fled before him.
15 When the people of Ammon saw that
the Syrians were fleeing, they also fled
before Abishai his brother, and entered
the city. So Joab went to Jerusalem.
16 Now when the Syrians saw that they
had been defeated by Israel, they sent
messengers and brought the Syrians who
were beyond the River, and Shophach
the commander of Hadadezer's army
went before them.
17 When it was told David, he gathered
all Israel, crossed over the Jordan and
came upon them, and set up in battle
array against them. So when David had
set up in battle array against the Syrians,
they fought with him.
18 Then the Syrians fled before Israel;
and David killed seven thousand
charioteers and forty thousand foot

soldiers of the Syrians, and killed
Shophach the commander of the army.
19 And when the servants of Hadadezer
saw that they were defeated by Israel,
they made peace with David and became
his servants. So the Syrians were not
willing to help the people of Ammon
anymore.

20 1 It happened in the spring of
the year, at the time kings go
out to battle, that Joab led out the
armed forces and ravaged the country
of the people of Ammon, and came and
besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at
Jerusalem. And Joab defeated Rabbah
and overthrew it.
2 Then David took their king's crown
from his head, and found it to weigh a
talent of gold, and there were precious
stones in it. And it was set on David's
head. Also he brought out the spoil of
the city in great abundance.

3 And he brought out the people who
were in it, and put them to work with
saws, with iron picks, and with axes. So
David did to all the cities of the people of
Ammon. Then David and all the people
returned to Jerusalem.
4 Now it happened afterward that war
broke out at Gezer with the Philistines,
at which time Sibbechai the Hushathite
killed Sippai, who was one of the sons of
the giant. And they were subdued.
5 Again there was war with the
Philistines, and Elhanan the son of Jair
killed Lahmi the brother of Goliath the
Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like
a weaver's beam.
6 Yet again there was war at Gath,
where there was a man of great stature,
with twenty–four fingers and toes, six on
each hand and six on each foot; and he
also was born to the giant.

7 So when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea, David’s brother, killed him.

8 These were born to the giant in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

21 1 Now Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel.

2 So David said to Joab and to the leaders of the people, "Go, number Israel from Beersheba to Dan, and bring the number of them to me that I may know it."

3 And Joab answered, "May the LORD make His people a hundred times more than they are. But, my lord the king, are they not all my lord’s servants? Why then does my lord require this thing? Why should he be a cause of guilt in Israel?"

4 Nevertheless the king’s word prevailed
against Joab. Therefore Joab departed
and went throughout all Israel and came
to Jerusalem.
5 Then Joab gave the sum of the
number of the people to David. All Israel
had one million one hundred thousand
men who drew the sword, and Judah
had four hundred and seventy thousand
men who drew the sword.
6 But he did not count Levi and
Benjamin among them, for the king’s
word was abominable to Joab.
7 And God was displeased with this
thing; therefore He struck Israel.
8 So David said to God, "I have sinned
greatly, because I have done this thing;
but now, I pray, take away the iniquity
of Your servant, for I have done very
foolishly."
9 And the LORD spoke to Gad, David’s
seer, saying,

10 "Go and tell David, saying, ‘Thus
says the LORD: "I offer you three things;
choose one of them for yourself, that I
may do it to you."’"
11 So Gad came to David and said to
him, "Thus says the LORD: ‘Choose for
yourself,
12 ‘either three years of famine, or three
months to be defeated by your foes with
the sword of your enemies overtaking
you, or else for three days the sword
of the LORD—the plague in the land,
with the angel of the LORD destroying
throughout all the territory of Israel.’
Now consider what answer I should take
back to Him who sent me."
13 And David said to Gad, "I am in great
distress. Please let me fall into the hand
of the LORD, for His mercies are very
great; but do not let me fall into the
hand of man."

14 So the LORD sent a plague upon
Israel, and seventy thousand men of
Israel fell.
15 And God sent an angel to Jerusalem
to destroy it. As he was destroying,
the LORD looked and relented of the
disaster, and said to the angel who was
destroying, "It is enough; now restrain
your hand." And the angel of the LORD
stood by the threshing floor of Ornan
the Jebusite.
16 Then David lifted his eyes and saw
the angel of the LORD standing between
earth and heaven, having in his hand
a drawn sword stretched out over
Jerusalem. So David and the elders,
clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces.
17 And David said to God, "Was it not
I who commanded the people to be
numbered? I am the one who has sinned
and done evil indeed; but these sheep,
what have they done? Let Your hand, I

pray, O LORD my God, be against me and
my father’s house, but not against Your
people that they should be plagued."
18 Therefore, the angel of the LORD
commanded Gad to say to David that
David should go and erect an altar to the
LORD on the threshing floor of Ornan
the Jebusite.
19 So David went up at the word of Gad,
which he had spoken in the name of the
LORD.
20 Now Ornan turned and saw the
angel; and his four sons who were
with him hid themselves, but Ornan
continued threshing wheat.
21 Then David came to Ornan, and
Ornan looked and saw David. And he
went out from the threshing floor, and
bowed before David with his face to the
ground.
22 Then David said to Ornan, "Grant me
the place of this threshing floor, that I

may build an altar on it to the LORD. You
shall grant it to me at the full price, that
the plague may be withdrawn from the
people."
23 And Ornan said to David, "Take it
to yourself, and let my lord the king do
what is good in his eyes. Look, I also give
you the oxen for burnt offerings, the
threshing implements for wood, and the
wheat for the grain offering; I give it all."
24 Then King David said to Ornan, "No,
but I will surely buy it for the full price,
for I will not take what is yours for the
LORD, nor offer burnt offerings with that
which costs me nothing."
25 So David gave Ornan six hundred
shekels of gold by weight for the place.
26 And David built there an altar to the
LORD, and offered burnt offerings and
peace offerings, and called on the LORD;
and He answered him from heaven by
fire on the altar of burnt offering.

27 So the LORD commanded the angel,
and he returned his sword to its sheath.
28 At that time, when David saw that
the LORD had answered him on the
threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he
sacrificed there.
29 For the tabernacle of the LORD and
the altar of the burnt offering, which
Moses had made in the wilderness, were
at that time at the high place in Gibeon.
30 But David could not go before it to
inquire of God, for he was afraid of the
sword of the angel of the LORD.

22 1 Then David said, "This is the
house of the LORD God, and this
is the altar of burnt offering for Israel."
2 So David commanded to gather the
aliens who were in the land of Israel;
and he appointed masons to cut hewn
stones to build the house of God.
3 And David prepared iron in abundance
for the nails of the doors of the gates and

for the joints, and bronze in abundance
beyond measure,
4 and cedar trees in abundance; for the
Sidonians and those from Tyre brought
much cedar wood to David.
5 Now David said, "Solomon my son
is young and inexperienced, and the
house to be built for the LORD must be
exceedingly magnificent, famous and
glorious throughout all countries. I will
now make preparation for it." So David
made abundant preparations before his
death.
6 Then he called for his son Solomon,
and charged him to build a house for the
LORD God of Israel.
7 And David said to Solomon: "My son,
as for me, it was in my mind to build a
house to the name of the LORD my God;
8 "but the word of the LORD came to
me, saying, ‘You have shed much blood
and have made great wars; you shall not

build a house for My name, because you
have shed much blood on the earth in
My sight.
9 ‘Behold, a son shall be born to you,
who shall be a man of rest; and I will give
him rest from all his enemies all around.
His name shall be Solomon, for I will give
peace and quietness to Israel in his days.
10 ‘He shall build a house for My name,
and he shall be My son, and I will be his
Father; and I will establish the throne of
his kingdom over Israel forever.’
11 "Now, my son, may the LORD be with
you; and may you prosper, and build the
house of the LORD your God, as He has
said to you.
12 "Only may the LORD give you wisdom
and understanding, and give you charge
concerning Israel, that you may keep the
law of the LORD your God.
13 "Then you will prosper, if you take
care to fulfill the statutes and judgments

with which the LORD charged Moses
concerning Israel. Be strong and of good
courage; do not fear nor be dismayed.
14 "Indeed I have taken much trouble to
prepare for the house of the LORD one
hundred thousand talents of gold and
one million talents of silver, and bronze
and iron beyond measure, for it is so
abundant. I have prepared timber and
stone also, and you may add to them.
15 "Moreover there are workmen with
you in abundance: woodsmen and
stonecutters, and all types of skillful men
for every kind of work.
16 "Of gold and silver and bronze and
iron there is no limit. Arise and begin
working, and the LORD be with you."
17 David also commanded all the
leaders of Israel to help Solomon his son,
saying,
18 "Is not the LORD your God with you?
And has He not given you rest on every

side? For He has given the inhabitants of
the land into my hand, and the land is
subdued before the LORD and before His
people.
19 "Now set your heart and your soul to
seek the LORD your God. Therefore arise
and build the sanctuary of the LORD
God, to bring the ark of the covenant of
the LORD and the holy articles of God
into the house that is to be built for the
name of the LORD."

23 1 So when David was old and full
of days, he made his son Solomon
king over Israel.
2 And he gathered together all the
leaders of Israel, with the priests and the
Levites.
3 Now the Levites were numbered from
the age of thirty years and above; and
the number of individual males was
thirty–eight thousand.

4 Of these, twenty–four thousand were
to look after the work of the house of
the LORD, six thousand were officers and
judges,
5 four thousand were gatekeepers, and
four thousand praised the LORD with
musical instruments, "which I made,"
said David, "for giving praise."
6 Also David separated them into
divisions among the sons of Levi:
Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
7 Of the Gershonites: Laadan and
Shimei.
8 The sons of Laadan: the first Jehiel,
then Zetham and Joel––three in all.
9 The sons of Shimei: Shelomith, Haziel,
and Haran––three in all. These were the
heads of the fathers’ houses of Laadan.
10 And the sons of Shimei: Jahath, Zina,
Jeush, and Beriah. These were the four
sons of Shimei.

11 Jahath was the first and Zizah the
second. But Jeush and Beriah did not
have many sons; therefore they were
assigned as one father's house.
12 The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar,
Hebron, and Uzziel—four in all.
13 The sons of Amram: Aaron and
Moses; and Aaron was set apart, he and
his sons forever, that he should sanctify
the most holy things, to burn incense
before the LORD, to minister to Him, and
to give the blessing in His name forever.
14 Now the sons of Moses the man of
God were reckoned to the tribe of Levi.
15 The sons of Moses were Gershon and
Eliezer.
16 Of the sons of Gershon, Shebuel was
the first.
17 Of the descendants of Eliezer,
Rehabiah was the first. And Eliezer had
no other sons, but the sons of Rehabiah
were very many.

18 Of the sons of Izhar, Shelomith was
the first.
19 Of the sons of Hebron, Jeriah was the
first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the
third, and Jekameam the fourth.
20 Of the sons of Uzziel, Michah was the
first and Jesshiah the second.
21 The sons of Merari were Mahli and
Mushi. The sons of Mahli were Eleazar
and Kish.
22 And Eleazar died, and had no sons,
but only daughters; and their brethren,
the sons of Kish, took them as wives.
23 The sons of Mushi were Mahli, Eder,
and Jeremoth—three in all.
24 These were the sons of Levi by
their fathers' houses—the heads of the
fathers' houses as they were counted
individually by the number of their
names, who did the work for the service
of the house of the LORD, from the age
of twenty years and above.

25 For David said, "The LORD God of
Israel has given rest to His people, that
they may dwell in Jerusalem forever";
26 and also to the Levites, "They shall
no longer carry the tabernacle, or any of
the articles for its service."
27 For by the last words of David the
Levites were numbered from twenty
years old and above;
28 because their duty was to help the
sons of Aaron in the service of the house
of the LORD, in the courts and in the
chambers, in the purifying of all holy
things and the work of the service of the
house of God,
29 both with the showbread and the
fine flour for the grain offering, with the
unleavened cakes and what is baked in
the pan, with what is mixed and with all
kinds of measures and sizes;
30 to stand every morning to thank and
praise the LORD, and likewise at evening;

31 and at every presentation of a burnt
offering to the LORD on the Sabbaths
and on the New Moons and on the
set feasts, by number according to the
ordinance governing them, regularly
before the LORD;
32 and that they should attend to the
needs of the tabernacle of meeting, the
needs of the holy place, and the needs
of the sons of Aaron their brethren in
the work of the house of the LORD.

24 1 Now these are the divisions of
the sons of Aaron. The sons of
Aaron were Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and
Ithamar.
2 And Nadab and Abihu died before
their father, and had no children;
therefore Eleazar and Ithamar
ministered as priests.
3 Then David with Zadok of the sons of
Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of

Ithamar, divided them according to the
schedule of their service.
4 There were more leaders found of
the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of
Ithamar, and thus they were divided.
Among the sons of Eleazar were sixteen
heads of their fathers' houses, and eight
heads of their fathers' houses among
the sons of Ithamar.
5 Thus they were divided by lot, one
group as another, for there were officials
of the sanctuary and officials of the
house of God, from the sons of Eleazar
and from the sons of Ithamar.
6 And the scribe, Shemaiah the son
of Nethanel, one of the Levites, wrote
them down before the king, the leaders,
Zadok the priest, Ahimelech the son of
Abiathar, and the heads of the fathers'
houses of the priests and Levites, one
father's house taken for Eleazar and one
for Ithamar.

7 Now the first lot fell to Jehoiarib, the
second to Jedaiah,
8 the third to Harim, the fourth to
Seorim,
9 the fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to
Mijamin,
10 the seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to
Abijah,
11 the ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to
Shecaniah,
12 the eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth
to Jakim,
13 the thirteenth to Huppah, the
fourteenth to Jeshebeab,
14 the fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth
to Immer,
15 the seventeenth to Hezir, the
eighteenth to Happizzez,
16 the nineteenth to Pethahiah, the
twentieth to Jehezekel,
17 the twenty–first to Jachin, the
twenty–second to Gamul,

18 the twenty–third to Delaiah, the
twenty–fourth to Maaziah.
19 This was the schedule of their service
for coming into the house of the LORD
according to their ordinance by the hand
of Aaron their father, as the LORD God of
Israel had commanded him.
20 And the rest of the sons of Levi: of
the sons of Amram, Shubael; of the sons
of Shubael, Jehdeiah.
21 Concerning Rehabiah, of the sons of
Rehabiah, the first was Isshiah.
22 Of the Izharites, Shelomoth; of the
sons of Shelomoth, Jahath.
23 Of the sons of Hebron, Jeriah was the
first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the
third, and Jekameam the fourth.
24 Of the sons of Uzziel, Michah; of the
sons of Michah, Shamir.
25 The brother of Michah, Isshiah; of
the sons of Isshiah, Zechariah.

26 The sons of Merari were Mahli and
Mushi; the son of Jaaziah, Beno.
27 The sons of Merari by Jaaziah were
Beno, Shoham, Zaccur, and Ibri.
28 Of Mahli: Eleazar, who had no sons.
29 Of Kish: the son of Kish, Jerahmeel.
30 Also the sons of Mushi were Mahli,
Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the sons
of the Levites according to their fathers'
houses.
31 These also cast lots just as their
brothers the sons of Aaron did, in
the presence of King David, Zadok,
Ahimelech, and the heads of the fathers'
houses of the priests and Levites. The
chief fathers did just as their younger
brethren.

25 1 Moreover David and the
captains of the army separated
for the service some of the sons of
Asaph, of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who
should prophesy with harps, stringed

instruments, and cymbals. And the
number of the skilled men performing
their service was:
2 Of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, Joseph,
Nethaniah, and Asharelah; the sons
of Asaph were under the direction of
Asaph, who prophesied according to the
order of the king.
3 Of Jeduthun, the sons of Jeduthun:
Gedaliah, Zeri, Jeshaiah, Shimei,
Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under
the direction of their father Jeduthun,
who prophesied with a harp to give
thanks and to praise the LORD.
4 Of Heman, the sons of Heman:
Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel,
Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah,
Giddalti, Romamti–Ezer, Joshbekashah,
Mallothi, Hothir, and Mahazioth.
5 All these were the sons of Heman the
king’s seer in the words of God, to exalt

his horn. For God gave Heman fourteen
sons and three daughters.
6 All these were under the direction of
their father for the music in the house
of the LORD, with cymbals, stringed
instruments, and harps, for the service
of the house of God. Asaph, Jeduthun,
and Heman were under the authority of
the king.
7 So the number of them, with their
brethren who were instructed in the
songs of the LORD, all who were skillful,
was two hundred and eighty–eight.
8 And they cast lots for their duty, the
small as well as the great, the teacher
with the student.
9 Now the first lot for Asaph came out
for Joseph; the second for Gedaliah, him
with his brethren and sons, twelve;
10 the third for Zaccur, his sons and his
brethren, twelve;

11 the fourth for Jizri, his sons and his
brethren, twelve;
12 the fifth for Nethaniah, his sons and
his brethren, twelve;
13 the sixth for Bukkiah, his sons and his
brethren, twelve;
14 the seventh for Jesharelah, his sons
and his brethren, twelve;
15 the eighth for Jeshaiah, his sons and
his brethren, twelve;
16 the ninth for Mattaniah, his sons and
his brethren, twelve;
17 the tenth for Shimei, his sons and his
brethren, twelve;
18 the eleventh for Azarel, his sons and
his brethren, twelve;
19 the twelfth for Hashabiah, his sons
and his brethren, twelve;
20 the thirteenth for Shubael, his sons
and his brethren, twelve;
21 the fourteenth for Mattithiah, his
sons and his brethren, twelve;

22 the fifteenth for Jeremoth, his sons
and his brethren, twelve;
23 the sixteenth for Hananiah, his sons
and his brethren, twelve;
24 the seventeenth for Joshbekashah,
his sons and his brethren, twelve;
25 the eighteenth for Hanani, his sons
and his brethren, twelve;
26 the nineteenth for Mallothi, his sons
and his brethren, twelve;
27 the twentieth for Eliathah, his sons
and his brethren, twelve;
28 the twenty–first for Hothir, his sons
and his brethren, twelve;
29 the twenty–second for Giddalti, his
sons and his brethren, twelve;
30 the twenty–third for Mahazioth, his
sons and his brethren, twelve;
31 the twenty–fourth for Romamti–Ezer,
his sons and his brethren, twelve.

26 1 Concerning the divisions of the
gatekeepers: of the Korahites,

Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the
sons of Asaph.
2 And the sons of Meshelemiah were
Zechariah the firstborn, Jediael the
second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the
fourth,
3 Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth,
Eliehoenai the seventh.
4 Moreover the sons of Obed–Edom
were Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad
the second, Joah the third, Sacar the
fourth, Nethanel the fifth,
5 Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the
seventh, Peulthai the eighth; for God
blessed him.
6 Also to Shemaiah his son were sons
born who governed their fathers'
houses, because they were men of great
ability.
7 The sons of Shemaiah were Othni,
Rephael, Obed, and Elzabad, whose

brothers Elihu and Semachiah were able
men.
8 All these were of the sons of Obed–
Edom, they and their sons and their
brethren, able men with strength for the
work: sixty–two of Obed–Edom.
9 And Meshelemiah had sons and
brethren, eighteen able men.
10 Also Hosah, of the children of Merari,
had sons: Shimri the first (for though he
was not the firstborn, his father made
him the first),
11 Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the
third, Zechariah the fourth; all the sons
and brethren of Hosah were thirteen.
12 Among these were the divisions of
the gatekeepers, among the chief men,
having duties just like their brethren, to
serve in the house of the LORD.
13 And they cast lots for each gate, the
small as well as the great, according to
their father's house.

14 The lot for the East Gate fell to
Shelemiah. Then they cast lots for his
son Zechariah, a wise counselor, and his
lot came out for the North Gate;
15 to Obed–Edom the South Gate, and
to his sons the storehouse.
16 To Shuppim and Hosah the lot
came out for the West Gate, with the
Shallecheth Gate on the ascending
highway—watchman opposite
watchman.
17 On the east were six Levites, on the
north four each day, on the south four
each day, and for the storehouse two by
two.
18 As for the Parbar on the west, there
were four on the highway and two at the
Parbar.
19 These were the divisions of the
gatekeepers among the sons of Korah
and among the sons of Merari.

20 Of the Levites, Ahijah was over the
treasuries of the house of God and over
the treasuries of the dedicated things.
21 The sons of Laadan, the descendants
of the Gershonites of Laadan, heads
of their fathers' houses, of Laadan the
Gershonite: Jehieli.
22 The sons of Jehieli, Zetham and Joel
his brother, were over the treasuries of
the house of the LORD.
23 Of the Amramites, the Izharites, the
Hebronites, and the Uzzielites:
24 Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son
of Moses, was overseer of the treasuries.
25 And his brethren by Eliezer were
Rehabiah his son, Jeshaiah his son, Joram
his son, Zichri his son, and Shelomith his
son.
26 This Shelomith and his brethren were
over all the treasuries of the dedicated
things which King David and the heads
of fathers' houses, the captains over

thousands and hundreds, and the
captains of the army, had dedicated.
27 Some of the spoils won in battles
they dedicated to maintain the house of
the LORD.
28 And all that Samuel the seer, Saul the
son of Kish, Abner the son of Ner, and
Joab the son of Zeruiah had dedicated,
every dedicated thing, was under the
hand of Shelomith and his brethren.
29 Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his
sons performed duties as officials and
judges over Israel outside Jerusalem.
30 Of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his
brethren, one thousand seven hundred
able men, had the oversight of Israel on
the west side of the Jordan for all the
business of the LORD, and in the service
of the king.
31 Among the Hebronites, Jerijah was
head of the Hebronites according to his
genealogy of the fathers. In the fortieth

year of the reign of David they were
sought, and there were found among
them capable men at Jazer of Gilead.
32 And his brethren were two thousand
seven hundred able men, heads of
fathers' houses, whom King David
made officials over the Reubenites, the
Gadites, and the half–tribe of Manasseh,
for every matter pertaining to God and
the affairs of the king.

27
1 And the children of Israel,
according to their number, the
heads of fathers' houses, the captains
of thousands and hundreds and their
officers, served the king in every matter
of the military divisions. These divisions
came in and went out month by month
throughout all the months of the
year, each division having twenty–four
thousand.
2 Over the first division for the first
month was Jashobeam the son of

Zabdiel, and in his division were
twenty–four thousand;
3 he was of the children of Perez, and
the chief of all the captains of the army
for the first month.
4 Over the division of the second month
was Dodai an Ahohite, and of his division
Mikloth also was the leader; in his
division were twenty–four thousand.
5 The third captain of the army for the
third month was Benaiah, the son of
Jehoiada the priest, who was chief; in his
division were twenty–four thousand.
6 This was the Benaiah who was mighty
among the thirty, and was over the
thirty; in his division was Ammizabad his
son.
7 The fourth captain for the fourth
month was Asahel the brother of Joab,
and Zebadiah his son after him; in his
division were twenty–four thousand.

8 The fifth captain for the fifth month
was Shamhuth the Izrahite; in his
division were twenty–four thousand.
9 The sixth captain for the sixth month
was Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite; in
his division were twenty–four thousand.
10 The seventh captain for the seventh
month was Helez the Pelonite, of the
children of Ephraim; in his division were
twenty–four thousand.
11 The eighth captain for the eighth
month was Sibbechai the Hushathite,
of the Zarhites; in his division were
twenty–four thousand.
12 The ninth captain for the ninth
month was Abiezer the Anathothite,
of the Benjamites; in his division were
twenty–four thousand.
13 The tenth captain for the tenth
month was Maharai the Netophathite,
of the Zarhites; in his division were
twenty–four thousand.

14 The eleventh captain for the eleventh month was Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim; in his division were twenty–four thousand.
15 The twelfth captain for the twelfth month was Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel; in his division were twenty–four thousand.
16 Furthermore, over the tribes of Israel: the officer over the Reubenites was Eliezer the son of Zichri; over the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maachah;
17 over the Levites, Hashabiah the son of Kemuel; over the Aaronites, Zadok;
18 over Judah, Elihu, one of David's brothers; over Issachar, Omri the son of Michael;
19 over Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah; over Naphtali, Jerimoth the son of Azriel;

20 over the children of Ephraim, Hoshea
the son of Azaziah; over the half–tribe of
Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah;
21 over the half–tribe of Manasseh in
Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah; over
Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner;
22 over Dan, Azarel the son of Jeroham.
These were the leaders of the tribes of
Israel.
23 But David did not take the number
of those twenty years old and under,
because the LORD had said He would
multiply Israel like the stars of the
heavens.
24 Joab the son of Zeruiah began a
census, but he did not finish, for wrath
came upon Israel because of this census;
nor was the number recorded in the
account of the chronicles of King David.
25 And Azmaveth the son of Adiel
was over the king's treasuries; and
Jehonathan the son of Uzziah was over

the storehouses in the field, in the cities,
in the villages, and in the fortresses.
26 Ezri the son of Chelub was over those
who did the work of the field for tilling
the ground.
27 And Shimei the Ramathite was over
the vineyards, and Zabdi the Shiphmite
was over the produce of the vineyards
for the supply of wine.
28 Baal–Hanan the Gederite was over
the olive trees and the sycamore trees
that were in the lowlands, and Joash was
over the store of oil.
29 And Shitrai the Sharonite was over
the herds that fed in Sharon, and
Shaphat the son of Adlai was over the
herds that were in the valleys.
30 Obil the Ishmaelite was over the
camels, Jehdeiah the Meronothite was
over the donkeys,

31 and Jaziz the Hagrite was over the flocks. All these were the officials over King David's property.
32 Also Jehonathan, David's uncle, was a counselor, a wise man, and a scribe; and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king's sons.
33 Ahithophel was the king's counselor, and Hushai the Archite was the king's companion.
34 After Ahithophel was Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, then Abiathar. And the general of the king's army was Joab.

28

1 Now David assembled at Jerusalem all the leaders of Israel: the officers of the tribes and the captains of the divisions who served the king, the captains over thousands and captains over hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possessions of the king and of his sons, with the officials,

the valiant men, and all the mighty men
of valor.
2 Then King David rose to his feet and
said, "Hear me, my brethren and my
people: I had it in my heart to build a
house of rest for the ark of the covenant
of the LORD, and for the footstool of
our God, and had made preparations to
build it.
3 "But God said to me, ‘You shall not
build a house for My name, because you
have been a man of war and have shed
blood.’
4 "However the LORD God of Israel
chose me above all the house of my
father to be king over Israel forever, for
He has chosen Judah to be the ruler; and
of the house of Judah, the house of my
father, and among the sons of my father,
He was pleased with me to make me
king over all Israel.

5 "And of all my sons (for the LORD has
given me many sons) He has chosen my
son Solomon to sit on the throne of the
kingdom of the LORD over Israel.
6 "Now He said to me, ‘It is your son
Solomon who shall build My house and
My courts; for I have chosen him to be
My son, and I will be his Father.
7 ‘Moreover I will establish his kingdom
forever, if he is steadfast to observe My
commandments and My judgments, as
it is this day.’
8 "Now therefore, in the sight of all
Israel, the assembly of the LORD, and
in the hearing of our God, be careful
to seek out all the commandments
of the LORD your God, that you may
possess this good land, and leave it as an
inheritance for your children after you
forever.
9 "As for you, my son Solomon, know
the God of your father, and serve Him

with a loyal heart and with a willing
mind; for the LORD searches all hearts
and understands all the intent of the
thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be
found by you; but if you forsake Him, He
will cast you off forever.
10 "Consider now, for the LORD has
chosen you to build a house for the
sanctuary; be strong, and do it."
11 Then David gave his son Solomon the
plans for the vestibule, its houses, its
treasuries, its upper chambers, its inner
chambers, and the place of the mercy
seat;
12 and the plans for all that he had by
the Spirit, of the courts of the house of
the LORD, of all the chambers all around,
of the treasuries of the house of God,
and of the treasuries for the dedicated
things;
13 also for the division of the priests
and the Levites, for all the work of the

service of the house of the LORD, and
for all the articles of service in the house
of the LORD.
14 He gave gold by weight for things of
gold, for all articles used in every kind of
service; also silver for all articles of silver
by weight, for all articles used in every
kind of service;
15 the weight for the lampstands of
gold, and their lamps of gold, by weight
for each lampstand and its lamps; for
the lampstands of silver by weight, for
the lampstand and its lamps, according
to the use of each lampstand.
16 And by weight he gave gold for the
tables of the showbread, for each table,
and silver for the tables of silver;
17 also pure gold for the forks, the
basins, the pitchers of pure gold, and the
golden bowls—he gave gold by weight
for every bowl; and for the silver bowls,
silver by weight for every bowl;

18 and refined gold by weight for
the altar of incense, and for the
construction of the chariot, that is,
the gold cherubim that spread their
wings and overshadowed the ark of the
covenant of the LORD.
19 "All this," said David, "the LORD
made me understand in writing, by His
hand upon me, all the works of these
plans."
20 And David said to his son Solomon,
"Be strong and of good courage, and do
it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the
LORD God—my God—will be with you.
He will not leave you nor forsake you,
until you have finished all the work for
the service of the house of the LORD.
21 "Here are the divisions of the priests
and the Levites for all the service of
the house of God; and every willing
craftsman will be with you for all
manner of workmanship, for every

kind of service; also the leaders and all
the people will be completely at your
command."

29 1 Furthermore King David said
to all the assembly: "My son
Solomon, whom alone God has chosen,
is young and inexperienced; and the
work is great, because the temple is not
for man but for the LORD God.
2 "Now for the house of my God I have
prepared with all my might: gold for
things to be made of gold, silver for
things of silver, bronze for things of
bronze, iron for things of iron, wood
for things of wood, onyx stones, stones
to be set, glistening stones of various
colors, all kinds of precious stones, and
marble slabs in abundance.
3 "Moreover, because I have set my
affection on the house of my God, I have
given to the house of my God, over and
above all that I have prepared for the

holy house, my own special treasure of
gold and silver:
4 "three thousand talents of gold, of
the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand
talents of refined silver, to overlay the
walls of the houses;
5 "the gold for things of gold and
the silver for things of silver, and for
all kinds of work to be done by the
hands of craftsmen. Who then is willing
to consecrate himself this day to the
LORD?"
6 Then the leaders of the fathers'
houses, leaders of the tribes of Israel,
the captains of thousands and of
hundreds, with the officers over the
king's work, offered willingly.
7 They gave for the work of the house
of God five thousand talents and ten
thousand darics of gold, ten thousand
talents of silver, eighteen thousand

talents of bronze, and one hundred
thousand talents of iron.
8 And whoever had precious stones
gave them to the treasury of the house
of the LORD, into the hand of Jehiel the
Gershonite.
9 Then the people rejoiced, for they
had offered willingly, because with a
loyal heart they had offered willingly to
the LORD; and King David also rejoiced
greatly.
10 Therefore David blessed the LORD
before all the assembly; and David said:
"Blessed are You, LORD God of Israel,
our Father, forever and ever.
11 Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, The
power and the glory, The victory and the
majesty; For all that is in heaven and in
earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O
LORD, And You are exalted as head over
all.

12 Both riches and honor come from
You, And You reign over all. In Your hand
is power and might; In Your hand it is to
make great And to give strength to all.
13 "Now therefore, our God, We thank
You And praise Your glorious name.
14 But who am I, and who are my
people, That we should be able to offer
so willingly as this? For all things come
from You, And of Your own we have
given You.
15 For we are aliens and pilgrims before
You, As were all our fathers; Our days
on earth are as a shadow, And without
hope.
16 "O LORD our God, all this abundance
that we have prepared to build You a
house for Your holy name is from Your
hand, and is all Your own.
17 "I know also, my God, that You
test the heart and have pleasure
in uprightness. As for me, in the

uprightness of my heart I have willingly
offered all these things; and now with
joy I have seen Your people, who are
present here to offer willingly to You.
18 "O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and
Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in
the intent of the thoughts of the heart of
Your people, and fix their heart toward
You.
19 "And give my son Solomon a loyal
heart to keep Your commandments and
Your testimonies and Your statutes, to do
all these things, and to build the temple
for which I have made provision."
20 Then David said to all the assembly,
"Now bless the LORD your God." So all
the assembly blessed the LORD God of
their fathers, and bowed their heads and
prostrated themselves before the LORD
and the king.
21 And they made sacrifices to the LORD
and offered burnt offerings to the LORD

on the next day: a thousand bulls, a
thousand rams, a thousand lambs, with
their drink offerings, and sacrifices in
abundance for all Israel.
22 So they ate and drank before the
LORD with great gladness on that
day. And they made Solomon the son
of David king the second time, and
anointed him before the LORD to be the
leader, and Zadok to be priest.
23 Then Solomon sat on the throne
of the LORD as king instead of David
his father, and prospered; and all Israel
obeyed him.
24 All the leaders and the mighty men,
and also all the sons of King David,
submitted themselves to King Solomon.
25 So the LORD exalted Solomon
exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and
bestowed on him such royal majesty as
had not been on any king before him in
Israel.

26 Thus David the son of Jesse reigned
over all Israel.
27 And the period that he reigned over
Israel was forty years; seven years he
reigned in Hebron, and thirty–three
years he reigned in Jerusalem.
28 So he died in a good old age, full of
days and riches and honor; and Solomon
his son reigned in his place.
29 Now the acts of King David, first
and last, indeed they are written in the
book of Samuel the seer, in the book of
Nathan the prophet, and in the book of
Gad the seer,
30 with all his reign and his might, and
the events that happened to him, to
Israel, and to all the kingdoms of the
lands.

2 Chronicles

1 [1] Now Solomon the son of David
was strengthened in his kingdom,
and the LORD his God was with him and
exalted him exceedingly.
[2] And Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the
captains of thousands and of hundreds,
to the judges, and to every leader in all
Israel, the heads of the fathers' houses.
[3] Then Solomon, and all the assembly
with him, went to the high place that
was at Gibeon; for the tabernacle of
meeting with God was there, which
Moses the servant of the LORD had
made in the wilderness.
[4] But David had brought up the ark of
God from Kirjath Jearim to the place
David had prepared for it, for he had
pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem.

5 Now the bronze altar that Bezalel the
son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he
put before the tabernacle of the LORD;
Solomon and the assembly sought Him
there.
6 And Solomon went up there to the
bronze altar before the LORD, which
was at the tabernacle of meeting, and
offered a thousand burnt offerings on it.
7 On that night God appeared to
Solomon, and said to him, "Ask! What
shall I give you?"
8 And Solomon said to God: "You have
shown great mercy to David my father,
and have made me king in his place.
9 "Now, O LORD God, let Your promise
to David my father be established, for
You have made me king over a people
like the dust of the earth in multitude.
10 "Now give me wisdom and
knowledge, that I may go out and come

in before this people; for who can judge
this great people of Yours?"
11 And God said to Solomon: "Because
this was in your heart, and you have
not asked riches or wealth or honor or
the life of your enemies, nor have you
asked long life—but have asked wisdom
and knowledge for yourself, that you
may judge My people over whom I have
made you king—
12 "wisdom and knowledge are granted
to you; and I will give you riches and
wealth and honor, such as none of the
kings have had who were before you,
nor shall any after you have the like."
13 So Solomon came to Jerusalem from
the high place that was at Gibeon, from
before the tabernacle of meeting, and
reigned over Israel.
14 And Solomon gathered chariots and
horsemen; he had one thousand four
hundred chariots and twelve thousand

horsemen, whom he stationed in the chariot cities and with the king in Jerusalem.
15 Also the king made silver and gold as common in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedars as abundant as the sycamores which are in the lowland.
16 And Solomon had horses imported from Egypt and Keveh; the king's merchants bought them in Keveh at the current price.
17 They also acquired and imported from Egypt a chariot for six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse for one hundred and fifty; thus, through their agents, they exported them to all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Syria.

2 1 Then Solomon determined to build a temple for the name of the LORD, and a royal house for himself.

2 Solomon selected seventy thousand
men to bear burdens, eighty thousand
to quarry stone in the mountains, and
three thousand six hundred to oversee
them.
3 Then Solomon sent to Hiram king
of Tyre, saying: As you have dealt with
David my father, and sent him cedars to
build himself a house to dwell in, so deal
with me.
4 Behold, I am building a temple for the
name of the LORD my God, to dedicate
it to Him, to burn before Him sweet
incense, for the continual showbread,
for the burnt offerings morning and
evening, on the Sabbaths, on the New
Moons, and on the set feasts of the
LORD our God. This is an ordinance
forever to Israel.
5 And the temple which I build will be
great, for our God is greater than all
gods.

6 But who is able to build Him a temple,
since heaven and the heaven of heavens
cannot contain Him? Who am I then,
that I should build Him a temple, except
to burn sacrifice before Him?
7 Therefore send me at once a man
skillful to work in gold and silver, in
bronze and iron, in purple and crimson
and blue, who has skill to engrave with
the skillful men who are with me in
Judah and Jerusalem, whom David my
father provided.
8 Also send me cedar and cypress and
algum logs from Lebanon, for I know that
your servants have skill to cut timber in
Lebanon; and indeed my servants will be
with your servants,
9 to prepare timber for me in
abundance, for the temple which I
am about to build shall be great and
wonderful.

10 And indeed I will give to your
servants, the woodsmen who cut timber,
twenty thousand kors of ground wheat,
twenty thousand kors of barley, twenty
thousand baths of wine, and twenty
thousand baths of oil.
11 Then Hiram king of Tyre answered
in writing, which he sent to Solomon:
Because the LORD loves His people, He
has made you king over them.
12 Hiram also said: Blessed be the LORD
God of Israel, who made heaven and
earth, for He has given King David a
wise son, endowed with prudence and
understanding, who will build a temple
for the LORD and a royal house for
himself!
13 And now I have sent a skillful man,
endowed with understanding, Huram
my master craftsman
14 (the son of a woman of the daughters
of Dan, and his father was a man of

Tyre), skilled to work in gold and silver,
bronze and iron, stone and wood, purple
and blue, fine linen and crimson, and to
make any engraving and to accomplish
any plan which may be given to him,
with your skillful men and with the
skillful men of my lord David your father.
15 Now therefore, the wheat, the barley,
the oil, and the wine which my lord has
spoken of, let him send to his servants.
16 And we will cut wood from Lebanon,
as much as you need; we will bring it to
you in rafts by sea to Joppa, and you will
carry it up to Jerusalem.
17 Then Solomon numbered all the
aliens who were in the land of Israel,
after the census in which David his father
had numbered them; and there were
found to be one hundred and fifty–three
thousand six hundred.
18 And he made seventy thousand
of them bearers of burdens, eighty

thousand stonecutters in the mountain,
and three thousand six hundred
overseers to make the people work.

3 [1] Now Solomon began to build the
house of the LORD at Jerusalem on
Mount Moriah, where the LORD had
appeared to his father David, at the
place that David had prepared on the
threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.
[2] And he began to build on the second
day of the second month in the fourth
year of his reign.
[3] This is the foundation which Solomon
laid for building the house of God:
The length was sixty cubits (by cubits
according to the former measure) and
the width twenty cubits.
[4] And the vestibule that was in front of
the sanctuary was twenty cubits long
across the width of the house, and the
height was one hundred and twenty. He
overlaid the inside with pure gold.

5 The larger room he paneled with
cypress which he overlaid with fine gold,
and he carved palm trees and chainwork
on it.
6 And he decorated the house with
precious stones for beauty, and the gold
was gold from Parvaim.
7 He also overlaid the house—the
beams and doorposts, its walls and
doors—with gold; and he carved
cherubim on the walls.
8 And he made the Most Holy Place.
Its length was according to the width of
the house, twenty cubits, and its width
twenty cubits. He overlaid it with six
hundred talents of fine gold.
9 The weight of the nails was fifty
shekels of gold; and he overlaid the
upper area with gold.
10 In the Most Holy Place he made two
cherubim, fashioned by carving, and
overlaid them with gold.

11 The wings of the cherubim were
twenty cubits in overall length: one
wing of the one cherub was five cubits,
touching the wall of the room, and the
other wing was five cubits, touching the
wing of the other cherub;
12 one wing of the other cherub was
five cubits, touching the wall of the
room, and the other wing also was five
cubits, touching the wing of the other
cherub.
13 The wings of these cherubim
spanned twenty cubits overall. They
stood on their feet, and they faced
inward.
14 And he made the veil of blue, purple,
crimson, and fine linen, and wove
cherubim into it.
15 Also he made in front of the temple
two pillars thirty–five cubits high, and
the capital that was on the top of each
of them was five cubits.

16 He made wreaths of chainwork, as
in the inner sanctuary, and put them
on top of the pillars; and he made one
hundred pomegranates, and put them
on the wreaths of chainwork.
17 Then he set up the pillars before the
temple, one on the right hand and the
other on the left; he called the name of
the one on the right hand Jachin, and
the name of the one on the left Boaz.
4 1 Moreover he made a bronze altar:
twenty cubits was its length, twenty
cubits its width, and ten cubits its height.
2 Then he made the Sea of cast bronze,
ten cubits from one brim to the other;
it was completely round. Its height was
five cubits, and a line of thirty cubits
measured its circumference.
3 And under it was the likeness of oxen
encircling it all around, ten to a cubit, all
the way around the Sea. The oxen were
cast in two rows, when it was cast.

4 It stood on twelve oxen: three looking
toward the north, three looking toward
the west, three looking toward the
south, and three looking toward the
east; the Sea was set upon them, and all
their back parts pointed inward.
5 It was a handbreadth thick; and its
brim was shaped like the brim of a cup,
like a lily blossom. It contained three
thousand baths.
6 He also made ten lavers, and put five
on the right side and five on the left,
to wash in them; such things as they
offered for the burnt offering they would
wash in them, but the Sea was for the
priests to wash in.
7 And he made ten lampstands of gold
according to their design, and set them
in the temple, five on the right side and
five on the left.
8 He also made ten tables, and placed
them in the temple, five on the right side

and five on the left. And he made one
hundred bowls of gold.
9 Furthermore he made the court of the
priests, and the great court and doors for
the court; and he overlaid these doors
with bronze.
10 He set the Sea on the right side,
toward the southeast.
11 Then Huram made the pots and
the shovels and the bowls. So Huram
finished doing the work that he was to
do for King Solomon for the house of
God:
12 the two pillars and the bowl–shaped
capitals that were on top of the two
pillars; the two networks covering the
two bowl–shaped capitals which were
on top of the pillars;
13 four hundred pomegranates
for the two networks (two rows of
pomegranates for each network, to

cover the two bowl–shaped capitals that
were on the pillars);
14 he also made carts and the lavers on
the carts;
15 one Sea and twelve oxen under it;
16 also the pots, the shovels, the
forks—and all their articles Huram his
master craftsman made of burnished
bronze for King Solomon for the house
of the LORD.
17 In the plain of Jordan the king
had them cast in clay molds, between
Succoth and Zeredah.
18 And Solomon had all these articles
made in such great abundance that
the weight of the bronze was not
determined.
19 Thus Solomon had all the furnishings
made for the house of God: the altar of
gold and the tables on which was the
showbread;

[20] the lampstands with their lamps of
pure gold, to burn in the prescribed
manner in front of the inner sanctuary,
[21] with the flowers and the lamps and
the wick–trimmers of gold, of purest
gold;
[22] the trimmers, the bowls, the ladles,
and the censers of pure gold. As for the
entry of the sanctuary, its inner doors to
the Most Holy Place, and the doors of
the main hall of the temple, were gold.

5 [1] So all the work that Solomon had
done for the house of the LORD
was finished; and Solomon brought in
the things which his father David had
dedicated: the silver and the gold and all
the furnishings. And he put them in the
treasuries of the house of God.
[2] Now Solomon assembled the elders
of Israel and all the heads of the tribes,
the chief fathers of the children of Israel,
in Jerusalem, that they might bring the

ark of the covenant of the LORD up from
the City of David, which is Zion.
3 Therefore all the men of Israel
assembled with the king at the feast,
which was in the seventh month.
4 So all the elders of Israel came, and
the Levites took up the ark.
5 Then they brought up the ark, the
tabernacle of meeting, and all the holy
furnishings that were in the tabernacle.
The priests and the Levites brought them
up.
6 Also King Solomon, and all the
congregation of Israel who were
assembled with him before the ark, were
sacrificing sheep and oxen that could not
be counted or numbered for multitude.
7 Then the priests brought in the ark of
the covenant of the LORD to its place,
into the inner sanctuary of the temple,
to the Most Holy Place, under the wings
of the cherubim.

8 For the cherubim spread their wings
over the place of the ark, and the
cherubim overshadowed the ark and its
poles.
9 And the poles extended so that the
ends of the poles of the ark could be
seen from the holy place, in front of the
inner sanctuary; but they could not be
seen from outside. And they are there to
this day.
10 Nothing was in the ark except the
two tablets which Moses put there at
Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant
with the children of Israel, when they
had come out of Egypt.
11 And it came to pass when the priests
came out of the Most Holy Place (for
all the priests who were present had
sanctified themselves, without keeping
to their divisions),
12 and the Levites who were the singers,
all those of Asaph and Heman and

Jeduthun, with their sons and their
brethren, stood at the east end of the
altar, clothed in white linen, having
cymbals, stringed instruments and harps,
and with them one hundred and twenty
priests sounding with trumpets—
13 indeed it came to pass, when the
trumpeters and singers were as one, to
make one sound to be heard in praising
and thanking the LORD, and when they
lifted up their voice with the trumpets
and cymbals and instruments of music,
and praised the LORD, saying: "For He
is good, For His mercy endures forever,"
that the house, the house of the LORD,
was filled with a cloud,
14 so that the priests could not continue
ministering because of the cloud; for
the glory of the LORD filled the house of
God.

6 [1] Then Solomon spoke: "The LORD
said He would dwell in the dark
cloud.
[2] I have surely built You an exalted
house, And a place for You to dwell in
forever."
[3] Then the king turned around and
blessed the whole assembly of Israel,
while all the assembly of Israel was
standing.
[4] And he said: "Blessed be the LORD
God of Israel, who has fulfilled with His
hands what He spoke with His mouth to
my father David, saying,
[5] 'Since the day that I brought My
people out of the land of Egypt, I have
chosen no city from any tribe of Israel in
which to build a house, that My name
might be there, nor did I choose any man
to be a ruler over My people Israel.

6 'Yet I have chosen Jerusalem, that My
name may be there; and I have chosen
David to be over My people Israel.'
7 "Now it was in the heart of my father
David to build a temple for the name of
the LORD God of Israel.
8 "But the LORD said to my father David,
'Whereas it was in your heart to build a
temple for My name, you did well in that
it was in your heart.
9 'Nevertheless you shall not build the
temple, but your son who will come from
your body, he shall build the temple for
My name.'
10 "So the LORD has fulfilled His word
which He spoke, and I have filled the
position of my father David, and sit
on the throne of Israel, as the LORD
promised; and I have built the temple
for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

11 "And there I have put the ark, in
which is the covenant of the LORD which
He made with the children of Israel."
12 Then Solomon stood before the altar
of the LORD in the presence of all the
assembly of Israel, and spread out his
hands
13 (for Solomon had made a bronze
platform five cubits long, five cubits
wide, and three cubits high, and had set
it in the midst of the court; and he stood
on it, knelt down on his knees before all
the assembly of Israel, and spread out
his hands toward heaven);
14 and he said: "LORD God of Israel,
there is no God in heaven or on earth like
You, who keep Your covenant and mercy
with Your servants who walk before You
with all their hearts.
15 "You have kept what You promised
Your servant David my father; You have
both spoken with Your mouth and

fulfilled it with Your hand, as it is this
day.
16 "Therefore, LORD God of Israel, now
keep what You promised Your servant
David my father, saying, ‘You shall not
fail to have a man sit before Me on the
throne of Israel, only if your sons take
heed to their way, that they walk in My
law as you have walked before Me.’
17 "And now, O LORD God of Israel, let
Your word come true, which You have
spoken to Your servant David.
18 "But will God indeed dwell with men
on the earth? Behold, heaven and the
heaven of heavens cannot contain You.
How much less this temple which I have
built!
19 "Yet regard the prayer of Your servant
and his supplication, O LORD my God,
and listen to the cry and the prayer
which Your servant is praying before You:

[20] "that Your eyes may be open toward
this temple day and night, toward the
place where You said You would put Your
name, that You may hear the prayer
which Your servant prays toward this
place.
[21] "And may You hear the supplications
of Your servant and of Your people Israel,
when they pray toward this place. Hear
from heaven Your dwelling place, and
when You hear, forgive.
[22] "If anyone sins against his neighbor,
and is forced to take an oath, and comes
and takes an oath before Your altar in
this temple,
[23] "then hear from heaven, and act, and
judge Your servants, bringing retribution
on the wicked by bringing his way
on his own head, and justifying the
righteous by giving him according to his
righteousness.

24 "Or if Your people Israel are defeated
before an enemy because they have
sinned against You, and return and
confess Your name, and pray and make
supplication before You in this temple,
25 "then hear from heaven and forgive
the sin of Your people Israel, and bring
them back to the land which You gave to
them and their fathers.
26 "When the heavens are shut up and
there is no rain because they have sinned
against You, when they pray toward this
place and confess Your name, and turn
from their sin because You afflict them,
27 "then hear in heaven, and forgive the
sin of Your servants, Your people Israel,
that You may teach them the good way
in which they should walk; and send rain
on Your land which You have given to
Your people as an inheritance.
28 "When there is famine in the land,
pestilence or blight or mildew, locusts

or grasshoppers; when their enemies
besiege them in the land of their cities;
whatever plague or whatever sickness
there is;
29 "whatever prayer, whatever
supplication is made by anyone, or by
all Your people Israel, when each one
knows his own burden and his own grief,
and spreads out his hands to this temple:
30 "then hear from heaven Your
dwelling place, and forgive, and give
to everyone according to all his ways,
whose heart You know (for You alone
know the hearts of the sons of men),
31 "that they may fear You, to walk in
Your ways as long as they live in the land
which You gave to our fathers.
32 "Moreover, concerning a foreigner,
who is not of Your people Israel, but who
comes from a far country for the sake of
Your great name and Your mighty hand

and Your outstretched arm, when they
come and pray in this temple;
33 "then hear from heaven Your
dwelling place, and do according to all
for which the foreigner calls to You, that
all peoples of the earth may know Your
name and fear You, as do Your people
Israel, and that they may know that this
temple which I have built is called by
Your name.
34 "When Your people go out to battle
against their enemies, wherever You
send them, and when they pray to You
toward this city which You have chosen
and the temple which I have built for
Your name,
35 "then hear from heaven their prayer
and their supplication, and maintain
their cause.
36 "When they sin against You (for there
is no one who does not sin), and You
become angry with them and deliver

them to the enemy, and they take them
captive to a land far or near;
37 "yet when they come to themselves
in the land where they were carried
captive, and repent, and make
supplication to You in the land of their
captivity, saying, 'We have sinned, we
have done wrong, and have committed
wickedness';
38 "and when they return to You with
all their heart and with all their soul in
the land of their captivity, where they
have been carried captive, and pray
toward their land which You gave to
their fathers, the city which You have
chosen, and toward the temple which I
have built for Your name:
39 "then hear from heaven Your
dwelling place their prayer and their
supplications, and maintain their cause,
and forgive Your people who have sinned
against You.

[40] "Now, my God, I pray, let Your eyes be open and let Your ears be attentive to the prayer made in this place.

[41] "Now therefore, Arise, O LORD God, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength. Let Your priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, And let Your saints rejoice in goodness.

[42] "O LORD God, do not turn away the face of Your Anointed; Remember the mercies of Your servant David."

7 [1] When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.

[2] And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD'S house.

[3] When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they

bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever."

4 Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD.

5 King Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty–two thousand bulls and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.

6 And the priests attended to their services; the Levites also with instruments of the music of the LORD, which King David had made to praise the LORD, saying, "For His mercy endures forever," whenever David offered praise by their ministry. The priests sounded trumpets opposite them, while all Israel stood.

7 Furthermore Solomon consecrated the middle of the court that was in front

of the house of the LORD; for there he
offered burnt offerings and the fat of
the peace offerings, because the bronze
altar which Solomon had made was not
able to receive the burnt offerings, the
grain offerings, and the fat.
8 At that time Solomon kept the feast
seven days, and all Israel with him, a
very great assembly from the entrance
of Hamath to the Brook of Egypt.
9 And on the eighth day they held a
sacred assembly, for they observed the
dedication of the altar seven days, and
the feast seven days.
10 On the twenty–third day of the
seventh month he sent the people away
to their tents, joyful and glad of heart
for the good that the LORD had done for
David, for Solomon, and for His people
Israel.
11 Thus Solomon finished the house
of the LORD and the king’s house; and

Solomon successfully accomplished all
that came into his heart to make in the
house of the LORD and in his own house.
12 Then the LORD appeared to Solomon
by night, and said to him: "I have heard
your prayer, and have chosen this place
for Myself as a house of sacrifice.
13 "When I shut up heaven and there
is no rain, or command the locusts to
devour the land, or send pestilence
among My people,
14 "if My people who are called by
My name will humble themselves, and
pray and seek My face, and turn from
their wicked ways, then I will hear from
heaven, and will forgive their sin and
heal their land.
15 "Now My eyes will be open and My
ears attentive to prayer made in this
place.
16 "For now I have chosen and sanctified
this house, that My name may be there

forever; and My eyes and My heart will
be there perpetually.
17 "As for you, if you walk before Me
as your father David walked, and do
according to all that I have commanded
you, and if you keep My statutes and My
judgments,
18 "then I will establish the throne of
your kingdom, as I covenanted with
David your father, saying, ‘You shall not
fail to have a man as ruler in Israel.’
19 "But if you turn away and forsake My
statutes and My commandments which
I have set before you, and go and serve
other gods, and worship them,
20 "then I will uproot them from My
land which I have given them; and this
house which I have sanctified for My
name I will cast out of My sight, and will
make it a proverb and a byword among
all peoples.

21 "And as for this house, which is
exalted, everyone who passes by it will
be astonished and say, ‘Why has the
LORD done thus to this land and this
house?’
22 "Then they will answer, ‘Because
they forsook the LORD God of their
fathers, who brought them out of the
land of Egypt, and embraced other
gods, and worshiped them and served
them; therefore He has brought all this
calamity on them.’"

8 1 It came to pass at the end of twenty
years, in which Solomon had built
the house of the LORD and his own
house,
2 that the cities which Hiram had given
to Solomon, Solomon built them; and he
settled the children of Israel there.
3 And Solomon went to Hamath Zobah
and seized it.

4 He also built Tadmor in the wilderness,
and all the storage cities which he built
in Hamath.
5 He built Upper Beth Horon and Lower
Beth Horon, fortified cities with walls,
gates, and bars,
6 also Baalath and all the storage cities
that Solomon had, and all the chariot
cities and the cities of the cavalry, and
all that Solomon desired to build in
Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the
land of his dominion.
7 All the people who were left of the
Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites,
and Jebusites, who were not of Israel—
8 that is, their descendants who were
left in the land after them, whom the
children of Israel did not destroy—from
these Solomon raised forced labor, as it
is to this day.
9 But Solomon did not make the
children of Israel servants for his work.

Some were men of war, captains of his
officers, captains of his chariots, and his
cavalry.
10 And others were chiefs of the officials
of King Solomon: two hundred and fifty,
who ruled over the people.
11 Now Solomon brought the daughter
of Pharaoh up from the City of David
to the house he had built for her, for
he said, "My wife shall not dwell in the
house of David king of Israel, because
the places to which the ark of the LORD
has come are holy."
12 Then Solomon offered burnt offerings
to the LORD on the altar of the LORD
which he had built before the vestibule,
13 according to the daily rate, offering
according to the commandment of
Moses, for the Sabbaths, the New
Moons, and the three appointed yearly
feasts—the Feast of Unleavened Bread,

the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of
Tabernacles.
14 And, according to the order of David
his father, he appointed the divisions of
the priests for their service, the Levites
for their duties (to praise and serve
before the priests) as the duty of each
day required, and the gatekeepers by
their divisions at each gate; for so David
the man of God had commanded.
15 They did not depart from the
command of the king to the priests
and Levites concerning any matter or
concerning the treasuries.
16 Now all the work of Solomon was
well–ordered from the day of the
foundation of the house of the LORD
until it was finished. So the house of the
LORD was completed.
17 Then Solomon went to Ezion Geber
and Elath on the seacoast, in the land of
Edom.

18 And Hiram sent him ships by the hand
of his servants, and servants who knew
the sea. They went with the servants
of Solomon to Ophir, and acquired four
hundred and fifty talents of gold from
there, and brought it to King Solomon.

9 1 Now when the queen of Sheba
heard of the fame of Solomon, she
came to Jerusalem to test Solomon
with hard questions, having a very great
retinue, camels that bore spices, gold
in abundance, and precious stones; and
when she came to Solomon, she spoke
with him about all that was in her heart.
2 So Solomon answered all her
questions; there was nothing so difficult
for Solomon that he could not explain it
to her.
3 And when the queen of Sheba had
seen the wisdom of Solomon, the house
that he had built,

4 the food on his table, the seating of
his servants, the service of his waiters
and their apparel, his cupbearers and
their apparel, and his entryway by which
he went up to the house of the LORD,
there was no more spirit in her.
5 Then she said to the king: "It was a
true report which I heard in my own land
about your words and your wisdom.
6 "However I did not believe their words
until I came and saw with my own eyes;
and indeed the half of the greatness
of your wisdom was not told me. You
exceed the fame of which I heard.
7 "Happy are your men and happy
are these your servants, who stand
continually before you and hear your
wisdom!
8 "Blessed be the LORD your God, who
delighted in you, setting you on His
throne to be king for the LORD your
God! Because your God has loved Israel,

to establish them forever, therefore He
made you king over them, to do justice
and righteousness."
9 And she gave the king one hundred
and twenty talents of gold, spices in
great abundance, and precious stones;
there never were any spices such as
those the queen of Sheba gave to King
Solomon.
10 Also, the servants of Hiram and the
servants of Solomon, who brought gold
from Ophir, brought algum wood and
precious stones.
11 And the king made walkways of the
algum wood for the house of the LORD
and for the king’s house, also harps and
stringed instruments for singers; and
there were none such as these seen
before in the land of Judah.
12 Now King Solomon gave to the queen
of Sheba all she desired, whatever she
asked, much more than she had brought

to the king. So she turned and went to
her own country, she and her servants.
13 The weight of gold that came to
Solomon yearly was six hundred and
sixty–six talents of gold,
14 besides what the traveling merchants
and traders brought. And all the kings
of Arabia and governors of the country
brought gold and silver to Solomon.
15 And King Solomon made two
hundred large shields of hammered
gold; six hundred shekels of hammered
gold went into each shield.
16 He also made three hundred shields
of hammered gold; three hundred
shekels of gold went into each shield.
The king put them in the House of the
Forest of Lebanon.
17 Moreover the king made a great
throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure
gold.

18 The throne had six steps, with a
footstool of gold, which were fastened
to the throne; there were armrests on
either side of the place of the seat, and
two lions stood beside the armrests.
19 Twelve lions stood there, one on each
side of the six steps; nothing like this had
been made for any other kingdom.
20 All King Solomon’s drinking vessels
were gold, and all the vessels of the
House of the Forest of Lebanon were
pure gold. Not one was silver, for this
was accounted as nothing in the days of
Solomon.
21 For the king’s ships went to Tarshish
with the servants of Hiram. Once every
three years the merchant ships came,
bringing gold, silver, ivory, apes, and
monkeys.
22 So King Solomon surpassed all the
kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

23 And all the kings of the earth sought
the presence of Solomon to hear his
wisdom, which God had put in his heart.
24 Each man brought his present:
articles of silver and gold, garments,
armor, spices, horses, and mules, at a set
rate year by year.
25 Solomon had four thousand stalls
for horses and chariots, and twelve
thousand horsemen whom he stationed
in the chariot cities and with the king at
Jerusalem.
26 So he reigned over all the kings from
the River to the land of the Philistines, as
far as the border of Egypt.
27 The king made silver as common in
Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedar
trees as abundant as the sycamores
which are in the lowland.
28 And they brought horses to Solomon
from Egypt and from all lands.

29 Now the rest of the acts of Solomon,
first and last, are they not written in
the book of Nathan the prophet, in the
prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in
the visions of Iddo the seer concerning
Jeroboam the son of Nebat?
30 Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over
all Israel forty years.
31 Then Solomon rested with his
fathers, and was buried in the City of
David his father. And Rehoboam his son
reigned in his place.

10 1 And Rehoboam went to
Shechem, for all Israel had gone
to Shechem to make him king.
2 So it happened, when Jeroboam the
son of Nebat heard it (he was in Egypt,
where he had fled from the presence of
King Solomon), that Jeroboam returned
from Egypt.

3 Then they sent for him and called him.
And Jeroboam and all Israel came and
spoke to Rehoboam, saying,
4 "Your father made our yoke heavy;
now therefore, lighten the burdensome
service of your father and his heavy yoke
which he put on us, and we will serve
you."
5 So he said to them, "Come back to
me after three days." And the people
departed.
6 Then King Rehoboam consulted the
elders who stood before his father
Solomon while he still lived, saying,
"How do you advise me to answer these
people?"
7 And they spoke to him, saying, "If you
are kind to these people, and please
them, and speak good words to them,
they will be your servants forever."
8 But he rejected the advice which the
elders had given him, and consulted the

young men who had grown up with him,
who stood before him.
9 And he said to them, "What advice do
you give? How should we answer this
people who have spoken to me, saying,
‘Lighten the yoke which your father put
on us’?"
10 Then the young men who had grown
up with him spoke to him, saying, "Thus
you should speak to the people who
have spoken to you, saying, ‘Your father
made our yoke heavy, but you make it
lighter on us’ —thus you shall say to
them: ‘My little finger shall be thicker
than my father’s waist!
11 ‘And now, whereas my father put a
heavy yoke on you, I will add to your
yoke; my father chastised you with
whips, but I will chastise you with
scourges!’"
12 So Jeroboam and all the people came
to Rehoboam on the third day, as the

king had directed, saying, "Come back to
me the third day."
13 Then the king answered them
roughly. King Rehoboam rejected the
advice of the elders,
14 and he spoke to them according to
the advice of the young men, saying,
"My father made your yoke heavy, but
I will add to it; my father chastised you
with whips, but I will chastise you with
scourges!"
15 So the king did not listen to the
people; for the turn of events was from
God, that the LORD might fulfill His
word, which He had spoken by the hand
of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the
son of Nebat.
16 Now when all Israel saw that the
king did not listen to them, the people
answered the king, saying: "What
share have we in David? We have no
inheritance in the son of Jesse. Every

man to your tents, O Israel! Now see to
your own house, O David!" So all Israel
departed to their tents.
17 But Rehoboam reigned over the
children of Israel who dwelt in the cities
of Judah.
18 Then King Rehoboam sent Hadoram,
who was in charge of revenue; but the
children of Israel stoned him with stones,
and he died. Therefore King Rehoboam
mounted his chariot in haste to flee to
Jerusalem.
19 So Israel has been in rebellion against
the house of David to this day.
11 1 Now when Rehoboam came to
Jerusalem, he assembled from
the house of Judah and Benjamin one
hundred and eighty thousand chosen
men who were warriors, to fight against
Israel, that he might restore the kingdom
to Rehoboam.

2 But the word of the LORD came to
Shemaiah the man of God, saying,
3 "Speak to Rehoboam the son of
Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel
in Judah and Benjamin, saying,
4 ‘Thus says the LORD: "You shall not
go up or fight against your brethren!
Let every man return to his house, for
this thing is from Me."’" Therefore they
obeyed the words of the LORD, and
turned back from attacking Jeroboam.
5 So Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and
built cities for defense in Judah.
6 And he built Bethlehem, Etam, Tekoa,
7 Beth Zur, Sochoh, Adullam,
8 Gath, Mareshah, Ziph,
9 Adoraim, Lachish, Azekah,
10 Zorah, Aijalon, and Hebron, which
are in Judah and Benjamin, fortified
cities.

11 And he fortified the strongholds, and
put captains in them, and stores of food,
oil, and wine.
12 Also in every city he put shields and
spears, and made them very strong,
having Judah and Benjamin on his side.
13 And from all their territories the
priests and the Levites who were in all
Israel took their stand with him.
14 For the Levites left their common–
lands and their possessions and came to
Judah and Jerusalem, for Jeroboam and
his sons had rejected them from serving
as priests to the LORD.
15 Then he appointed for himself priests
for the high places, for the demons, and
the calf idols which he had made.
16 And after the Levites left, those from
all the tribes of Israel, such as set their
heart to seek the LORD God of Israel,
came to Jerusalem to sacrifice to the
LORD God of their fathers.

17 So they strengthened the kingdom of
Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of
Solomon strong for three years, because
they walked in the way of David and
Solomon for three years.
18 Then Rehoboam took for himself as
wife Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth
the son of David, and of Abihail the
daughter of Eliah the son of Jesse.
19 And she bore him children: Jeush,
Shamariah, and Zaham.
20 After her he took Maacah the
granddaughter of Absalom; and she bore
him Abijah, Attai, Ziza, and Shelomith.
21 Now Rehoboam loved Maachah the
granddaughter of Absalom more than all
his wives and his concubines; for he took
eighteen wives and sixty concubines,
and begot twenty–eight sons and sixty
daughters.
22 And Rehoboam appointed Abijah the
son of Maachah as chief, to be leader

among his brothers; for he intended to
make him king.
23 He dealt wisely, and dispersed some
of his sons throughout all the territories
of Judah and Benjamin, to every fortified
city; and he gave them provisions in
abundance. He also sought many wives
for them.
12 1 Now it came to pass, when
Rehoboam had established the
kingdom and had strengthened himself,
that he forsook the law of the LORD, and
all Israel along with him.
2 And it happened in the fifth year
of King Rehoboam, that Shishak king
of Egypt came up against Jerusalem,
because they had transgressed against
the LORD,
3 with twelve hundred chariots, sixty
thousand horsemen, and people without
number who came with him out of

Egypt—the Lubim and the Sukkiim and
the Ethiopians.
4 And he took the fortified cities of
Judah and came to Jerusalem.
5 Then Shemaiah the prophet came
to Rehoboam and the leaders of
Judah, who were gathered together in
Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said
to them, "Thus says the LORD: 'You have
forsaken Me, and therefore I also have
left you in the hand of Shishak.'"
6 So the leaders of Israel and the king
humbled themselves; and they said,
"The LORD is righteous."
7 Now when the LORD saw that they
humbled themselves, the word of the
LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, "They
have humbled themselves; therefore I
will not destroy them, but I will grant
them some deliverance. My wrath shall
not be poured out on Jerusalem by the
hand of Shishak.

8 "Nevertheless they will be his
servants, that they may distinguish My
service from the service of the kingdoms
of the nations."
9 So Shishak king of Egypt came up
against Jerusalem, and took away the
treasures of the house of the LORD and
the treasures of the king’s house; he
took everything. He also carried away
the gold shields which Solomon had
made.
10 Then King Rehoboam made bronze
shields in their place, and committed
them to the hands of the captains of the
guard, who guarded the doorway of the
king’s house.
11 And whenever the king entered the
house of the LORD, the guard would go
and bring them out; then they would
take them back into the guardroom.
12 When he humbled himself, the wrath
of the LORD turned from him, so as not

to destroy him completely; and things
also went well in Judah.
13 Thus Rehoboam strengthened
himself in Jerusalem and reigned. Now
Rehoboam was forty–one years old
when he became king; and he reigned
seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city
which the LORD had chosen out of all
the tribes of Israel, to put His name
there. His mother's name was Naamah,
an Ammonitess.
14 And he did evil, because he did not
prepare his heart to seek the LORD.
15 The acts of Rehoboam, first and
last, are they not written in the book
of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo
the seer concerning genealogies? And
there were wars between Rehoboam
and Jeroboam all their days.
16 So Rehoboam rested with his fathers,
and was buried in the City of David. Then
Abijah his son reigned in his place.

13 1 In the eighteenth year of King
Jeroboam, Abijah became king
over Judah.
2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem.
His mother’s name was Michaiah the
daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there
was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.
3 Abijah set the battle in order with an
army of valiant warriors, four hundred
thousand choice men. Jeroboam also
drew up in battle formation against him
with eight hundred thousand choice
men, mighty men of valor.
4 Then Abijah stood on Mount
Zemaraim, which is in the mountains of
Ephraim, and said, "Hear me, Jeroboam
and all Israel:
5 "Should you not know that the LORD
God of Israel gave the dominion over
Israel to David forever, to him and his
sons, by a covenant of salt?

6 "Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the
servant of Solomon the son of David,
rose up and rebelled against his lord.
7 "Then worthless rogues gathered
to him, and strengthened themselves
against Rehoboam the son of Solomon,
when Rehoboam was young and
inexperienced and could not withstand
them.
8 "And now you think to withstand the
kingdom of the LORD, which is in the
hand of the sons of David; and you are
a great multitude, and with you are the
gold calves which Jeroboam made for
you as gods.
9 "Have you not cast out the priests of
the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the
Levites, and made for yourselves priests,
like the peoples of other lands, so that
whoever comes to consecrate himself
with a young bull and seven rams may
be a priest of things that are not gods?

10 "But as for us, the LORD is our God,
and we have not forsaken Him; and the
priests who minister to the LORD are the
sons of Aaron, and the Levites attend to
their duties.
11 "And they burn to the LORD every
morning and every evening burnt
sacrifices and sweet incense; they also
set the showbread in order on the pure
gold table, and the lampstand of gold
with its lamps to burn every evening; for
we keep the command of the LORD our
God, but you have forsaken Him.
12 "Now look, God Himself is with us as
our head, and His priests with sounding
trumpets to sound the alarm against
you. O children of Israel, do not fight
against the LORD God of your fathers,
for you shall not prosper!"
13 But Jeroboam caused an ambush to
go around behind them; so they were

in front of Judah, and the ambush was
behind them.
14 And when Judah looked around, to
their surprise the battle line was at both
front and rear; and they cried out to
the LORD, and the priests sounded the
trumpets.
15 Then the men of Judah gave a shout;
and as the men of Judah shouted, it
happened that God struck Jeroboam and
all Israel before Abijah and Judah.
16 And the children of Israel fled before
Judah, and God delivered them into
their hand.
17 Then Abijah and his people struck
them with a great slaughter; so five
hundred thousand choice men of Israel
fell slain.
18 Thus the children of Israel were
subdued at that time; and the children
of Judah prevailed, because they relied
on the LORD God of their fathers.

19 And Abijah pursued Jeroboam and
took cities from him: Bethel with its
villages, Jeshanah with its villages, and
Ephrain with its villages.
20 So Jeroboam did not recover strength
again in the days of Abijah; and the LORD
struck him, and he died.
21 But Abijah grew mighty, married
fourteen wives, and begot twenty–two
sons and sixteen daughters.
22 Now the rest of the acts of Abijah, his
ways, and his sayings are written in the
annals of the prophet Iddo.

14 1 So Abijah rested with his fathers,
and they buried him in the City
of David. Then Asa his son reigned in his
place. In his days the land was quiet for
ten years.
2 Asa did what was good and right in
the eyes of the LORD his God,
3 for he removed the altars of the
foreign gods and the high places, and

broke down the sacred pillars and cut
down the wooden images.
4 He commanded Judah to seek the
LORD God of their fathers, and to
observe the law and the commandment.
5 He also removed the high places and
the incense altars from all the cities of
Judah, and the kingdom was quiet under
him.
6 And he built fortified cities in Judah,
for the land had rest; he had no war in
those years, because the LORD had given
him rest.
7 Therefore he said to Judah, "Let us
build these cities and make walls around
them, and towers, gates, and bars, while
the land is yet before us, because we
have sought the LORD our God; we have
sought Him, and He has given us rest on
every side." So they built and prospered.
8 And Asa had an army of three hundred
thousand from Judah who carried shields

and spears, and from Benjamin two
hundred and eighty thousand men who
carried shields and drew bows; all these
were mighty men of valor.
9 Then Zerah the Ethiopian came out
against them with an army of a million
men and three hundred chariots, and he
came to Mareshah.
10 So Asa went out against him, and
they set the troops in battle array in the
Valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.
11 And Asa cried out to the LORD his
God, and said, "LORD, it is nothing for
You to help, whether with many or with
those who have no power; help us, O
LORD our God, for we rest on You, and in
Your name we go against this multitude.
O LORD, You are our God; do not let man
prevail against You!"
12 So the LORD struck the Ethiopians
before Asa and Judah, and the Ethiopians
fled.

13 And Asa and the people who were
with him pursued them to Gerar. So the
Ethiopians were overthrown, and they
could not recover, for they were broken
before the LORD and His army. And they
carried away very much spoil.
14 Then they defeated all the cities
around Gerar, for the fear of the LORD
came upon them; and they plundered
all the cities, for there was exceedingly
much spoil in them.
15 They also attacked the livestock
enclosures, and carried off sheep and
camels in abundance, and returned to
Jerusalem.

15 1 Now the Spirit of God came
upon Azariah the son of Oded.
2 And he went out to meet Asa, and said
to him: "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and
Benjamin. The LORD is with you while
you are with Him. If you seek Him, He

will be found by you; but if you forsake
Him, He will forsake you.
3 "For a long time Israel has been
without the true God, without a
teaching priest, and without law;
4 "but when in their trouble they turned
to the LORD God of Israel, and sought
Him, He was found by them.
5 "And in those times there was no
peace to the one who went out, nor to
the one who came in, but great turmoil
was on all the inhabitants of the lands.
6 "So nation was destroyed by nation,
and city by city, for God troubled them
with every adversity.
7 "But you, be strong and do not let
your hands be weak, for your work shall
be rewarded!"
8 And when Asa heard these words
and the prophecy of Oded the prophet,
he took courage, and removed the
abominable idols from all the land of

Judah and Benjamin and from the cities
which he had taken in the mountains of
Ephraim; and he restored the altar of the
LORD that was before the vestibule of
the LORD.
9 Then he gathered all Judah and
Benjamin, and those who dwelt with
them from Ephraim, Manasseh, and
Simeon, for they came over to him in
great numbers from Israel when they
saw that the LORD his God was with him.
10 So they gathered together at
Jerusalem in the third month, in the
fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.
11 And they offered to the LORD at that
time seven hundred bulls and seven
thousand sheep from the spoil they had
brought.
12 Then they entered into a covenant to
seek the LORD God of their fathers with
all their heart and with all their soul;

13 and whoever would not seek the
LORD God of Israel was to be put to
death, whether small or great, whether
man or woman.
14 Then they took an oath before the
LORD with a loud voice, with shouting
and trumpets and rams' horns.
15 And all Judah rejoiced at the oath, for
they had sworn with all their heart and
sought Him with all their soul; and He
was found by them, and the LORD gave
them rest all around.
16 Also he removed Maachah, the
mother of Asa the king, from being
queen mother, because she had made an
obscene image of Asherah; and Asa cut
down her obscene image, then crushed
and burned it by the Brook Kidron.
17 But the high places were not
removed from Israel. Nevertheless the
heart of Asa was loyal all his days.

18 He also brought into the house
of God the things that his father had
dedicated and that he himself had
dedicated: silver and gold and utensils.
19 And there was no war until the
thirty–fifth year of the reign of Asa.

16 1 In the thirty–sixth year of the
reign of Asa, Baasha king of Israel
came up against Judah and built Ramah,
that he might let none go out or come in
to Asa king of Judah.
2 Then Asa brought silver and gold from
the treasuries of the house of the LORD
and of the king's house, and sent to
Ben–Hadad king of Syria, who dwelt in
Damascus, saying,
3 "Let there be a treaty between you
and me, as there was between my father
and your father. Here, I have sent you
silver and gold; come, break your treaty
with Baasha king of Israel, so that he will
withdraw from me."

4 So Ben–Hadad heeded King Asa, and
sent the captains of his armies against
the cities of Israel. They attacked Ijon,
Dan, Abel Maim, and all the storage
cities of Naphtali.
5 Now it happened, when Baasha heard
it, that he stopped building Ramah and
ceased his work.
6 Then King Asa took all Judah, and
they carried away the stones and timber
of Ramah, which Baasha had used for
building; and with them he built Geba
and Mizpah.
7 And at that time Hanani the seer came
to Asa king of Judah, and said to him:
"Because you have relied on the king of
Syria, and have not relied on the LORD
your God, therefore the army of the king
of Syria has escaped from your hand.
8 "Were the Ethiopians and the Lubim
not a huge army with very many chariots
and horsemen? Yet, because you relied

on the LORD, He delivered them into
your hand.
9 "For the eyes of the LORD run to and
fro throughout the whole earth, to show
Himself strong on behalf of those whose
heart is loyal to Him. In this you have
done foolishly; therefore from now on
you shall have wars."
10 Then Asa was angry with the seer,
and put him in prison, for he was
enraged at him because of this. And Asa
oppressed some of the people at that
time.
11 Note that the acts of Asa, first and
last, are indeed written in the book of
the kings of Judah and Israel.
12 And in the thirty–ninth year of his
reign, Asa became diseased in his feet,
and his malady was severe; yet in his
disease he did not seek the LORD, but
the physicians.

13 So Asa rested with his fathers; he
died in the forty–first year of his reign.
14 They buried him in his own tomb,
which he had made for himself in the
City of David; and they laid him in
the bed which was filled with spices
and various ingredients prepared in a
mixture of ointments. They made a very
great burning for him.
17 1 Then Jehoshaphat his son
reigned in his place, and
strengthened himself against Israel.
2 And he placed troops in all the
fortified cities of Judah, and set garrisons
in the land of Judah and in the cities of
Ephraim which Asa his father had taken.
3 Now the LORD was with Jehoshaphat,
because he walked in the former ways
of his father David; he did not seek the
Baals,

4 but sought the God of his father, and
walked in His commandments and not
according to the acts of Israel.
5 Therefore the LORD established the
kingdom in his hand; and all Judah gave
presents to Jehoshaphat, and he had
riches and honor in abundance.
6 And his heart took delight in the ways
of the LORD; moreover he removed the
high places and wooden images from
Judah.
7 Also in the third year of his reign he
sent his leaders, Ben–Hail, Obadiah,
Zechariah, Nethanel, and Michaiah, to
teach in the cities of Judah.
8 And with them he sent Levites:
Shemaiah, Nethaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel,
Shemiramoth, Jehonathan, Adonijah,
Tobijah, and Tobadonijah—the Levites;
and with them Elishama and Jehoram,
the priests.

9 So they taught in Judah, and had the
Book of the Law of the LORD with them;
they went throughout all the cities of
Judah and taught the people.
10 And the fear of the LORD fell on all
the kingdoms of the lands that were
around Judah, so that they did not make
war against Jehoshaphat.
11 Also some of the Philistines brought
Jehoshaphat presents and silver as
tribute; and the Arabians brought him
flocks, seven thousand seven hundred
rams and seven thousand seven hundred
male goats.
12 So Jehoshaphat became increasingly
powerful, and he built fortresses and
storage cities in Judah.
13 He had much property in the cities of
Judah; and the men of war, mighty men
of valor, were in Jerusalem.
14 These are their numbers, according
to their fathers' houses. Of Judah,

the captains of thousands: Adnah the
captain, and with him three hundred
thousand mighty men of valor;
15 and next to him was Jehohanan the
captain, and with him two hundred and
eighty thousand;
16 and next to him was Amasiah the son
of Zichri, who willingly offered himself
to the LORD, and with him two hundred
thousand mighty men of valor.
17 Of Benjamin: Eliada a mighty man
of valor, and with him two hundred
thousand men armed with bow and
shield;
18 and next to him was Jehozabad,
and with him one hundred and eighty
thousand prepared for war.
19 These served the king, besides
those the king put in the fortified cities
throughout all Judah.

18 1 Jehoshaphat had riches and
honor in abundance; and by
marriage he allied himself with Ahab.
2 After some years he went down to
visit Ahab in Samaria; and Ahab killed
sheep and oxen in abundance for him
and the people who were with him, and
persuaded him to go up with him to
Ramoth Gilead.
3 So Ahab king of Israel said to
Jehoshaphat king of Judah, "Will you go
with me against Ramoth Gilead?" And
he answered him, "I am as you are, and
my people as your people; we will be
with you in the war."
4 And Jehoshaphat said to the king of
Israel, "Please inquire for the word of
the LORD today."
5 Then the king of Israel gathered
the prophets together, four hundred
men, and said to them, "Shall we go to
war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I

refrain?" And they said, "Go up, for God
will deliver it into the king’s hand."
6 But Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not
still a prophet of the LORD here, that we
may inquire of Him?"
7 So the king of Israel said to
Jehoshaphat, "There is still one man by
whom we may inquire of the LORD; but I
hate him, because he never prophesies
good concerning me, but always evil.
He is Micaiah the son of Imla." And
Jehoshaphat said, "Let not the king say
such things!"
8 Then the king of Israel called one of
his officers and said, "Bring Micaiah the
son of Imla quickly!"
9 The king of Israel and Jehoshaphat
king of Judah, clothed in their robes,
sat each on his throne; and they sat at
a threshing floor at the entrance of the
gate of Samaria; and all the prophets
prophesied before them.

10 Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah
had made horns of iron for himself; and
he said, "Thus says the LORD: ‘With
these you shall gore the Syrians until
they are destroyed.’"
11 And all the prophets prophesied so,
saying, "Go up to Ramoth Gilead and
prosper, for the LORD will deliver it into
the king’s hand."
12 Then the messenger who had gone
to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying,
"Now listen, the words of the prophets
with one accord encourage the king.
Therefore please let your word be like
the word of one of them, and speak
encouragement."
13 And Micaiah said, "As the LORD lives,
whatever my God says, that I will speak."
14 Then he came to the king; and the
king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go
to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I
refrain?" And he said, "Go and prosper,

and they shall be delivered into your
hand!"
15 So the king said to him, "How many
times shall I make you swear that you tell
me nothing but the truth in the name of
the LORD?"
16 Then he said, "I saw all Israel
scattered on the mountains, as sheep
that have no shepherd. And the LORD
said, ‘These have no master. Let each
return to his house in peace.’"
17 And the king of Israel said to
Jehoshaphat, "Did I not tell you he would
not prophesy good concerning me, but
evil?"
18 Then Micaiah said, "Therefore hear
the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD
sitting on His throne, and all the host of
heaven standing on His right hand and
His left.
19 "And the LORD said, ‘Who will
persuade Ahab king of Israel to go up,

that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?' So
one spoke in this manner, and another
spoke in that manner.
20 "Then a spirit came forward and
stood before the LORD, and said, 'I will
persuade him.' The LORD said to him, 'In
what way?'
21 "So he said, 'I will go out and be
a lying spirit in the mouth of all his
prophets.' And the LORD said, 'You shall
persuade him and also prevail; go out
and do so.'
22 "Therefore look! The LORD has put
a lying spirit in the mouth of these
prophets of yours, and the LORD has
declared disaster against you."
23 Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah
went near and struck Micaiah on the
cheek, and said, "Which way did the
spirit from the LORD go from me to
speak to you?"

24 And Micaiah said, "Indeed you shall
see on that day when you go into an
inner chamber to hide!"
25 Then the king of Israel said, "Take
Micaiah, and return him to Amon the
governor of the city and to Joash the
king’s son;
26 "and say, ‘Thus says the king: "Put
this fellow in prison, and feed him with
bread of affliction and water of affliction
until I return in peace."’"
27 Then Micaiah said, "If you ever return
in peace, the LORD has not spoken by
me." And he said, "Take heed, all you
people!"
28 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat
the king of Judah went up to Ramoth
Gilead.
29 And the king of Israel said to
Jehoshaphat, "I will disguise myself
and go into battle; but you put on your

robes." So the king of Israel disguised
himself, and they went into battle.
30 Now the king of Syria had
commanded the captains of the
chariots who were with him, saying,
"Fight with no one small or great, but
only with the king of Israel."
31 So it was, when the captains of the
chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they
said, "It is the king of Israel!" Therefore
they surrounded him to attack; but
Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD
helped him, and God diverted them
from him.
32 For so it was, when the captains of
the chariots saw that it was not the king
of Israel, that they turned back from
pursuing him.
33 Now a certain man drew a bow at
random, and struck the king of Israel
between the joints of his armor. So he
said to the driver of his chariot, "Turn

around and take me out of the battle, for
I am wounded."
34 The battle increased that day, and the
king of Israel propped himself up in his
chariot facing the Syrians until evening;
and about the time of sunset he died.

19 1 Then Jehoshaphat the king
of Judah returned safely to his
house in Jerusalem.
2 And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer
went out to meet him, and said to King
Jehoshaphat, "Should you help the
wicked and love those who hate the
LORD? Therefore the wrath of the LORD
is upon you.
3 "Nevertheless good things are found
in you, in that you have removed the
wooden images from the land, and have
prepared your heart to seek God."
4 So Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem;
and he went out again among the people
from Beersheba to the mountains of

Ephraim, and brought them back to the
LORD God of their fathers.
5 Then he set judges in the land
throughout all the fortified cities of
Judah, city by city,
6 and said to the judges, "Take heed to
what you are doing, for you do not judge
for man but for the LORD, who is with
you in the judgment.
7 "Now therefore, let the fear of the
LORD be upon you; take care and do it,
for there is no iniquity with the LORD our
God, no partiality, nor taking of bribes."
8 Moreover in Jerusalem, for the
judgment of the LORD and for
controversies, Jehoshaphat appointed
some of the Levites and priests, and
some of the chief fathers of Israel, when
they returned to Jerusalem.
9 And he commanded them, saying,
"Thus you shall act in the fear of the
LORD, faithfully and with a loyal heart:

10 "Whatever case comes to you from
your brethren who dwell in their cities,
whether of bloodshed or offenses
against law or commandment, against
statutes or ordinances, you shall warn
them, lest they trespass against the
LORD and wrath come upon you and
your brethren. Do this, and you will not
be guilty.
11 "And take notice: Amariah the chief
priest is over you in all matters of the
LORD; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael,
the ruler of the house of Judah, for
all the king's matters; also the Levites
will be officials before you. Behave
courageously, and the LORD will be with
the good."

20 1 It happened after this that
the people of Moab with the
people of Ammon, and others with them
besides the Ammonites, came to battle
against Jehoshaphat.

2 Then some came and told
Jehoshaphat, saying, "A great multitude
is coming against you from beyond the
sea, from Syria; and they are in Hazazon
Tamar" (which is En Gedi).
3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and
set himself to seek the LORD, and
proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.
4 So Judah gathered together to ask
help from the LORD; and from all the
cities of Judah they came to seek the
LORD.
5 Then Jehoshaphat stood in the
assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in
the house of the LORD, before the new
court,
6 and said: "O LORD God of our fathers,
are You not God in heaven, and do You
not rule over all the kingdoms of the
nations, and in Your hand is there not
power and might, so that no one is able
to withstand You?

7 "Are You not our God, who drove
out the inhabitants of this land before
Your people Israel, and gave it to the
descendants of Abraham Your friend
forever?
8 "And they dwell in it, and have built
You a sanctuary in it for Your name,
saying,
9 'If disaster comes upon us—sword,
judgment, pestilence, or famine—we
will stand before this temple and in
Your presence (for Your name is in
this temple), and cry out to You in our
affliction, and You will hear and save.'
10 "And now, here are the people of
Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir—whom
You would not let Israel invade when
they came out of the land of Egypt,
but they turned from them and did not
destroy them—
11 "here they are, rewarding us
by coming to throw us out of Your

possession which You have given us to
inherit.
12 "O our God, will You not judge them?
For we have no power against this great
multitude that is coming against us; nor
do we know what to do, but our eyes are
upon You."
13 Now all Judah, with their little ones,
their wives, and their children, stood
before the LORD.
14 Then the Spirit of the LORD came
upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the
son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son
of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of
Asaph, in the midst of the assembly.
15 And he said, "Listen, all you of
Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem,
and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says
the LORD to you: ‘Do not be afraid
nor dismayed because of this great
multitude, for the battle is not yours, but
God’s.

16 ‘Tomorrow go down against them.
They will surely come up by the Ascent
of Ziz, and you will find them at the end
of the brook before the Wilderness of
Jeruel.
17 ‘You will not need to fight in this
battle. Position yourselves, stand still
and see the salvation of the LORD, who
is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!’ Do
not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go
out against them, for the LORD is with
you."
18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head
with his face to the ground, and all Judah
and the inhabitants of Jerusalem bowed
before the LORD, worshiping the LORD.
19 Then the Levites of the children of
the Kohathites and of the children of the
Korahites stood up to praise the LORD
God of Israel with voices loud and high.
20 So they rose early in the morning and
went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa;

and as they went out, Jehoshaphat
stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and
you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe
in the LORD your God, and you shall be
established; believe His prophets, and
you shall prosper."
21 And when he had consulted with the
people, he appointed those who should
sing to the LORD, and who should praise
the beauty of holiness, as they went
out before the army and were saying:
"Praise the LORD, For His mercy endures
forever."
22 Now when they began to sing and
to praise, the LORD set ambushes
against the people of Ammon, Moab,
and Mount Seir, who had come against
Judah; and they were defeated.
23 For the people of Ammon and Moab
stood up against the inhabitants of
Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy
them. And when they had made an end

of the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to
destroy one another.
24 So when Judah came to a place
overlooking the wilderness, they looked
toward the multitude; and there were
their dead bodies, fallen on the earth.
No one had escaped.
25 When Jehoshaphat and his people
came to take away their spoil, they
found among them an abundance of
valuables on the dead bodies, and
precious jewelry, which they stripped off
for themselves, more than they could
carry away; and they were three days
gathering the spoil because there was so
much.
26 And on the fourth day they
assembled in the Valley of Berachah, for
there they blessed the LORD; therefore
the name of that place was called The
Valley of Berachah until this day.

27 Then they returned, every man of
Judah and Jerusalem, with Jehoshaphat
in front of them, to go back to Jerusalem
with joy, for the LORD had made them
rejoice over their enemies.
28 So they came to Jerusalem, with
stringed instruments and harps and
trumpets, to the house of the LORD.
29 And the fear of God was on all the
kingdoms of those countries when they
heard that the LORD had fought against
the enemies of Israel.
30 Then the realm of Jehoshaphat was
quiet, for his God gave him rest all
around.
31 So Jehoshaphat was king over Judah.
He was thirty–five years old when he
became king, and he reigned twenty–five
years in Jerusalem. His mother's name
was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.
32 And he walked in the way of his
father Asa, and did not turn aside from

it, doing what was right in the sight of
the LORD.
33 Nevertheless the high places were
not taken away, for as yet the people
had not directed their hearts to the God
of their fathers.
34 Now the rest of the acts of
Jehoshaphat, first and last, indeed they
are written in the book of Jehu the son
of Hanani, which is mentioned in the
book of the kings of Israel.
35 After this Jehoshaphat king of Judah
allied himself with Ahaziah king of Israel,
who acted very wickedly.
36 And he allied himself with him to
make ships to go to Tarshish, and they
made the ships in Ezion Geber.
37 But Eliezer the son of Dodavah
of Mareshah prophesied against
Jehoshaphat, saying, "Because you have
allied yourself with Ahaziah, the LORD
has destroyed your works." Then the

ships were wrecked, so that they were
not able to go to Tarshish.

21

1 And Jehoshaphat rested with
his fathers, and was buried with
his fathers in the City of David. Then
Jehoram his son reigned in his place.
2 He had brothers, the sons of
Jehoshaphat: Azariah, Jehiel, Zechariah,
Azaryahu, Michael, and Shephatiah; all
these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king
of Israel.
3 Their father gave them great gifts of
silver and gold and precious things, with
fortified cities in Judah; but he gave the
kingdom to Jehoram, because he was
the firstborn.
4 Now when Jehoram was established
over the kingdom of his father, he
strengthened himself and killed all his
brothers with the sword, and also others
of the princes of Israel.

5 Jehoram was thirty–two years old
when he became king, and he reigned
eight years in Jerusalem.
6 And he walked in the way of the kings
of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had
done, for he had the daughter of Ahab
as a wife; and he did evil in the sight of
the LORD.
7 Yet the LORD would not destroy the
house of David, because of the covenant
that He had made with David, and since
He had promised to give a lamp to him
and to his sons forever.
8 In his days the Edomites revolted
against Judah's authority, and made a
king over themselves.
9 So Jehoram went out with his officers,
and all his chariots with him. And he rose
by night and attacked the Edomites who
had surrounded him and the captains of
the chariots.

10 Thus Edom has been in revolt against
Judah's authority to this day. At that time
Libnah revolted against his rule, because
he had forsaken the LORD God of his
fathers.
11 Moreover he made high places in
the mountains of Judah, and caused
the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit
harlotry, and led Judah astray.
12 And a letter came to him from Elijah
the prophet, saying, Thus says the LORD
God of your father David: Because
you have not walked in the ways of
Jehoshaphat your father, or in the ways
of Asa king of Judah,
13 but have walked in the way of the
kings of Israel, and have made Judah and
the inhabitants of Jerusalem to play the
harlot like the harlotry of the house of
Ahab, and also have killed your brothers,
those of your father's household, who
were better than yourself,

14 behold, the LORD will strike your
people with a serious affliction—your
children, your wives, and all your
possessions;
15 and you will become very sick with
a disease of your intestines, until your
intestines come out by reason of the
sickness, day by day.
16 Moreover the LORD stirred up against
Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines
and the Arabians who were near the
Ethiopians.
17 And they came up into Judah and
invaded it, and carried away all the
possessions that were found in the king's
house, and also his sons and his wives,
so that there was not a son left to him
except Jehoahaz, the youngest of his
sons.
18 After all this the LORD struck him in
his intestines with an incurable disease.

19 Then it happened in the course of
time, after the end of two years, that
his intestines came out because of his
sickness; so he died in severe pain. And
his people made no burning for him, like
the burning for his fathers.
20 He was thirty–two years old when he
became king. He reigned in Jerusalem
eight years and, to no one's sorrow,
departed. However they buried him in
the City of David, but not in the tombs of
the kings.

22 1 Then the inhabitants of
Jerusalem made Ahaziah his
youngest son king in his place, for the
raiders who came with the Arabians into
the camp had killed all the older sons.
So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, king of
Judah, reigned.
2 Ahaziah was forty–two years old when
he became king, and he reigned one

year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Athaliah the granddaughter of Omri.
3 He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother advised him to do wickedly.
4 Therefore he did evil in the sight of the LORD, like the house of Ahab; for they were his counselors after the death of his father, to his destruction.
5 He also followed their advice, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth Gilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram.
6 Then he returned to Jezreel to recover from the wounds which he had received at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Azariah the son of Jehoram, king of Judah, went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

7 His going to Joram was God's occasion
for Ahaziah's downfall; for when he
arrived, he went out with Jehoram
against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom
the LORD had anointed to cut off the
house of Ahab.
8 And it happened, when Jehu was
executing judgment on the house of
Ahab, and found the princes of Judah
and the sons of Ahaziah's brothers who
served Ahaziah, that he killed them.
9 Then he searched for Ahaziah; and
they caught him (he was hiding in
Samaria), and brought him to Jehu.
When they had killed him, they buried
him, "because," they said, "he is the
son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the
LORD with all his heart." So the house
of Ahaziah had no one to assume power
over the kingdom.
10 Now when Athaliah the mother of
Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she

arose and destroyed all the royal heirs of
the house of Judah.
11 But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of
the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah,
and stole him away from among the
king's sons who were being murdered,
and put him and his nurse in a bedroom.
So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of King
Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest
(for she was the sister of Ahaziah), hid
him from Athaliah so that she did not kill
him.
12 And he was hidden with them in
the house of God for six years, while
Athaliah reigned over the land.

23 1 In the seventh year Jehoiada
strengthened himself, and made a
covenant with the captains of hundreds:
Azariah the son of Jeroham, Ishmael the
son of Jehohanan, Azariah the son of
Obed, Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and
Elishaphat the son of Zichri.

2 And they went throughout Judah and
gathered the Levites from all the cities
of Judah, and the chief fathers of Israel,
and they came to Jerusalem.
3 Then all the assembly made a
covenant with the king in the house of
God. And he said to them, "Behold, the
king’s son shall reign, as the LORD has
said of the sons of David.
4 "This is what you shall do: One–third
of you entering on the Sabbath, of the
priests and the Levites, shall be keeping
watch over the doors;
5 "one–third shall be at the king’s
house; and one–third at the Gate of the
Foundation. All the people shall be in
the courts of the house of the LORD.
6 "But let no one come into the house
of the LORD except the priests and those
of the Levites who serve. They may go
in, for they are holy; but all the people
shall keep the watch of the LORD.

7 "And the Levites shall surround the
king on all sides, every man with his
weapons in his hand; and whoever
comes into the house, let him be put to
death. You are to be with the king when
he comes in and when he goes out."
8 So the Levites and all Judah did
according to all that Jehoiada the priest
commanded. And each man took his
men who were to be on duty on the
Sabbath, with those who were going off
duty on the Sabbath; for Jehoiada the
priest had not dismissed the divisions.
9 And Jehoiada the priest gave to the
captains of hundreds the spears and
the large and small shields which had
belonged to King David, that were in the
temple of God.
10 Then he set all the people, every man
with his weapon in his hand, from the
right side of the temple to the left side

of the temple, along by the altar and by
the temple, all around the king.
11 And they brought out the king’s son,
put the crown on him, gave him the
Testimony, and made him king. Then
Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and
said, "Long live the king!"
12 Now when Athaliah heard the noise
of the people running and praising the
king, she came to the people in the
temple of the LORD.
13 When she looked, there was the king
standing by his pillar at the entrance; and
the leaders and the trumpeters were by
the king. All the people of the land were
rejoicing and blowing trumpets, also the
singers with musical instruments, and
those who led in praise. So Athaliah tore
her clothes and said, "Treason! Treason!"
14 And Jehoiada the priest brought out
the captains of hundreds who were set
over the army, and said to them, "Take

her outside under guard, and slay with
the sword whoever follows her." For the
priest had said, "Do not kill her in the
house of the LORD."
15 So they seized her; and she went by
way of the entrance of the Horse Gate
into the king’s house, and they killed her
there.
16 Then Jehoiada made a covenant
between himself, the people, and the
king, that they should be the LORD’S
people.
17 And all the people went to the
temple of Baal, and tore it down. They
broke in pieces its altars and images, and
killed Mattan the priest of Baal before
the altars.
18 Also Jehoiada appointed the
oversight of the house of the LORD to
the hand of the priests, the Levites,
whom David had assigned in the house
of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings

of the LORD, as it is written in the Law of
Moses, with rejoicing and with singing,
as it was established by David.
19 And he set the gatekeepers at the
gates of the house of the LORD, so that
no one who was in any way unclean
should enter.
20 Then he took the captains of
hundreds, the nobles, the governors of
the people, and all the people of the
land, and brought the king down from
the house of the LORD; and they went
through the Upper Gate to the king's
house, and set the king on the throne of
the kingdom.
21 So all the people of the land rejoiced;
and the city was quiet, for they had slain
Athaliah with the sword.

24 1 Joash was seven years old when
he became king, and he reigned
forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's
name was Zibiah of Beersheba.

2 Joash did what was right in the sight
of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the
priest.
3 And Jehoiada took two wives for him,
and he had sons and daughters.
4 Now it happened after this that Joash
set his heart on repairing the house of
the LORD.
5 Then he gathered the priests and the
Levites, and said to them, "Go out to the
cities of Judah, and gather from all Israel
money to repair the house of your God
from year to year, and see that you do it
quickly." However the Levites did not do
it quickly.
6 So the king called Jehoiada the chief
priest, and said to him, "Why have you
not required the Levites to bring in from
Judah and from Jerusalem the collection,
according to the commandment of
Moses the servant of the LORD and of

the assembly of Israel, for the tabernacle
of witness?"
7 For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked
woman, had broken into the house of
God, and had also presented all the
dedicated things of the house of the
LORD to the Baals.
8 Then at the king's command they
made a chest, and set it outside at the
gate of the house of the LORD.
9 And they made a proclamation
throughout Judah and Jerusalem to
bring to the LORD the collection that
Moses the servant of God had imposed
on Israel in the wilderness.
10 Then all the leaders and all the people
rejoiced, brought their contributions,
and put them into the chest until all had
given.
11 So it was, at that time, when the
chest was brought to the king's official by
the hand of the Levites, and when they

saw that there was much money, that
the king’s scribe and the high priest’s
officer came and emptied the chest, and
took it and returned it to its place. Thus
they did day by day, and gathered money
in abundance.
12 The king and Jehoiada gave it to
those who did the work of the service of
the house of the LORD; and they hired
masons and carpenters to repair the
house of the LORD, and also those who
worked in iron and bronze to restore the
house of the LORD.
13 So the workmen labored, and the
work was completed by them; they
restored the house of God to its original
condition and reinforced it.
14 When they had finished, they
brought the rest of the money before
the king and Jehoiada; they made from
it articles for the house of the LORD,
articles for serving and offering, spoons

and vessels of gold and silver. And they
offered burnt offerings in the house
of the LORD continually all the days of
Jehoiada.
15 But Jehoiada grew old and was full of
days, and he died; he was one hundred
and thirty years old when he died.
16 And they buried him in the City of
David among the kings, because he had
done good in Israel, both toward God
and His house.
17 Now after the death of Jehoiada the
leaders of Judah came and bowed down
to the king. And the king listened to
them.
18 Therefore they left the house of
the LORD God of their fathers, and
served wooden images and idols; and
wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem
because of their trespass.
19 Yet He sent prophets to them, to
bring them back to the LORD; and they

testified against them, but they would
not listen.
[20] Then the Spirit of God came upon
Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest,
who stood above the people, and said
to them, "Thus says God: ‘Why do you
transgress the commandments of the
LORD, so that you cannot prosper?
Because you have forsaken the LORD, He
also has forsaken you.’"
[21] So they conspired against him, and
at the command of the king they stoned
him with stones in the court of the house
of the LORD.
[22] Thus Joash the king did not
remember the kindness which Jehoiada
his father had done to him, but killed his
son; and as he died, he said, "The LORD
look on it, and repay!"
[23] So it happened in the spring of the
year that the army of Syria came up
against him; and they came to Judah and

Jerusalem, and destroyed all the leaders
of the people from among the people,
and sent all their spoil to the king of
Damascus.
24 For the army of the Syrians came
with a small company of men; but the
LORD delivered a very great army into
their hand, because they had forsaken
the LORD God of their fathers. So they
executed judgment against Joash.
25 And when they had withdrawn
from him (for they left him severely
wounded), his own servants conspired
against him because of the blood of the
sons of Jehoiada the priest, and killed
him on his bed. So he died. And they
buried him in the City of David, but they
did not bury him in the tombs of the
kings.
26 These are the ones who conspired
against him: Zabad the son of Shimeath

the Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith the Moabitess.
27 Now concerning his sons, and
the many oracles about him, and the repairing of the house of God, indeed they are written in the annals of the book of the kings. Then Amaziah his son reigned in his place.

25 1 Amaziah was twenty–five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty–nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.
2 And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a loyal heart.
3 Now it happened, as soon as the kingdom was established for him, that he executed his servants who had murdered his father the king.
4 However he did not execute their children, but did as it is written in the Law in the Book of Moses, where the

LORD commanded, saying, "The fathers
shall not be put to death for their
children, nor shall the children be put
to death for their fathers; but a person
shall die for his own sin."
5 Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah
together and set over them captains of
thousands and captains of hundreds,
according to their fathers’ houses,
throughout all Judah and Benjamin; and
he numbered them from twenty years
old and above, and found them to be
three hundred thousand choice men,
able to go to war, who could handle
spear and shield.
6 He also hired one hundred thousand
mighty men of valor from Israel for one
hundred talents of silver.
7 But a man of God came to him, saying,
"O king, do not let the army of Israel
go with you, for the LORD is not with

Israel—not with any of the children of
Ephraim.
8 "But if you go, be gone! Be strong in
battle! Even so, God shall make you fall
before the enemy; for God has power to
help and to overthrow."
9 Then Amaziah said to the man of
God, "But what shall we do about the
hundred talents which I have given to
the troops of Israel?" And the man of
God answered, "The LORD is able to give
you much more than this."
10 So Amaziah discharged the troops
that had come to him from Ephraim, to
go back home. Therefore their anger
was greatly aroused against Judah, and
they returned home in great anger.
11 Then Amaziah strengthened himself,
and leading his people, he went to the
Valley of Salt and killed ten thousand of
the people of Seir.

12 Also the children of Judah took
captive ten thousand alive, brought
them to the top of the rock, and cast
them down from the top of the rock, so
that they all were dashed in pieces.
13 But as for the soldiers of the army
which Amaziah had discharged, so that
they would not go with him to battle,
they raided the cities of Judah from
Samaria to Beth Horon, killed three
thousand in them, and took much spoil.
14 Now it was so, after Amaziah came
from the slaughter of the Edomites, that
he brought the gods of the people of
Seir, set them up to be his gods, and
bowed down before them and burned
incense to them.
15 Therefore the anger of the LORD was
aroused against Amaziah, and He sent
him a prophet who said to him, "Why
have you sought the gods of the people,

which could not rescue their own people
from your hand?"
16 So it was, as he talked with him, that
the king said to him, "Have we made
you the king’s counselor? Cease! Why
should you be killed?" Then the prophet
ceased, and said, "I know that God has
determined to destroy you, because you
have done this and have not heeded my
advice."
17 Now Amaziah king of Judah asked
advice and sent to Joash the son of
Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel,
saying, "Come, let us face one another in
battle."
18 And Joash king of Israel sent to
Amaziah king of Judah, saying, "The
thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the
cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, ‘Give
your daughter to my son as wife’; and a
wild beast that was in Lebanon passed
by and trampled the thistle.

19 "Indeed you say that you have
defeated the Edomites, and your heart
is lifted up to boast. Stay at home now;
why should you meddle with trouble,
that you should fall—you and Judah
with you?"
20 But Amaziah would not heed, for it
came from God, that He might give them
into the hand of their enemies, because
they sought the gods of Edom.
21 So Joash king of Israel went out; and
he and Amaziah king of Judah faced one
another at Beth Shemesh, which belongs
to Judah.
22 And Judah was defeated by Israel,
and every man fled to his tent.
23 Then Joash the king of Israel captured
Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash,
the son of Jehoahaz, at Beth Shemesh;
and he brought him to Jerusalem, and
broke down the wall of Jerusalem from

the Gate of Ephraim to the Corner
Gate—four hundred cubits.
24 And he took all the gold and silver, all
the articles that were found in the house
of God with Obed–Edom, the treasures
of the king's house, and hostages, and
returned to Samaria.
25 Amaziah the son of Joash, king of
Judah, lived fifteen years after the death
of Joash the son of Jehoahaz, king of
Israel.
26 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah,
from first to last, indeed are they not
written in the book of the kings of Judah
and Israel?
27 After the time that Amaziah turned
away from following the LORD, they
made a conspiracy against him in
Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish; but
they sent after him to Lachish and killed
him there.

[28] Then they brought him on horses and
buried him with his fathers in the City of
Judah.

26 [1] Now all the people of Judah
took Uzziah, who was sixteen
years old, and made him king instead of
his father Amaziah.
[2] He built Elath and restored it to Judah,
after the king rested with his fathers.
[3] Uzziah was sixteen years old when he
became king, and he reigned fifty–two
years in Jerusalem. His mother's name
was Jecholiah of Jerusalem.
[4] And he did what was right in the sight
of the LORD, according to all that his
father Amaziah had done.
[5] He sought God in the days of
Zechariah, who had understanding in the
visions of God; and as long as he sought
the LORD, God made him prosper.
[6] Now he went out and made war
against the Philistines, and broke down

the wall of Gath, the wall of Jabneh,
and the wall of Ashdod; and he built
cities around Ashdod and among the
Philistines.
7 God helped him against the Philistines,
against the Arabians who lived in Gur
Baal, and against the Meunites.
8 Also the Ammonites brought tribute
to Uzziah. His fame spread as far as
the entrance of Egypt, for he became
exceedingly strong.
9 And Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem
at the Corner Gate, at the Valley Gate,
and at the corner buttress of the wall;
then he fortified them.
10 Also he built towers in the desert.
He dug many wells, for he had much
livestock, both in the lowlands and in
the plains; he also had farmers and
vinedressers in the mountains and in
Carmel, for he loved the soil.

11 Moreover Uzziah had an army of
fighting men who went out to war by
companies, according to the number
on their roll as prepared by Jeiel the
scribe and Maaseiah the officer, under
the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's
captains.
12 The total number of chief officers
of the mighty men of valor was two
thousand six hundred.
13 And under their authority was
an army of three hundred and seven
thousand five hundred, that made war
with mighty power, to help the king
against the enemy.
14 Then Uzziah prepared for them, for
the entire army, shields, spears, helmets,
body armor, bows, and slings to cast
stones.
15 And he made devices in Jerusalem,
invented by skillful men, to be on the
towers and the corners, to shoot arrows

and large stones. So his fame spread far
and wide, for he was marvelously helped
till he became strong.
16 But when he was strong his heart
was lifted up, to his destruction, for he
transgressed against the LORD his God
by entering the temple of the LORD to
burn incense on the altar of incense.
17 So Azariah the priest went in after
him, and with him were eighty priests of
the LORD—valiant men.
18 And they withstood King Uzziah, and
said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah,
to burn incense to the LORD, but for
the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are
consecrated to burn incense. Get out of
the sanctuary, for you have trespassed!
You shall have no honor from the LORD
God."
19 Then Uzziah became furious; and
he had a censer in his hand to burn
incense. And while he was angry with

the priests, leprosy broke out on his
forehead, before the priests in the house
of the LORD, beside the incense altar.
20 And Azariah the chief priest and all
the priests looked at him, and there, on
his forehead, he was leprous; so they
thrust him out of that place. Indeed he
also hurried to get out, because the
LORD had struck him.
21 King Uzziah was a leper until the day
of his death. He dwelt in an isolated
house, because he was a leper; for he
was cut off from the house of the LORD.
Then Jotham his son was over the king's
house, judging the people of the land.
22 Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah,
from first to last, the prophet Isaiah the
son of Amoz wrote.
23 So Uzziah rested with his fathers,
and they buried him with his fathers in
the field of burial which belonged to the

kings, for they said, "He is a leper." Then
Jotham his son reigned in his place.

27

1 Jotham was twenty–five years
old when he became king, and
he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.
His mother's name was Jerushah the
daughter of Zadok.
2 And he did what was right in the sight
of the LORD, according to all that his
father Uzziah had done (although he did
not enter the temple of the LORD). But
still the people acted corruptly.
3 He built the Upper Gate of the house
of the LORD, and he built extensively on
the wall of Ophel.
4 Moreover he built cities in the
mountains of Judah, and in the forests
he built fortresses and towers.
5 He also fought with the king of the
Ammonites and defeated them. And
the people of Ammon gave him in
that year one hundred talents of silver,

ten thousand kors of wheat, and ten
thousand of barley. The people of
Ammon paid this to him in the second
and third years also.
6 So Jotham became mighty, because
he prepared his ways before the LORD
his God.
7 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham,
and all his wars and his ways, indeed
they are written in the book of the kings
of Israel and Judah.
8 He was twenty–five years old when
he became king, and he reigned sixteen
years in Jerusalem.
9 So Jotham rested with his fathers, and
they buried him in the City of David.
Then Ahaz his son reigned in his place.
28 1 Ahaz was twenty years old when
he became king, and he reigned
sixteen years in Jerusalem; and he did
not do what was right in the sight of the
LORD, as his father David had done.

2 For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made molded images for the Baals.

3 He burned incense in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, and burned his children in the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.

4 And he sacrificed and burned incense on the high places, on the hills, and under every green tree.

5 Therefore the LORD his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria. They defeated him, and carried away a great multitude of them as captives, and brought them to Damascus. Then he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who defeated him with a great slaughter.

6 For Pekah the son of Remaliah killed one hundred and twenty thousand

in Judah in one day, all valiant men,
because they had forsaken the LORD
God of their fathers.
7 Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, killed
Maaseiah the king’s son, Azrikam the
officer over the house, and Elkanah who
was second to the king.
8 And the children of Israel carried away
captive of their brethren two hundred
thousand women, sons, and daughters;
and they also took away much spoil from
them, and brought the spoil to Samaria.
9 But a prophet of the LORD was there,
whose name was Oded; and he went out
before the army that came to Samaria,
and said to them: "Look, because the
LORD God of your fathers was angry with
Judah, He has delivered them into your
hand; but you have killed them in a rage
that reaches up to heaven.
10 "And now you propose to force the
children of Judah and Jerusalem to be

your male and female slaves; but are
you not also guilty before the LORD your
God?
11 "Now hear me, therefore, and return
the captives, whom you have taken
captive from your brethren, for the
fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you."
12 Then some of the heads of the
children of Ephraim, Azariah the son
of Johanan, Berechiah the son of
Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of
Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai,
stood up against those who came from
the war,
13 and said to them, "You shall not bring
the captives here, for we already have
offended the LORD. You intend to add to
our sins and to our guilt; for our guilt is
great, and there is fierce wrath against
Israel."

14 So the armed men left the captives
and the spoil before the leaders and all
the assembly.
15 Then the men who were designated
by name rose up and took the captives,
and from the spoil they clothed all who
were naked among them, dressed them
and gave them sandals, gave them food
and drink, and anointed them; and they
let all the feeble ones ride on donkeys.
So they brought them to their brethren
at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then
they returned to Samaria.
16 At the same time King Ahaz sent to
the kings of Assyria to help him.
17 For again the Edomites had come,
attacked Judah, and carried away
captives.
18 The Philistines also had invaded the
cities of the lowland and of the South
of Judah, and had taken Beth Shemesh,
Aijalon, Gederoth, Sochoh with its

villages, Timnah with its villages, and
Gimzo with its villages; and they dwelt
there.
19 For the LORD brought Judah low
because of Ahaz king of Israel, for he had
encouraged moral decline in Judah and
had been continually unfaithful to the
LORD.
20 Also Tiglath–Pileser king of Assyria
came to him and distressed him, and did
not assist him.
21 For Ahaz took part of the treasures
from the house of the LORD, from the
house of the king, and from the leaders,
and he gave it to the king of Assyria; but
he did not help him.
22 Now in the time of his distress King
Ahaz became increasingly unfaithful to
the LORD. This is that King Ahaz.
23 For he sacrificed to the gods of
Damascus which had defeated him,
saying, "Because the gods of the kings of

Syria help them, I will sacrifice to them that they may help me." But they were the ruin of him and of all Israel.

24 So Ahaz gathered the articles of the house of God, cut in pieces the articles of the house of God, shut up the doors of the house of the LORD, and made for himself altars in every corner of Jerusalem.

25 And in every single city of Judah he made high places to burn incense to other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers.

26 Now the rest of his acts and all his ways, from first to last, indeed they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

27 So Ahaz rested with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, in Jerusalem; but they did not bring him into the tombs of the kings of Israel. Then Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.

29 1 Hezekiah became king when he
was twenty–five years old, and he
reigned twenty–nine years in Jerusalem.
His mother's name was Abijah the
daughter of Zechariah.
2 And he did what was right in the sight
of the LORD, according to all that his
father David had done.
3 In the first year of his reign, in the
first month, he opened the doors of the
house of the LORD and repaired them.
4 Then he brought in the priests and the
Levites, and gathered them in the East
Square,
5 and said to them: "Hear me, Levites!
Now sanctify yourselves, sanctify the
house of the LORD God of your fathers,
and carry out the rubbish from the holy
place.
6 "For our fathers have trespassed
and done evil in the eyes of the LORD
our God; they have forsaken Him,

have turned their faces away from the
dwelling place of the LORD, and turned
their backs on Him.
7 "They have also shut up the doors of
the vestibule, put out the lamps, and
have not burned incense or offered
burnt offerings in the holy place to the
God of Israel.
8 "Therefore the wrath of the LORD fell
upon Judah and Jerusalem, and He has
given them up to trouble, to desolation,
and to jeering, as you see with your eyes.
9 "For indeed, because of this our
fathers have fallen by the sword; and our
sons, our daughters, and our wives are
in captivity.
10 "Now it is in my heart to make a
covenant with the LORD God of Israel,
that His fierce wrath may turn away from
us.
11 "My sons, do not be negligent now,
for the LORD has chosen you to stand

before Him, to serve Him, and that
you should minister to Him and burn
incense."
12 Then these Levites arose: Mahath
the son of Amasai and Joel the son of
Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites; of
the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi
and Azariah the son of Jehallelel; of the
Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah
and Eden the son of Joah;
13 of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and
Jeiel; of the sons of Asaph, Zechariah
and Mattaniah;
14 of the sons of Heman, Jehiel and
Shimei; and of the sons of Jeduthun,
Shemaiah and Uzziel.
15 And they gathered their brethren,
sanctified themselves, and went
according to the commandment of
the king, at the words of the LORD, to
cleanse the house of the LORD.

16 Then the priests went into the inner
part of the house of the LORD to cleanse
it, and brought out all the debris that
they found in the temple of the LORD to
the court of the house of the LORD. And
the Levites took it out and carried it to
the Brook Kidron.
17 Now they began to sanctify on the
first day of the first month, and on the
eighth day of the month they came to
the vestibule of the LORD. Then they
sanctified the house of the LORD in eight
days, and on the sixteenth day of the
first month they finished.
18 Then they went in to King Hezekiah
and said, "We have cleansed all the
house of the LORD, the altar of burnt
offerings with all its articles, and the
table of the showbread with all its
articles.
19 "Moreover all the articles which King
Ahaz in his reign had cast aside in his

transgression we have prepared and
sanctified; and there they are, before
the altar of the LORD."
20 Then King Hezekiah rose early,
gathered the rulers of the city, and went
up to the house of the LORD.
21 And they brought seven bulls, seven
rams, seven lambs, and seven male
goats for a sin offering for the kingdom,
for the sanctuary, and for Judah. Then
he commanded the priests, the sons of
Aaron, to offer them on the altar of the
LORD.
22 So they killed the bulls, and the
priests received the blood and sprinkled
it on the altar. Likewise they killed the
rams and sprinkled the blood on the
altar. They also killed the lambs and
sprinkled the blood on the altar.
23 Then they brought out the male
goats for the sin offering before the king

and the assembly, and they laid their
hands on them.
24 And the priests killed them; and they
presented their blood on the altar as a
sin offering to make an atonement for
all Israel, for the king commanded that
the burnt offering and the sin offering be
made for all Israel.
25 And he stationed the Levites in
the house of the LORD with cymbals,
with stringed instruments, and with
harps, according to the commandment
of David, of Gad the king's seer, and
of Nathan the prophet; for thus was
the commandment of the LORD by His
prophets.
26 The Levites stood with the
instruments of David, and the priests
with the trumpets.
27 Then Hezekiah commanded them
to offer the burnt offering on the altar.
And when the burnt offering began, the

song of the LORD also began, with the
trumpets and with the instruments of
David king of Israel.
28 So all the assembly worshiped,
the singers sang, and the trumpeters
sounded; all this continued until the
burnt offering was finished.
29 And when they had finished offering,
the king and all who were present with
him bowed and worshiped.
30 Moreover King Hezekiah and the
leaders commanded the Levites to sing
praise to the LORD with the words of
David and of Asaph the seer. So they
sang praises with gladness, and they
bowed their heads and worshiped.
31 Then Hezekiah answered and said,
"Now that you have consecrated
yourselves to the LORD, come near, and
bring sacrifices and thank offerings into
the house of the LORD." So the assembly
brought in sacrifices and thank offerings,

and as many as were of a willing heart
brought burnt offerings.
32 And the number of the burnt
offerings which the assembly brought
was seventy bulls, one hundred rams,
and two hundred lambs; all these were
for a burnt offering to the LORD.
33 The consecrated things were six
hundred bulls and three thousand
sheep.
34 But the priests were too few, so
that they could not skin all the burnt
offerings; therefore their brethren the
Levites helped them until the work
was ended and until the other priests
had sanctified themselves, for the
Levites were more diligent in sanctifying
themselves than the priests.
35 Also the burnt offerings were in
abundance, with the fat of the peace
offerings and with the drink offerings for

every burnt offering. So the service of
the house of the LORD was set in order.
36 Then Hezekiah and all the people
rejoiced that God had prepared the
people, since the events took place so
suddenly.

30 1 And Hezekiah sent to all Israel
and Judah, and also wrote letters
to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they
should come to the house of the LORD
at Jerusalem, to keep the Passover to
the LORD God of Israel.
2 For the king and his leaders and all
the assembly in Jerusalem had agreed to
keep the Passover in the second month.
3 For they could not keep it at the
regular time, because a sufficient
number of priests had not consecrated
themselves, nor had the people gathered
together at Jerusalem.
4 And the matter pleased the king and
all the assembly.

5 So they resolved to make a
proclamation throughout all Israel, from
Beersheba to Dan, that they should
come to keep the Passover to the LORD
God of Israel at Jerusalem, since they
had not done it for a long time in the
prescribed manner.
6 Then the runners went throughout all
Israel and Judah with the letters from
the king and his leaders, and spoke
according to the command of the king:
"Children of Israel, return to the LORD
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel; then
He will return to the remnant of you who
have escaped from the hand of the kings
of Assyria.
7 "And do not be like your fathers and
your brethren, who trespassed against
the LORD God of their fathers, so that He
gave them up to desolation, as you see.
8 "Now do not be stiff–necked, as your
fathers were, but yield yourselves to the

LORD; and enter His sanctuary, which
He has sanctified forever, and serve the
LORD your God, that the fierceness of
His wrath may turn away from you.
9 "For if you return to the LORD, your
brethren and your children will be
treated with compassion by those who
lead them captive, so that they may
come back to this land; for the LORD
your God is gracious and merciful, and
will not turn His face from you if you
return to Him."
10 So the runners passed from city to
city through the country of Ephraim and
Manasseh, as far as Zebulun; but they
laughed at them and mocked them.
11 Nevertheless some from Asher,
Manasseh, and Zebulun humbled
themselves and came to Jerusalem.
12 Also the hand of God was on Judah
to give them singleness of heart to

obey the command of the king and the
leaders, at the word of the LORD.
13 Now many people, a very great
assembly, gathered at Jerusalem to keep
the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the
second month.
14 They arose and took away the altars
that were in Jerusalem, and they took
away all the incense altars and cast them
into the Brook Kidron.
15 Then they slaughtered the Passover
lambs on the fourteenth day of the
second month. The priests and the
Levites were ashamed, and sanctified
themselves, and brought the burnt
offerings to the house of the LORD.
16 They stood in their place according
to their custom, according to the Law
of Moses the man of God; the priests
sprinkled the blood received from the
hand of the Levites.

17 For there were many in the assembly
who had not sanctified themselves;
therefore the Levites had charge of the
slaughter of the Passover lambs for
everyone who was not clean, to sanctify
them to the LORD.
18 For a multitude of the people, many
from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar, and
Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves,
yet they ate the Passover contrary to
what was written. But Hezekiah prayed
for them, saying, "May the good LORD
provide atonement for everyone
19 who prepares his heart to seek God,
the LORD God of his fathers, though
he is not cleansed according to the
purification of the sanctuary."
20 And the LORD listened to Hezekiah
and healed the people.
21 So the children of Israel who were
present at Jerusalem kept the Feast
of Unleavened Bread seven days with

great gladness; and the Levites and the
priests praised the LORD day by day,
singing to the LORD, accompanied by
loud instruments.
22 And Hezekiah gave encouragement
to all the Levites who taught the good
knowledge of the LORD; and they ate
throughout the feast seven days, offering
peace offerings and making confession
to the LORD God of their fathers.
23 Then the whole assembly agreed to
keep the feast another seven days, and
they kept it another seven days with
gladness.
24 For Hezekiah king of Judah gave to
the assembly a thousand bulls and seven
thousand sheep, and the leaders gave to
the assembly a thousand bulls and ten
thousand sheep; and a great number of
priests sanctified themselves.
25 The whole assembly of Judah
rejoiced, also the priests and Levites, all

the assembly that came from Israel, the
sojourners who came from the land of
Israel, and those who dwelt in Judah.
26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem,
for since the time of Solomon the son
of David, king of Israel, there had been
nothing like this in Jerusalem.
27 Then the priests, the Levites, arose
and blessed the people, and their voice
was heard; and their prayer came up to
His holy dwelling place, to heaven.
31 1 Now when all this was finished,
all Israel who were present went
out to the cities of Judah and broke
the sacred pillars in pieces, cut down
the wooden images, and threw down
the high places and the altars—from
all Judah, Benjamin, Ephraim, and
Manasseh—until they had utterly
destroyed them all. Then all the children
of Israel returned to their own cities,
every man to his possession.

2 And Hezekiah appointed the divisions
of the priests and the Levites according
to their divisions, each man according
to his service, the priests and Levites for
burnt offerings and peace offerings, to
serve, to give thanks, and to praise in the
gates of the camp of the LORD.
3 The king also appointed a portion of
his possessions for the burnt offerings:
for the morning and evening burnt
offerings, the burnt offerings for the
Sabbaths and the New Moons and the
set feasts, as it is written in the Law of
the LORD.
4 Moreover he commanded the people
who dwelt in Jerusalem to contribute
support for the priests and the Levites,
that they might devote themselves to
the Law of the LORD.
5 As soon as the commandment was
circulated, the children of Israel brought
in abundance the firstfruits of grain

and wine, oil and honey, and of all the
produce of the field; and they brought in
abundantly the tithe of everything.
6 And the children of Israel and Judah,
who dwelt in the cities of Judah, brought
the tithe of oxen and sheep; also
the tithe of holy things which were
consecrated to the LORD their God they
laid in heaps.
7 In the third month they began laying
them in heaps, and they finished in the
seventh month.
8 And when Hezekiah and the leaders
came and saw the heaps, they blessed
the LORD and His people Israel.
9 Then Hezekiah questioned the priests
and the Levites concerning the heaps.
10 And Azariah the chief priest, from the
house of Zadok, answered him and said,
"Since the people began to bring the
offerings into the house of the LORD, we
have had enough to eat and have plenty

left, for the LORD has blessed His people; and what is left is this great abundance."
11 Now Hezekiah commanded them to prepare rooms in the house of the LORD, and they prepared them.
12 Then they faithfully brought in the offerings, the tithes, and the dedicated things; Cononiah the Levite had charge of them, and Shimei his brother was the next.
13 Jehiel, Azaziah, Nahath, Asahel, Jerimoth, Jozabad, Eliel, Ismachiah, Mahath, and Benaiah were overseers under the hand of Cononiah and Shimei his brother, at the commandment of Hezekiah the king and Azariah the ruler of the house of God.
14 Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the keeper of the East Gate, was over the freewill offerings to God, to distribute the offerings of the LORD and the most holy things.

15 And under him were Eden, Miniamin,
Jeshua, Shemaiah, Amariah, and
Shecaniah, his faithful assistants in
the cities of the priests, to distribute
allotments to their brethren by divisions,
to the great as well as the small.
16 Besides those males from three years
old and up who were written in the
genealogy, they distributed to everyone
who entered the house of the LORD his
daily portion for the work of his service,
by his division,
17 and to the priests who were written
in the genealogy according to their
father's house, and to the Levites from
twenty years old and up according to
their work, by their divisions,
18 and to all who were written in the
genealogy—their little ones and their
wives, their sons and daughters, the
whole company of them—for in their

faithfulness they sanctified themselves
in holiness.
19 Also for the sons of Aaron the priests,
who were in the fields of the common–
lands of their cities, in every single city,
there were men who were designated
by name to distribute portions to all the
males among the priests and to all who
were listed by genealogies among the
Levites.
20 Thus Hezekiah did throughout all
Judah, and he did what was good and
right and true before the LORD his God.
21 And in every work that he began in
the service of the house of God, in the
law and in the commandment, to seek
his God, he did it with all his heart. So he
prospered.

32 1 After these deeds of
faithfulness, Sennacherib
king of Assyria came and entered Judah;

he encamped against the fortified cities,
thinking to win them over to himself.
2 And when Hezekiah saw that
Sennacherib had come, and that his
purpose was to make war against
Jerusalem,
3 he consulted with his leaders and
commanders to stop the water from the
springs which were outside the city; and
they helped him.
4 Thus many people gathered together
who stopped all the springs and the
brook that ran through the land, saying,
"Why should the kings of Assyria come
and find much water?"
5 And he strengthened himself, built up
all the wall that was broken, raised it
up to the towers, and built another wall
outside; also he repaired the Millo in the
City of David, and made weapons and
shields in abundance.

6 Then he set military captains over the
people, gathered them together to him
in the open square of the city gate, and
gave them encouragement, saying,
7 "Be strong and courageous; do not be
afraid nor dismayed before the king of
Assyria, nor before all the multitude that
is with him; for there are more with us
than with him.
8 "With him is an arm of flesh; but with
us is the LORD our God, to help us and to
fight our battles." And the people were
strengthened by the words of Hezekiah
king of Judah.
9 After this Sennacherib king of Assyria
sent his servants to Jerusalem (but he
and all the forces with him laid siege
against Lachish), to Hezekiah king of
Judah, and to all Judah who were in
Jerusalem, saying,

10 "Thus says Sennacherib king of
Assyria: ‘In what do you trust, that you
remain under siege in Jerusalem?
11 ‘Does not Hezekiah persuade you to
give yourselves over to die by famine
and by thirst, saying, "The LORD our God
will deliver us from the hand of the king
of Assyria"?
12 ‘Has not the same Hezekiah taken
away His high places and His altars,
and commanded Judah and Jerusalem,
saying, "You shall worship before one
altar and burn incense on it"?
13 ‘Do you not know what I and my
fathers have done to all the peoples
of other lands? Were the gods of the
nations of those lands in any way able to
deliver their lands out of my hand?
14 ‘Who was there among all the gods
of those nations that my fathers utterly
destroyed that could deliver his people

from my hand, that your God should be
able to deliver you from my hand?
15 ‘Now therefore, do not let Hezekiah
deceive you or persuade you like this,
and do not believe him; for no god of any
nation or kingdom was able to deliver
his people from my hand or the hand of
my fathers. How much less will your God
deliver you from my hand?’"
16 Furthermore, his servants spoke
against the LORD God and against His
servant Hezekiah.
17 He also wrote letters to revile the
LORD God of Israel, and to speak against
Him, saying, "As the gods of the nations
of other lands have not delivered their
people from my hand, so the God of
Hezekiah will not deliver His people from
my hand."
18 Then they called out with a loud voice
in Hebrew to the people of Jerusalem
who were on the wall, to frighten them

and trouble them, that they might take
the city.
19 And they spoke against the God of
Jerusalem, as against the gods of the
people of the earth—the work of men’s
hands.
20 Now because of this King Hezekiah
and the prophet Isaiah, the son of Amoz,
prayed and cried out to heaven.
21 Then the LORD sent an angel who cut
down every mighty man of valor, leader,
and captain in the camp of the king of
Assyria. So he returned shamefaced to
his own land. And when he had gone
into the temple of his god, some of his
own offspring struck him down with the
sword there.
22 Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and
the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the
hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria,
and from the hand of all others, and
guided them on every side.

23 And many brought gifts to the LORD
at Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah
king of Judah, so that he was exalted in
the sight of all nations thereafter.
24 In those days Hezekiah was sick and
near death, and he prayed to the LORD;
and He spoke to him and gave him a sign.
25 But Hezekiah did not repay according
to the favor shown him, for his heart was
lifted up; therefore wrath was looming
over him and over Judah and Jerusalem.
26 Then Hezekiah humbled himself
for the pride of his heart, he and the
inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the
wrath of the LORD did not come upon
them in the days of Hezekiah.
27 Hezekiah had very great riches and
honor. And he made himself treasuries
for silver, for gold, for precious stones,
for spices, for shields, and for all kinds of
desirable items;

28 storehouses for the harvest of grain,
wine, and oil; and stalls for all kinds of
livestock, and folds for flocks.
29 Moreover he provided cities for
himself, and possessions of flocks and
herds in abundance; for God had given
him very much property.
30 This same Hezekiah also stopped
the water outlet of Upper Gihon, and
brought the water by tunnel to the
west side of the City of David. Hezekiah
prospered in all his works.
31 However, regarding the ambassadors
of the princes of Babylon, whom they
sent to him to inquire about the wonder
that was done in the land, God withdrew
from him, in order to test him, that He
might know all that was in his heart.
32 Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah,
and his goodness, indeed they are
written in the vision of Isaiah the

prophet, the son of Amoz, and in the
book of the kings of Judah and Israel.
33 So Hezekiah rested with his fathers,
and they buried him in the upper tombs
of the sons of David; and all Judah and
the inhabitants of Jerusalem honored
him at his death. Then Manasseh his son
reigned in his place.

33 1 Manasseh was twelve years old
when he became king, and he
reigned fifty–five years in Jerusalem.
2 But he did evil in the sight of the
LORD, according to the abominations of
the nations whom the LORD had cast out
before the children of Israel.
3 For he rebuilt the high places which
Hezekiah his father had broken down; he
raised up altars for the Baals, and made
wooden images; and he worshiped all
the host of heaven and served them.

4 He also built altars in the house of the
LORD, of which the LORD had said, "In
Jerusalem shall My name be forever."
5 And he built altars for all the host of
heaven in the two courts of the house of
the LORD.
6 Also he caused his sons to pass
through the fire in the Valley of the Son
of Hinnom; he practiced soothsaying,
used witchcraft and sorcery, and
consulted mediums and spiritists. He did
much evil in the sight of the LORD, to
provoke Him to anger.
7 He even set a carved image, the idol
which he had made, in the house of God,
of which God had said to David and to
Solomon his son, "In this house and in
Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of
all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name
forever;
8 "and I will not again remove the foot
of Israel from the land which I have

appointed for your fathers—only if
they are careful to do all that I have
commanded them, according to the
whole law and the statutes and the
ordinances by the hand of Moses."
9 So Manasseh seduced Judah and the
inhabitants of Jerusalem to do more evil
than the nations whom the LORD had
destroyed before the children of Israel.
10 And the LORD spoke to Manasseh
and his people, but they would not
listen.
11 Therefore the LORD brought upon
them the captains of the army of the
king of Assyria, who took Manasseh with
hooks, bound him with bronze fetters,
and carried him off to Babylon.
12 Now when he was in affliction,
he implored the LORD his God, and
humbled himself greatly before the God
of his fathers,

13 and prayed to Him; and He received his entreaty, heard his supplication, and brought him back to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD was God.

14 After this he built a wall outside the City of David on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, as far as the entrance of the Fish Gate; and it enclosed Ophel, and he raised it to a very great height. Then he put military captains in all the fortified cities of Judah.

15 He took away the foreign gods and the idol from the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD and in Jerusalem; and he cast them out of the city.

16 He also repaired the altar of the LORD, sacrificed peace offerings and thank offerings on it, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel.

17 Nevertheless the people still
sacrificed on the high places, but only to
the LORD their God.
18 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh,
his prayer to his God, and the words of
the seers who spoke to him in the name
of the LORD God of Israel, indeed they
are written in the book of the kings of
Israel.
19 Also his prayer and how God received
his entreaty, and all his sin and trespass,
and the sites where he built high places
and set up wooden images and carved
images, before he was humbled, indeed
they are written among the sayings of
Hozai.
20 So Manasseh rested with his fathers,
and they buried him in his own house.
Then his son Amon reigned in his place.
21 Amon was twenty–two years old
when he became king, and he reigned
two years in Jerusalem.

22 But he did evil in the sight of the
LORD, as his father Manasseh had done;
for Amon sacrificed to all the carved
images which his father Manasseh had
made, and served them.
23 And he did not humble himself before
the LORD, as his father Manasseh had
humbled himself; but Amon trespassed
more and more.
24 Then his servants conspired against
him, and killed him in his own house.
25 But the people of the land executed
all those who had conspired against
King Amon. Then the people of the land
made his son Josiah king in his place.

34

1 Josiah was eight years old when
he became king, and he reigned
thirty–one years in Jerusalem.
2 And he did what was right in the sight
of the LORD, and walked in the ways of
his father David; he did not turn aside to
the right hand or to the left.

3 For in the eighth year of his reign,
while he was still young, he began to
seek the God of his father David; and
in the twelfth year he began to purge
Judah and Jerusalem of the high places,
the wooden images, the carved images,
and the molded images.
4 They broke down the altars of the
Baals in his presence, and the incense
altars which were above them he cut
down; and the wooden images, the
carved images, and the molded images
he broke in pieces, and made dust of
them and scattered it on the graves of
those who had sacrificed to them.
5 He also burned the bones of the
priests on their altars, and cleansed
Judah and Jerusalem.
6 And so he did in the cities of
Manasseh, Ephraim, and Simeon, as far
as Naphtali and all around, with axes.

7 When he had broken down the altars
and the wooden images, had beaten
the carved images into powder, and cut
down all the incense altars throughout
all the land of Israel, he returned to
Jerusalem.
8 In the eighteenth year of his reign,
when he had purged the land and the
temple, he sent Shaphan the son of
Azaliah, Maaseiah the governor of the
city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the
recorder, to repair the house of the
LORD his God.
9 When they came to Hilkiah the
high priest, they delivered the money
that was brought into the house of
God, which the Levites who kept the
doors had gathered from the hand of
Manasseh and Ephraim, from all the
remnant of Israel, from all Judah and
Benjamin, and which they had brought
back to Jerusalem.

10 Then they put it in the hand of the
foremen who had the oversight of the
house of the LORD; and they gave it to
the workmen who worked in the house
of the LORD, to repair and restore the
house.
11 They gave it to the craftsmen and
builders to buy hewn stone and timber
for beams, and to floor the houses which
the kings of Judah had destroyed.
12 And the men did the work faithfully.
Their overseers were Jahath and Obadiah
the Levites, of the sons of Merari, and
Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons
of the Kohathites, to supervise. Others
of the Levites, all of whom were skillful
with instruments of music,
13 were over the burden bearers and
were overseers of all who did work in any
kind of service. And some of the Levites
were scribes, officers, and gatekeepers.

14 Now when they brought out the
money that was brought into the house
of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found the
Book of the Law of the LORD given by
Moses.
15 Then Hilkiah answered and said to
Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the
Book of the Law in the house of the
LORD." And Hilkiah gave the book to
Shaphan.
16 So Shaphan carried the book to the
king, bringing the king word, saying, "All
that was committed to your servants
they are doing.
17 "And they have gathered the money
that was found in the house of the LORD,
and have delivered it into the hand of
the overseers and the workmen."
18 Then Shaphan the scribe told the
king, saying, "Hilkiah the priest has given
me a book." And Shaphan read it before
the king.

19 Thus it happened, when the king
heard the words of the Law, that he tore
his clothes.
20 Then the king commanded Hilkiah,
Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Abdon the
son of Micah, Shaphan the scribe, and
Asaiah a servant of the king, saying,
21 "Go, inquire of the LORD for me, and
for those who are left in Israel and Judah,
concerning the words of the book that
is found; for great is the wrath of the
LORD that is poured out on us, because
our fathers have not kept the word of
the LORD, to do according to all that is
written in this book."
22 So Hilkiah and those the king
had appointed went to Huldah the
prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son
of Tokhath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of
the wardrobe. (She dwelt in Jerusalem in
the Second Quarter.) And they spoke to
her to that effect.

23 Then she answered them, "Thus says
the LORD God of Israel, ‘Tell the man
who sent you to Me,
24 "Thus says the LORD: ‘Behold, I will
bring calamity on this place and on
its inhabitants, all the curses that are
written in the book which they have read
before the king of Judah,
25 ‘because they have forsaken Me
and burned incense to other gods, that
they might provoke Me to anger with all
the works of their hands. Therefore My
wrath will be poured out on this place,
and not be quenched.’"’
26 "But as for the king of Judah, who
sent you to inquire of the LORD, in this
manner you shall speak to him, ‘Thus
says the LORD God of Israel: "Concerning
the words which you have heard—
27 "because your heart was tender, and
you humbled yourself before God when
you heard His words against this place

and against its inhabitants, and you
humbled yourself before Me, and you
tore your clothes and wept before Me, I
also have heard you," says the LORD.
28 "Surely I will gather you to your
fathers, and you shall be gathered to
your grave in peace; and your eyes shall
not see all the calamity which I will bring
on this place and its inhabitants."'" So
they brought back word to the king.
29 Then the king sent and gathered all
the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.
30 The king went up to the house of the
LORD, with all the men of Judah and the
inhabitants of Jerusalem—the priests
and the Levites, and all the people,
great and small. And he read in their
hearing all the words of the Book of the
Covenant which had been found in the
house of the LORD.
31 Then the king stood in his place
and made a covenant before the LORD,

to follow the LORD, and to keep His
commandments and His testimonies
and His statutes with all his heart and
all his soul, to perform the words of the
covenant that were written in this book.
32 And he made all who were present
in Jerusalem and Benjamin take a stand.
So the inhabitants of Jerusalem did
according to the covenant of God, the
God of their fathers.
33 Thus Josiah removed all the
abominations from all the country that
belonged to the children of Israel, and
made all who were present in Israel
diligently serve the LORD their God.
All his days they did not depart from
following the LORD God of their fathers.

35 1 Now Josiah kept a Passover to
the LORD in Jerusalem, and they
slaughtered the Passover lambs on the
fourteenth day of the first month.

2 And he set the priests in their duties
and encouraged them for the service of
the house of the LORD.
3 Then he said to the Levites who taught
all Israel, who were holy to the LORD:
"Put the holy ark in the house which
Solomon the son of David, king of Israel,
built. It shall no longer be a burden on
your shoulders. Now serve the LORD
your God and His people Israel.
4 "Prepare yourselves according to
your fathers' houses, according to
your divisions, following the written
instruction of David king of Israel and the
written instruction of Solomon his son.
5 "And stand in the holy place according
to the divisions of the fathers' houses
of your brethren the lay people, and
according to the division of the father's
house of the Levites.
6 "So slaughter the Passover offerings,
consecrate yourselves, and prepare

them for your brethren, that they may
do according to the word of the LORD by
the hand of Moses."
7 Then Josiah gave the lay people
lambs and young goats from the flock,
all for Passover offerings for all who
were present, to the number of thirty
thousand, as well as three thousand
cattle; these were from the king’s
possessions.
8 And his leaders gave willingly to the
people, to the priests, and to the Levites.
Hilkiah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, rulers of
the house of God, gave to the priests
for the Passover offerings two thousand
six hundred from the flock, and three
hundred cattle.
9 Also Conaniah, his brothers Shemaiah
and Nethanel, and Hashabiah and Jeiel
and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, gave
to the Levites for Passover offerings

five thousand from the flock and five
hundred cattle.
10 So the service was prepared, and the
priests stood in their places, and the
Levites in their divisions, according to
the king's command.
11 And they slaughtered the Passover
offerings; and the priests sprinkled the
blood with their hands, while the Levites
skinned the animals.
12 Then they removed the burnt
offerings that they might give them to
the divisions of the fathers' houses of
the lay people, to offer to the LORD, as it
is written in the Book of Moses. And so
they did with the cattle.
13 Also they roasted the Passover
offerings with fire according to the
ordinance; but the other holy offerings
they boiled in pots, in caldrons, and in
pans, and divided them quickly among
all the lay people.

14 Then afterward they prepared
portions for themselves and for the
priests, because the priests, the sons
of Aaron, were busy in offering burnt
offerings and fat until night; therefore
the Levites prepared portions for
themselves and for the priests, the sons
of Aaron.
15 And the singers, the sons of Asaph,
were in their places, according to the
command of David, Asaph, Heman,
and Jeduthun the king's seer. Also the
gatekeepers were at each gate; they did
not have to leave their position, because
their brethren the Levites prepared
portions for them.
16 So all the service of the LORD was
prepared the same day, to keep the
Passover and to offer burnt offerings on
the altar of the LORD, according to the
command of King Josiah.

17 And the children of Israel who were
present kept the Passover at that time,
and the Feast of Unleavened Bread for
seven days.
18 There had been no Passover kept in
Israel like that since the days of Samuel
the prophet; and none of the kings of
Israel had kept such a Passover as Josiah
kept, with the priests and the Levites, all
Judah and Israel who were present, and
the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
19 In the eighteenth year of the reign of
Josiah this Passover was kept.
20 After all this, when Josiah had
prepared the temple, Necho king
of Egypt came up to fight against
Carchemish by the Euphrates; and Josiah
went out against him.
21 But he sent messengers to him,
saying, "What have I to do with you,
king of Judah? I have not come against
you this day, but against the house with

which I have war; for God commanded
me to make haste. Refrain from
meddling with God, who is with me, lest
He destroy you."
22 Nevertheless Josiah would not turn
his face from him, but disguised himself
so that he might fight with him, and did
not heed the words of Necho from the
mouth of God. So he came to fight in the
Valley of Megiddo.
23 And the archers shot King Josiah; and
the king said to his servants, "Take me
away, for I am severely wounded."
24 His servants therefore took him out
of that chariot and put him in the second
chariot that he had, and they brought
him to Jerusalem. So he died, and was
buried in one of the tombs of his fathers.
And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned
for Josiah.
25 Jeremiah also lamented for Josiah.
And to this day all the singing men

and the singing women speak of Josiah
in their lamentations. They made it a
custom in Israel; and indeed they are
written in the Laments.
26 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah
and his goodness, according to what was
written in the Law of the LORD,
27 and his deeds from first to last,
indeed they are written in the book of
the kings of Israel and Judah.

36 1 Then the people of the land
took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah,
and made him king in his father's place
in Jerusalem.
2 Jehoahaz was twenty–three years old
when he became king, and he reigned
three months in Jerusalem.
3 Now the king of Egypt deposed him at
Jerusalem; and he imposed on the land
a tribute of one hundred talents of silver
and a talent of gold.

4 Then the king of Egypt made
Jehoahaz's brother Eliakim king over
Judah and Jerusalem, and changed his
name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took
Jehoahaz his brother and carried him off
to Egypt.
5 Jehoiakim was twenty–five years old
when he became king, and he reigned
eleven years in Jerusalem. And he did
evil in the sight of the LORD his God.
6 Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon
came up against him, and bound him
in bronze fetters to carry him off to
Babylon.
7 Nebuchadnezzar also carried off some
of the articles from the house of the
LORD to Babylon, and put them in his
temple at Babylon.
8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim,
the abominations which he did, and
what was found against him, indeed
they are written in the book of the kings

of Israel and Judah. Then Jehoiachin his
son reigned in his place.
9 Jehoiachin was eight years old when
he became king, and he reigned in
Jerusalem three months and ten days.
And he did evil in the sight of the LORD.
10 At the turn of the year King
Nebuchadnezzar summoned him and
took him to Babylon, with the costly
articles from the house of the LORD, and
made Zedekiah, Jehoiakim's brother,
king over Judah and Jerusalem.
11 Zedekiah was twenty–one years old
when he became king, and he reigned
eleven years in Jerusalem.
12 He did evil in the sight of the LORD
his God, and did not humble himself
before Jeremiah the prophet, who spoke
from the mouth of the LORD.
13 And he also rebelled against King
Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him
swear an oath by God; but he stiffened

his neck and hardened his heart against
turning to the LORD God of Israel.
14 Moreover all the leaders of the
priests and the people transgressed
more and more, according to all the
abominations of the nations, and defiled
the house of the LORD which He had
consecrated in Jerusalem.
15 And the LORD God of their
fathers sent warnings to them by His
messengers, rising up early and sending
them, because He had compassion on
His people and on His dwelling place.
16 But they mocked the messengers of
God, despised His words, and scoffed
at His prophets, until the wrath of the
LORD arose against His people, till there
was no remedy.
17 Therefore He brought against them
the king of the Chaldeans, who killed
their young men with the sword in the
house of their sanctuary, and had no

compassion on young man or virgin, on
the aged or the weak; He gave them all
into his hand.
18 And all the articles from the house of
God, great and small, the treasures of
the house of the LORD, and the treasures
of the king and of his leaders, all these
he took to Babylon.
19 Then they burned the house of
God, broke down the wall of Jerusalem,
burned all its palaces with fire, and
destroyed all its precious possessions.
20 And those who escaped from the
sword he carried away to Babylon,
where they became servants to him and
his sons until the rule of the kingdom of
Persia,
21 to fulfill the word of the LORD by the
mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had
enjoyed her Sabbaths. As long as she
lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfill
seventy years.

22 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying,
23 Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD God of heaven has given me. And He has commanded me to build Him a house at Jerusalem which is in Judah. Who is among you of all His people? May the LORD his God be with him, and let him go up!

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of heaven has given me. And He has
commanded me to build Him a house at
Jerusalem which is in Judah.
[3] Who is among you of all His people?
May his God be with him, and let him
go up to Jerusalem which is in Judah,
and build the house of the LORD God of
Israel (He is God), which is in Jerusalem.

[4] And whoever is left in any place
where he dwells, let the men of his
place help him with silver and gold, with
goods and livestock, besides the freewill
offerings for the house of God which is
in Jerusalem.
[5] Then the heads of the fathers' houses
of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests
and the Levites, with all whose spirits
God had moved, arose to go up and
build the house of the LORD which is in
Jerusalem.
[6] And all those who were around them
encouraged them with articles of silver
and gold, with goods and livestock, and
with precious things, besides all that was
willingly offered.
[7] King Cyrus also brought out the
articles of the house of the LORD,
which Nebuchadnezzar had taken from
Jerusalem and put in the temple of his
gods;

8 and Cyrus king of Persia brought
them out by the hand of Mithredath
the treasurer, and counted them out to
Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah.
9 This is the number of them: thirty gold
platters, one thousand silver platters,
twenty–nine knives,
10 thirty gold basins, four hundred and
ten silver basins of a similar kind, and
one thousand other articles.
11 All the articles of gold and silver were
five thousand four hundred. All these
Sheshbazzar took with the captives
who were brought from Babylon to
Jerusalem.

2 1 Now these are the people of the
province who came back from the
captivity, of those who had been carried
away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king
of Babylon had carried away to Babylon,
and who returned to Jerusalem and
Judah, everyone to his own city.

2 Those who came with Zerubbabel
were Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah,
Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar,
Bigvai, Rehum, and Baanah. The number
of the men of the people of Israel:
3 the people of Parosh, two thousand
one hundred and seventy–two;
4 the people of Shephatiah, three
hundred and seventy–two;
5 the people of Arah, seven hundred
and seventy–five;
6 the people of Pahath–Moab, of
the people of Jeshua and Joab, two
thousand eight hundred and twelve;
7 the people of Elam, one thousand two
hundred and fifty–four;
8 the people of Zattu, nine hundred and
forty–five;
9 the people of Zaccai, seven hundred
and sixty;
10 the people of Bani, six hundred and
forty–two;

11 the people of Bebai, six hundred and
twenty–three;
12 the people of Azgad, one thousand
two hundred and twenty–two;
13 the people of Adonikam, six hundred
and sixty–six;
14 the people of Bigvai, two thousand
and fifty–six;
15 the people of Adin, four hundred and
fifty–four;
16 the people of Ater of Hezekiah,
ninety–eight;
17 the people of Bezai, three hundred
and twenty–three;
18 the people of Jorah, one hundred
and twelve;
19 the people of Hashum, two hundred
and twenty–three;
20 the people of Gibbar, ninety–five;
21 the people of Bethlehem, one
hundred and twenty–three;
22 the men of Netophah, fifty–six;

23 the men of Anathoth, one hundred
and twenty–eight;
24 the people of Azmaveth, forty–two;
25 the people of Kirjath Arim,
Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred
and forty–three;
26 the people of Ramah and Geba, six
hundred and twenty–one;
27 the men of Michmas, one hundred
and twenty–two;
28 the men of Bethel and Ai, two
hundred and twenty–three;
29 the people of Nebo, fifty–two;
30 the people of Magbish, one hundred
and fifty–six;
31 the people of the other Elam, one
thousand two hundred and fifty–four;
32 the people of Harim, three hundred
and twenty;
33 the people of Lod, Hadid, and Ono,
seven hundred and twenty–five;

34 the people of Jericho, three hundred
and forty–five;
35 the people of Senaah, three thousand
six hundred and thirty.
36 The priests: the sons of Jedaiah, of
the house of Jeshua, nine hundred and
seventy–three;
37 the sons of Immer, one thousand and
fifty–two;
38 the sons of Pashhur, one thousand
two hundred and forty–seven;
39 the sons of Harim, one thousand and
seventeen.
40 The Levites: the sons of Jeshua
and Kadmiel, of the sons of Hodaviah,
seventy–four.
41 The singers: the sons of Asaph, one
hundred and twenty–eight.
42 The sons of the gatekeepers: the
sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the
sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the

sons of Hatita, and the sons of Shobai,
one hundred and thirty–nine in all.
43 The Nethinim: the sons of Ziha, the
sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth,
44 the sons of Keros, the sons of Siaha,
the sons of Padon,
45 the sons of Lebanah, the sons of
Hagabah, the sons of Akkub,
46 the sons of Hagab, the sons of
Shalmai, the sons of Hanan,
47 the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar,
the sons of Reaiah,
48 the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda,
the sons of Gazzam,
49 the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah,
the sons of Besai,
50 the sons of Asnah, the sons of
Meunim, the sons of Nephusim,
51 the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of
Hakupha, the sons of Harhur,
52 the sons of Bazluth, the sons of
Mehida, the sons of Harsha,

53 the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera,
the sons of Tamah,
54 the sons of Neziah, and the sons of
Hatipha.
55 The sons of Solomon's servants: the
sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth, the
sons of Peruda,
56 the sons of Jaala, the sons of Darkon,
the sons of Giddel,
57 the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of
Hattil, the sons of Pochereth of Zebaim,
and the sons of Ami.
58 All the Nethinim and the children of
Solomon's servants were three hundred
and ninety–two.
59 And these were the ones who came
up from Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Cherub,
Addan, and Immer; but they could not
identify their father's house or their
genealogy, whether they were of Israel:

60 the sons of Delaiah, the sons of
Tobiah, and the sons of Nekoda, six
hundred and fifty–two;
61 and of the sons of the priests: the
sons of Habaiah, the sons of Koz, and
the sons of Barzillai, who took a wife of
the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite,
and was called by their name.
62 These sought their listing among
those who were registered by genealogy,
but they were not found; therefore they
were excluded from the priesthood as
defiled.
63 And the governor said to them that
they should not eat of the most holy
things till a priest could consult with the
Urim and Thummim.
64 The whole assembly together was
forty–two thousand three hundred and
sixty,
65 besides their male and female
servants, of whom there were seven

thousand three hundred and thirty–
seven; and they had two hundred men
and women singers.
66 Their horses were seven hundred
and thirty–six, their mules two hundred
and forty–five,
67 their camels four hundred and
thirty–five, and their donkeys six
thousand seven hundred and twenty.
68 Some of the heads of the fathers'
houses, when they came to the house of
the LORD which is in Jerusalem, offered
freely for the house of God, to erect it in
its place:
69 According to their ability, they gave
to the treasury for the work sixty–one
thousand gold drachmas, five thousand
minas of silver, and one hundred priestly
garments.
70 So the priests and the Levites,
some of the people, the singers, the

gatekeepers, and the Nethinim, dwelt in
their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

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1 And when the seventh month had
come, and the children of Israel
were in the cities, the people gathered
together as one man to Jerusalem.
2 Then Jeshua the son of Jozadak and
his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel
the son of Shealtiel and his brethren,
arose and built the altar of the God of
Israel, to offer burnt offerings on it, as it
is written in the Law of Moses the man
of God.
3 Though fear had come upon them
because of the people of those countries,
they set the altar on its bases; and they
offered burnt offerings on it to the LORD,
both the morning and evening burnt
offerings.
4 They also kept the Feast of
Tabernacles, as it is written, and offered

the daily burnt offerings in the number
required by ordinance for each day.
5 Afterwards they offered the regular
burnt offering, and those for New Moons
and for all the appointed feasts of the
LORD that were consecrated, and those
of everyone who willingly offered a
freewill offering to the LORD.
6 From the first day of the seventh
month they began to offer burnt
offerings to the LORD, although the
foundation of the temple of the LORD
had not been laid.
7 They also gave money to the masons
and the carpenters, and food, drink,
and oil to the people of Sidon and Tyre
to bring cedar logs from Lebanon to
the sea, to Joppa, according to the
permission which they had from Cyrus
king of Persia.
8 Now in the second month of the
second year of their coming to the house

of God at Jerusalem, Zerubbabel the son
of Shealtiel, Jeshua the son of Jozadak,
and the rest of their brethren the priests
and the Levites, and all those who had
come out of the captivity to Jerusalem,
began work and appointed the Levites
from twenty years old and above to
oversee the work of the house of the
LORD.
9 Then Jeshua with his sons and
brothers, Kadmiel with his sons, and the
sons of Judah, arose as one to oversee
those working on the house of God: the
sons of Henadad with their sons and
their brethren the Levites.
10 When the builders laid the
foundation of the temple of the LORD,
the priests stood in their apparel with
trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of
Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the LORD,
according to the ordinance of David king
of Israel.

11 And they sang responsively, praising
and giving thanks to the LORD: "For He
is good, For His mercy endures forever
toward Israel." Then all the people
shouted with a great shout, when
they praised the LORD, because the
foundation of the house of the LORD
was laid.
12 But many of the priests and Levites
and heads of the fathers' houses, old
men who had seen the first temple, wept
with a loud voice when the foundation
of this temple was laid before their eyes.
Yet many shouted aloud for joy,
13 so that the people could not discern
the noise of the shout of joy from the
noise of the weeping of the people, for
the people shouted with a loud shout,
and the sound was heard afar off.

4 1 Now when the adversaries of
Judah and Benjamin heard that
the descendants of the captivity were

building the temple of the LORD God of
Israel,
2 they came to Zerubbabel and the
heads of the fathers’ houses, and said
to them, "Let us build with you, for
we seek your God as you do; and we
have sacrificed to Him since the days of
Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who brought
us here."
3 But Zerubbabel and Jeshua and the
rest of the heads of the fathers’ houses
of Israel said to them, "You may do
nothing with us to build a house for our
God; but we alone will build to the LORD
God of Israel, as King Cyrus the king of
Persia has commanded us."
4 Then the people of the land tried to
discourage the people of Judah. They
troubled them in building,
5 and hired counselors against them to
frustrate their purpose all the days of

Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign
of Darius king of Persia.
6 In the reign of Ahasuerus, in the
beginning of his reign, they wrote an
accusation against the inhabitants of
Judah and Jerusalem.
7 In the days of Artaxerxes also, Bishlam,
Mithredath, Tabel, and the rest of their
companions wrote to Artaxerxes king
of Persia; and the letter was written in
Aramaic script, and translated into the
Aramaic language.
8 Rehum the commander and Shimshai
the scribe wrote a letter against
Jerusalem to King Artaxerxes in this
fashion:
9 From Rehum the commander,
Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of
their companions—representatives of
the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the
Tarpelites, the people of Persia and

Erech and Babylon and Shushan, the
Dehavites, the Elamites,
10 and the rest of the nations whom the
great and noble Osnapper took captive
and settled in the cities of Samaria and
the remainder beyond the River—and
so forth.
11 (This is a copy of the letter that they
sent him) To King Artaxerxes from your
servants, the men of the region beyond
the River, and so forth:
12 Let it be known to the king that the
Jews who came up from you have come
to us at Jerusalem, and are building the
rebellious and evil city, and are finishing
its walls and repairing the foundations.
13 Let it now be known to the king
that, if this city is built and the walls
completed, they will not pay tax, tribute,
or custom, and the king's treasury will
be diminished.

14 Now because we receive support
from the palace, it was not proper for us
to see the king's dishonor; therefore we
have sent and informed the king,
15 that search may be made in the book
of the records of your fathers. And you
will find in the book of the records and
know that this city is a rebellious city,
harmful to kings and provinces, and that
they have incited sedition within the city
in former times, for which cause this city
was destroyed.
16 We inform the king that if this city
is rebuilt and its walls are completed,
the result will be that you will have no
dominion beyond the River.
17 The king sent an answer: To Rehum
the commander, to Shimshai the scribe,
to the rest of their companions who
dwell in Samaria, and to the remainder
beyond the River: Peace, and so forth.

18 The letter which you sent to us has
been clearly read before me.
19 And I gave the command, and a
search has been made, and it was found
that this city in former times has revolted
against kings, and rebellion and sedition
have been fostered in it.
20 There have also been mighty kings
over Jerusalem, who have ruled over all
the region beyond the River; and tax,
tribute, and custom were paid to them.
21 Now give the command to make
these men cease, that this city may not
be built until the command is given by
me.
22 Take heed now that you do not fail to
do this. Why should damage increase to
the hurt of the kings?
23 Now when the copy of King
Artaxerxes' letter was read before
Rehum, Shimshai the scribe, and their
companions, they went up in haste to

Jerusalem against the Jews, and by force
of arms made them cease.
24 Thus the work of the house of God
which is at Jerusalem ceased, and it was
discontinued until the second year of
the reign of Darius king of Persia.

5 1 Then the prophet Haggai and
Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophets,
prophesied to the Jews who were in
Judah and Jerusalem, in the name of the
God of Israel, who was over them.
2 So Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and
Jeshua the son of Jozadak rose up and
began to build the house of God which
is in Jerusalem; and the prophets of God
were with them, helping them.
3 At the same time Tattenai the
governor of the region beyond the
River and Shethar–Boznai and their
companions came to them and spoke
thus to them: "Who has commanded

you to build this temple and finish this
wall?"
4 Then, accordingly, we told them
the names of the men who were
constructing this building.
5 But the eye of their God was upon the
elders of the Jews, so that they could
not make them cease till a report could
go to Darius. Then a written answer was
returned concerning this matter.
6 This is a copy of the letter that Tattenai
sent: The governor of the region beyond
the River, and Shethar–Boznai, and his
companions, the Persians who were in
the region beyond the River, to Darius
the king.
7 They sent a letter to him, in which
was written thus—To Darius the king: All
peace.
8 Let it be known to the king that we
went into the province of Judea, to the
temple of the great God, which is being

built with heavy stones, and timber is
being laid in the walls; and this work
goes on diligently and prospers in their
hands.
9 Then we asked those elders, and
spoke thus to them: "Who commanded
you to build this temple and to finish
these walls?"
10 We also asked them their names
to inform you, that we might write
the names of the men who were chief
among them.
11 And thus they returned us an answer,
saying: "We are the servants of the
God of heaven and earth, and we are
rebuilding the temple that was built
many years ago, which a great king of
Israel built and completed.
12 "But because our fathers provoked
the God of heaven to wrath, He gave
them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar
king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who

destroyed this temple and carried the
people away to Babylon.
13 "However, in the first year of Cyrus
king of Babylon, King Cyrus issued a
decree to build this house of God.
14 "Also, the gold and silver
articles of the house of God, which
Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the
temple that was in Jerusalem and carried
into the temple of Babylon—those
King Cyrus took from the temple of
Babylon, and they were given to one
named Sheshbazzar, whom he had made
governor.
15 "And he said to him, ‘Take these
articles; go, carry them to the temple
site that is in Jerusalem, and let the
house of God be rebuilt on its former
site.’
16 "Then the same Sheshbazzar came
and laid the foundation of the house of
God which is in Jerusalem; but from that

time even until now it has been under
construction, and it is not finished."
17 Now therefore, if it seems good to
the king, let a search be made in the
king's treasure house, which is there in
Babylon, whether it is so that a decree
was issued by King Cyrus to build this
house of God at Jerusalem, and let the
king send us his pleasure concerning this
matter.

6 1 Then King Darius issued a decree,
and a search was made in the
archives, where the treasures were
stored in Babylon.
2 And at Achmetha, in the palace that
is in the province of Media, a scroll was
found, and in it a record was written
thus:
3 In the first year of King Cyrus, King
Cyrus issued a decree concerning the
house of God at Jerusalem: "Let the
house be rebuilt, the place where

they offered sacrifices; and let the
foundations of it be firmly laid, its height
sixty cubits and its width sixty cubits,
4 with three rows of heavy stones and
one row of new timber. Let the expenses
be paid from the king's treasury.
5 Also let the gold and silver
articles of the house of God, which
Nebuchadnezzar took from the temple
which is in Jerusalem and brought to
Babylon, be restored and taken back to
the temple which is in Jerusalem, each
to its place; and deposit them in the
house of God" —
6 Now therefore, Tattenai, governor
of the region beyond the River, and
Shethar–Boznai, and your companions
the Persians who are beyond the River,
keep yourselves far from there.
7 Let the work of this house of God
alone; let the governor of the Jews and

the elders of the Jews build this house of
God on its site.
8 Moreover I issue a decree as to what
you shall do for the elders of these Jews,
for the building of this house of God: Let
the cost be paid at the king's expense
from taxes on the region beyond the
River; this is to be given immediately
to these men, so that they are not
hindered.
9 And whatever they need—young
bulls, rams, and lambs for the burnt
offerings of the God of heaven, wheat,
salt, wine, and oil, according to the
request of the priests who are in
Jerusalem—let it be given them day by
day without fail,
10 that they may offer sacrifices of
sweet aroma to the God of heaven, and
pray for the life of the king and his sons.
11 Also I issue a decree that whoever
alters this edict, let a timber be pulled

from his house and erected, and let him
be hanged on it; and let his house be
made a refuse heap because of this.
12 And may the God who causes His
name to dwell there destroy any king or
people who put their hand to alter it, or
to destroy this house of God which is in
Jerusalem. I Darius issue a decree; let it
be done diligently.
13 Then Tattenai, governor of the region
beyond the River, Shethar–Boznai,
and their companions diligently did
according to what King Darius had sent.
14 So the elders of the Jews built, and
they prospered through the prophesying
of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the
son of Iddo. And they built and finished
it, according to the commandment
of the God of Israel, and according to
the command of Cyrus, Darius, and
Artaxerxes king of Persia.

15 Now the temple was finished on the third day of the month of Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of King Darius.

16 Then the children of Israel, the priests and the Levites and the rest of the descendants of the captivity, celebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy.

17 And they offered sacrifices at the dedication of this house of God, one hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs, and as a sin offering for all Israel twelve male goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

18 They assigned the priests to their divisions and the Levites to their divisions, over the service of God in Jerusalem, as it is written in the Book of Moses.

19 And the descendants of the captivity
kept the Passover on the fourteenth day
of the first month.
20 For the priests and the Levites had
purified themselves; all of them were
ritually clean. And they slaughtered the
Passover lambs for all the descendants
of the captivity, for their brethren the
priests, and for themselves.
21 Then the children of Israel who had
returned from the captivity ate together
with all who had separated themselves
from the filth of the nations of the land
in order to seek the LORD God of Israel.
22 And they kept the Feast of
Unleavened Bread seven days with joy;
for the LORD made them joyful, and
turned the heart of the king of Assyria
toward them, to strengthen their hands
in the work of the house of God, the God
of Israel.

7 1 Now after these things, in the reign
of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the
son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the
son of Hilkiah,
2 the son of Shallum, the son of Zadok,
the son of Ahitub,
3 the son of Amariah, the son of Azariah,
the son of Meraioth,
4 the son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi,
the son of Bukki,
5 the son of Abishua, the son of
Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of
Aaron the chief priest—
6 this Ezra came up from Babylon; and
he was a skilled scribe in the Law of
Moses, which the LORD God of Israel
had given. The king granted him all his
request, according to the hand of the
LORD his God upon him.
7 Some of the children of Israel, the
priests, the Levites, the singers, the
gatekeepers, and the Nethinim came up

to Jerusalem in the seventh year of King
Artaxerxes.
8 And Ezra came to Jerusalem in the
fifth month, which was in the seventh
year of the king.
9 On the first day of the first month he
began his journey from Babylon, and on
the first day of the fifth month he came
to Jerusalem, according to the good
hand of his God upon him.
10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to
seek the Law of the LORD, and to do it,
and to teach statutes and ordinances in
Israel.
11 This is a copy of the letter that
King Artaxerxes gave Ezra the priest,
the scribe, expert in the words of the
commandments of the LORD, and of His
statutes to Israel:
12 Artaxerxes, king of kings, To Ezra the
priest, a scribe of the Law of the God of
heaven: Perfect peace, and so forth.

13 I issue a decree that all those of the
people of Israel and the priests and
Levites in my realm, who volunteer to go
up to Jerusalem, may go with you.
14 And whereas you are being sent by
the king and his seven counselors to
inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem,
with regard to the Law of your God
which is in your hand;
15 and whereas you are to carry the
silver and gold which the king and his
counselors have freely offered to the
God of Israel, whose dwelling is in
Jerusalem;
16 and whereas all the silver and gold
that you may find in all the province of
Babylon, along with the freewill offering
of the people and the priests, are to be
freely offered for the house of their God
in Jerusalem––
17 now therefore, be careful to buy
with this money bulls, rams, and lambs,

with their grain offerings and their drink
offerings, and offer them on the altar of
the house of your God in Jerusalem.
18 And whatever seems good to you
and your brethren to do with the rest of
the silver and the gold, do it according to
the will of your God.
19 Also the articles that are given to
you for the service of the house of your
God, deliver in full before the God of
Jerusalem.
20 And whatever more may be needed
for the house of your God, which you
may have occasion to provide, pay for it
from the king’s treasury.
21 And I, even I, Artaxerxes the king,
issue a decree to all the treasurers who
are in the region beyond the River, that
whatever Ezra the priest, the scribe
of the Law of the God of heaven, may
require of you, let it be done diligently,

22 up to one hundred talents of silver, one hundred kors of wheat, one hundred baths of wine, one hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribed limit.
23 Whatever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it diligently be done for the house of the God of heaven. For why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons?
24 Also we inform you that it shall not be lawful to impose tax, tribute, or custom on any of the priests, Levites, singers, gatekeepers, Nethinim, or servants of this house of God.
25 And you, Ezra, according to your God–given wisdom, set magistrates and judges who may judge all the people who are in the region beyond the River, all such as know the laws of your God; and teach those who do not know them.
26 Whoever will not observe the law of your God and the law of the king, let

judgment be executed speedily on him,
whether it be death, or banishment, or
confiscation of goods, or imprisonment.
27 Blessed be the LORD God of our
fathers, who has put such a thing as this
in the king's heart, to beautify the house
of the LORD which is in Jerusalem,
28 and has extended mercy to me
before the king and his counselors, and
before all the king's mighty princes.
So I was encouraged, as the hand of
the LORD my God was upon me; and I
gathered leading men of Israel to go up
with me.

8 1 These are the heads of their
fathers' houses, and this is the
genealogy of those who went up with
me from Babylon, in the reign of King
Artaxerxes:
2 of the sons of Phinehas, Gershom; of
the sons of Ithamar, Daniel; of the sons
of David, Hattush;

3 of the sons of Shecaniah, of the sons
of Parosh, Zechariah; and registered with
him were one hundred and fifty males;
4 of the sons of Pahath–Moab,
Eliehoenai the son of Zerahiah, and with
him two hundred males;
5 of the sons of Shechaniah, Ben–
Jahaziel, and with him three hundred
males;
6 of the sons of Adin, Ebed the son of
Jonathan, and with him fifty males;
7 of the sons of Elam, Jeshaiah the son
of Athaliah, and with him seventy males;
8 of the sons of Shephatiah, Zebadiah
the son of Michael, and with him eighty
males;
9 of the sons of Joab, Obadiah the son
of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and
eighteen males;
10 of the sons of Shelomith, Ben–
Josiphiah, and with him one hundred
and sixty males;

11 of the sons of Bebai, Zechariah the
son of Bebai, and with him twenty–eight
males;
12 of the sons of Azgad, Johanan the son
of Hakkatan, and with him one hundred
and ten males;
13 of the last sons of Adonikam, whose
names are these—Eliphelet, Jeiel, and
Shemaiah—and with them sixty males;
14 also of the sons of Bigvai, Uthai and
Zabbud, and with them seventy males.
15 Now I gathered them by the river
that flows to Ahava, and we camped
there three days. And I looked among
the people and the priests, and found
none of the sons of Levi there.
16 Then I sent for Eliezer, Ariel,
Shemaiah, Elnathan, Jarib, Elnathan,
Nathan, Zechariah, and Meshullam,
leaders; also for Joiarib and Elnathan,
men of understanding.

17 And I gave them a command for Iddo
the chief man at the place Casiphia, and
I told them what they should say to Iddo
and his brethren the Nethinim at the
place Casiphia—that they should bring
us servants for the house of our God.
18 Then, by the good hand of our God
upon us, they brought us a man of
understanding, of the sons of Mahli the
son of Levi, the son of Israel, namely
Sherebiah, with his sons and brothers,
eighteen men;
19 and Hashabiah, and with him
Jeshaiah of the sons of Merari, his
brothers and their sons, twenty men;
20 also of the Nethinim, whom David
and the leaders had appointed for the
service of the Levites, two hundred
and twenty Nethinim. All of them were
designated by name.
21 Then I proclaimed a fast there at the
river of Ahava, that we might humble

ourselves before our God, to seek from
Him the right way for us and our little
ones and all our possessions.
22 For I was ashamed to request of the
king an escort of soldiers and horsemen
to help us against the enemy on the
road, because we had spoken to the
king, saying, "The hand of our God is
upon all those for good who seek Him,
but His power and His wrath are against
all those who forsake Him."
23 So we fasted and entreated our God
for this, and He answered our prayer.
24 And I separated twelve of the leaders
of the priests—Sherebiah, Hashabiah,
and ten of their brethren with them—
25 and weighed out to them the silver,
the gold, and the articles, the offering
for the house of our God which the king
and his counselors and his princes, and
all Israel who were present, had offered.

26 I weighed into their hand six hundred
and fifty talents of silver, silver articles
weighing one hundred talents, one
hundred talents of gold,
27 twenty gold basins worth a thousand
drachmas, and two vessels of fine
polished bronze, precious as gold.
28 And I said to them, "You are holy
to the LORD; the articles are holy also;
and the silver and the gold are a freewill
offering to the LORD God of your fathers.
29 "Watch and keep them until you
weigh them before the leaders of the
priests and the Levites and heads of the
fathers' houses of Israel in Jerusalem, in
the chambers of the house of the LORD."
30 So the priests and the Levites
received the silver and the gold and
the articles by weight, to bring them to
Jerusalem to the house of our God.
31 Then we departed from the river of
Ahava on the twelfth day of the first

month, to go to Jerusalem. And the
hand of our God was upon us, and He
delivered us from the hand of the enemy
and from ambush along the road.
32 So we came to Jerusalem, and stayed
there three days.
33 Now on the fourth day the silver and
the gold and the articles were weighed
in the house of our God by the hand of
Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest,
and with him was Eleazar the son of
Phinehas; with them were the Levites,
Jozabad the son of Jeshua and Noadiah
the son of Binnui,
34 with the number and weight of
everything. All the weight was written
down at that time.
35 The children of those who had
been carried away captive, who had
come from the captivity, offered burnt
offerings to the God of Israel: twelve
bulls for all Israel, ninety–six rams,

seventy–seven lambs, and twelve male
goats as a sin offering. All this was a
burnt offering to the LORD.
36 And they delivered the king’s orders
to the king’s satraps and the governors
in the region beyond the River. So they
gave support to the people and the
house of God.
9 1 When these things were done,
the leaders came to me, saying,
"The people of Israel and the priests
and the Levites have not separated
themselves from the peoples of the
lands, with respect to the abominations
of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the
Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites,
the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the
Amorites.
2 "For they have taken some of their
daughters as wives for themselves and
their sons, so that the holy seed is mixed
with the peoples of those lands. Indeed,

the hand of the leaders and rulers has
been foremost in this trespass."
3 So when I heard this thing, I tore my
garment and my robe, and plucked out
some of the hair of my head and beard,
and sat down astonished.
4 Then everyone who trembled at the
words of the God of Israel assembled
to me, because of the transgression
of those who had been carried away
captive, and I sat astonished until the
evening sacrifice.
5 At the evening sacrifice I arose from
my fasting; and having torn my garment
and my robe, I fell on my knees and
spread out my hands to the LORD my
God.
6 And I said: "O my God, I am too
ashamed and humiliated to lift up my
face to You, my God; for our iniquities
have risen higher than our heads, and
our guilt has grown up to the heavens.

7 "Since the days of our fathers to this
day we have been very guilty, and for our
iniquities we, our kings, and our priests
have been delivered into the hand of
the kings of the lands, to the sword, to
captivity, to plunder, and to humiliation,
as it is this day.
8 "And now for a little while grace has
been shown from the LORD our God, to
leave us a remnant to escape, and to
give us a peg in His holy place, that our
God may enlighten our eyes and give us
a measure of revival in our bondage.
9 "For we were slaves. Yet our God did
not forsake us in our bondage; but He
extended mercy to us in the sight of the
kings of Persia, to revive us, to repair
the house of our God, to rebuild its
ruins, and to give us a wall in Judah and
Jerusalem.

10 "And now, O our God, what shall we
say after this? For we have forsaken Your
commandments,
11 "which You commanded by Your
servants the prophets, saying, 'The land
which you are entering to possess is
an unclean land, with the uncleanness
of the peoples of the lands, with their
abominations which have filled it from
one end to another with their impurity.
12 'Now therefore, do not give your
daughters as wives for their sons, nor
take their daughters to your sons; and
never seek their peace or prosperity,
that you may be strong and eat the good
of the land, and leave it as an inheritance
to your children forever.'
13 "And after all that has come upon us
for our evil deeds and for our great guilt,
since You our God have punished us less
than our iniquities deserve, and have
given us such deliverance as this,

14 "should we again break Your
commandments, and join in marriage
with the people committing these
abominations? Would You not be angry
with us until You had consumed us,
so that there would be no remnant or
survivor?
15 "O LORD God of Israel, You are
righteous, for we are left as a remnant,
as it is this day. Here we are before You,
in our guilt, though no one can stand
before You because of this!"
10 1 Now while Ezra was praying,
and while he was confessing,
weeping, and bowing down before the
house of God, a very large assembly of
men, women, and children gathered to
him from Israel; for the people wept
very bitterly.
2 And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, one
of the sons of Elam, spoke up and said to
Ezra, "We have trespassed against our

God, and have taken pagan wives from
the peoples of the land; yet now there is
hope in Israel in spite of this.
3 "Now therefore, let us make a
covenant with our God to put away all
these wives and those who have been
born to them, according to the advice of
my master and of those who tremble at
the commandment of our God; and let it
be done according to the law.
4 "Arise, for this matter is your
responsibility. We also are with you. Be
of good courage, and do it."
5 Then Ezra arose, and made the
leaders of the priests, the Levites, and all
Israel swear an oath that they would do
according to this word. So they swore an
oath.
6 Then Ezra rose up from before
the house of God, and went into the
chamber of Jehohanan the son of
Eliashib; and when he came there, he

ate no bread and drank no water, for he
mourned because of the guilt of those
from the captivity.
7 And they issued a proclamation
throughout Judah and Jerusalem to all
the descendants of the captivity, that
they must gather at Jerusalem,
8 and that whoever would not come
within three days, according to the
instructions of the leaders and elders, all
his property would be confiscated, and
he himself would be separated from the
assembly of those from the captivity.
9 So all the men of Judah and Benjamin
gathered at Jerusalem within three days.
It was the ninth month, on the twentieth
of the month; and all the people sat in
the open square of the house of God,
trembling because of this matter and
because of heavy rain.
10 Then Ezra the priest stood up and
said to them, "You have transgressed

and have taken pagan wives, adding to
the guilt of Israel.
11 "Now therefore, make confession to
the LORD God of your fathers, and do
His will; separate yourselves from the
peoples of the land, and from the pagan
wives."
12 Then all the assembly answered and
said with a loud voice, "Yes! As you have
said, so we must do.
13 "But there are many people; it is the
season for heavy rain, and we are not
able to stand outside. Nor is this the
work of one or two days, for there are
many of us who have transgressed in
this matter.
14 "Please, let the leaders of our entire
assembly stand; and let all those in our
cities who have taken pagan wives come
at appointed times, together with the
elders and judges of their cities, until the

fierce wrath of our God is turned away
from us in this matter."
15 Only Jonathan the son of Asahel
and Jahaziah the son of Tikvah opposed
this, and Meshullam and Shabbethai the
Levite gave them support.
16 Then the descendants of the captivity
did so. And Ezra the priest, with certain
heads of the fathers’ households, were
set apart by the fathers’ households,
each of them by name; and they sat
down on the first day of the tenth month
to examine the matter.
17 By the first day of the first month
they finished questioning all the men
who had taken pagan wives.
18 And among the sons of the priests
who had taken pagan wives the following
were found of the sons of Jeshua the son
of Jozadak, and his brothers: Maaseiah,
Eliezer, Jarib, and Gedaliah.

19 And they gave their promise that
they would put away their wives; and
being guilty, they presented a ram of the
flock as their trespass offering.
20 Also of the sons of Immer: Hanani
and Zebadiah;
21 of the sons of Harim: Maaseiah,
Elijah, Shemaiah, Jehiel, and Uzziah;
22 of the sons of Pashhur: Elioenai,
Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethanel, Jozabad,
and Elasah.
23 Also of the Levites: Jozabad, Shimei,
Kelaiah (the same is Kelita), Pethahiah,
Judah, and Eliezer.
24 Also of the singers: Eliashib; and of
the gatekeepers: Shallum, Telem, and
Uri.
25 And others of Israel: of the sons
of Parosh: Ramiah, Jeziah, Malchiah,
Mijamin, Eleazar, Malchijah, and
Benaiah;

26 of the sons of Elam: Mattaniah,
Zechariah, Jehiel, Abdi, Jeremoth, and
Eliah;
27 of the sons of Zattu: Elioenai, Eliashib,
Mattaniah, Jeremoth, Zabad, and Aziza;
28 of the sons of Bebai: Jehohanan,
Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai;
29 of the sons of Bani: Meshullam,
Malluch, Adaiah, Jashub, Sheal, and
Ramoth;
30 of the sons of Pahath–Moab: Adna,
Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah,
Bezalel, Binnui, and Manasseh;
31 of the sons of Harim: Eliezer, Ishijah,
Malchijah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,
32 Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemariah;
33 of the sons of Hashum: Mattenai,
Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai,
Manasseh, and Shimei;
34 of the sons of Bani: Maadai, Amram,
Uel,
35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Cheluh,

36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,
37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, Jaasai,
38 Bani, Binnui, Shimei,
39 Shelemiah, Nathan, Adaiah,
40 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,
41 Azarel, Shelemiah, Shemariah,
42 Shallum, Amariah, and Joseph;
43 of the sons of Nebo: Jeiel, Mattithiah,
Zabad, Zebina, Jaddai, Joel, and Benaiah.
44 All these had taken pagan wives, and
some of them had wives by whom they
had children.

Nehemiah

1 [1] The words of Nehemiah the son
of Hachaliah. It came to pass in the
month of Chislev, in the twentieth year,
as I was in Shushan the citadel,
[2] that Hanani one of my brethren came
with men from Judah; and I asked them
concerning the Jews who had escaped,
who had survived the captivity, and
concerning Jerusalem.
[3] And they said to me, "The survivors
who are left from the captivity in the
province are there in great distress and
reproach. The wall of Jerusalem is also
broken down, and its gates are burned
with fire."
[4] So it was, when I heard these words,
that I sat down and wept, and mourned

for many days; I was fasting and praying
before the God of heaven.
5 And I said: "I pray, LORD God of
heaven, O great and awesome God, You
who keep Your covenant and mercy with
those who love You and observe Your
commandments,
6 "please let Your ear be attentive and
Your eyes open, that You may hear
the prayer of Your servant which I pray
before You now, day and night, for the
children of Israel Your servants, and
confess the sins of the children of Israel
which we have sinned against You. Both
my father's house and I have sinned.
7 "We have acted very corruptly
against You, and have not kept the
commandments, the statutes, nor the
ordinances which You commanded Your
servant Moses.
8 "Remember, I pray, the word that You
commanded Your servant Moses, saying,

‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you
among the nations;
9 ‘but if you return to Me, and keep My
commandments and do them, though
some of you were cast out to the farthest
part of the heavens, yet I will gather
them from there, and bring them to the
place which I have chosen as a dwelling
for My name.’
10 "Now these are Your servants and
Your people, whom You have redeemed
by Your great power, and by Your strong
hand.
11 "O Lord, I pray, please let Your ear be
attentive to the prayer of Your servant,
and to the prayer of Your servants who
desire to fear Your name; and let Your
servant prosper this day, I pray, and grant
him mercy in the sight of this man." For I
was the king’s cupbearer.
2 1 And it came to pass in the month of
Nisan, in the twentieth year of King

Artaxerxes, when wine was before him,
that I took the wine and gave it to the
king. Now I had never been sad in his
presence before.
2 Therefore the king said to me, "Why
is your face sad, since you are not sick?
This is nothing but sorrow of heart." So I
became dreadfully afraid,
3 and said to the king, "May the king
live forever! Why should my face not
be sad, when the city, the place of my
fathers’ tombs, lies waste, and its gates
are burned with fire?"
4 Then the king said to me, "What do
you request?" So I prayed to the God of
heaven.
5 And I said to the king, "If it pleases the
king, and if your servant has found favor
in your sight, I ask that you send me to
Judah, to the city of my fathers’ tombs,
that I may rebuild it."

6 Then the king said to me (the queen
also sitting beside him), "How long will
your journey be? And when will you
return?" So it pleased the king to send
me; and I set him a time.
7 Furthermore I said to the king, "If
it pleases the king, let letters be given
to me for the governors of the region
beyond the River, that they must permit
me to pass through till I come to Judah,
8 "and a letter to Asaph the keeper of
the king's forest, that he must give me
timber to make beams for the gates of
the citadel which pertains to the temple,
for the city wall, and for the house that I
will occupy." And the king granted them
to me according to the good hand of my
God upon me.
9 Then I went to the governors in the
region beyond the River, and gave them
the king's letters. Now the king had sent

captains of the army and horsemen with
me.
10 When Sanballat the Horonite and
Tobiah the Ammonite official heard of it,
they were deeply disturbed that a man
had come to seek the well–being of the
children of Israel.
11 So I came to Jerusalem and was there
three days.
12 Then I arose in the night, I and a
few men with me; I told no one what
my God had put in my heart to do at
Jerusalem; nor was there any animal
with me, except the one on which I rode.
13 And I went out by night through the
Valley Gate to the Serpent Well and the
Refuse Gate, and viewed the walls of
Jerusalem which were broken down and
its gates which were burned with fire.
14 Then I went on to the Fountain Gate
and to the King's Pool, but there was no
room for the animal under me to pass.

15 So I went up in the night by the valley,
and viewed the wall; then I turned back
and entered by the Valley Gate, and so
returned.
16 And the officials did not know where
I had gone or what I had done; I had not
yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles,
the officials, or the others who did the
work.
17 Then I said to them, "You see the
distress that we are in, how Jerusalem
lies waste, and its gates are burned with
fire. Come and let us build the wall of
Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a
reproach."
18 And I told them of the hand of my
God which had been good upon me,
and also of the king’s words that he had
spoken to me. So they said, "Let us rise
up and build." Then they set their hands
to this good work.

19 But when Sanballat the Horonite,
Tobiah the Ammonite official, and
Geshem the Arab heard of it, they
laughed at us and despised us, and said,
"What is this thing that you are doing?
Will you rebel against the king?"
20 So I answered them, and said to
them, "The God of heaven Himself will
prosper us; therefore we His servants will
arise and build, but you have no heritage
or right or memorial in Jerusalem."
3 1 Then Eliashib the high priest rose
up with his brethren the priests and
built the Sheep Gate; they consecrated
it and hung its doors. They built as
far as the Tower of the Hundred, and
consecrated it, then as far as the Tower
of Hananel.
2 Next to Eliashib the men of Jericho
built. And next to them Zaccur the son
of Imri built.

3 Also the sons of Hassenaah built the
Fish Gate; they laid its beams and hung
its doors with its bolts and bars.
4 And next to them Meremoth the son
of Urijah, the son of Koz, made repairs.
Next to them Meshullam the son of
Berechiah, the son of Meshezabel, made
repairs. Next to them Zadok the son of
Baana made repairs.
5 Next to them the Tekoites made
repairs; but their nobles did not put their
shoulders to the work of their Lord.
6 Moreover Jehoiada the son of Paseah
and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah
repaired the Old Gate; they laid its
beams and hung its doors, with its bolts
and bars.
7 And next to them Melatiah the
Gibeonite, Jadon the Meronothite, the
men of Gibeon and Mizpah, repaired the
residence of the governor of the region
beyond the River.

8 Next to him Uzziel the son of Harhaiah,
one of the goldsmiths, made repairs.
Also next to him Hananiah, one of the
perfumers, made repairs; and they
fortified Jerusalem as far as the Broad
Wall.
9 And next to them Rephaiah the son
of Hur, leader of half the district of
Jerusalem, made repairs.
10 Next to them Jedaiah the son of
Harumaph made repairs in front of his
house. And next to him Hattush the son
of Hashabniah made repairs.
11 Malchijah the son of Harim and
Hashub the son of Pahath–Moab
repaired another section, as well as the
Tower of the Ovens.
12 And next to him was Shallum the son
of Hallohesh, leader of half the district
of Jerusalem; he and his daughters made
repairs.

13 Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah
repaired the Valley Gate. They built it,
hung its doors with its bolts and bars,
and repaired a thousand cubits of the
wall as far as the Refuse Gate.
14 Malchijah the son of Rechab, leader
of the district of Beth Haccerem,
repaired the Refuse Gate; he built it and
hung its doors with its bolts and bars.
15 Shallun the son of Col–Hozeh, leader
of the district of Mizpah, repaired the
Fountain Gate; he built it, covered it,
hung its doors with its bolts and bars,
and repaired the wall of the Pool of
Shelah by the King's Garden, as far as
the stairs that go down from the City of
David.
16 After him Nehemiah the son of
Azbuk, leader of half the district of Beth
Zur, made repairs as far as the place
in front of the tombs of David, to the

man–made pool, and as far as the House
of the Mighty.
17 After him the Levites, under Rehum
the son of Bani, made repairs. Next to
him Hashabiah, leader of half the district
of Keilah, made repairs for his district.
18 After him their brethren, under
Bavai the son of Henadad, leader of the
other half of the district of Keilah, made
repairs.
19 And next to him Ezer the son of
Jeshua, the leader of Mizpah, repaired
another section in front of the Ascent to
the Armory at the buttress.
20 After him Baruch the son of Zabbai
carefully repaired the other section,
from the buttress to the door of the
house of Eliashib the high priest.
21 After him Meremoth the son of
Urijah, the son of Koz, repaired another
section, from the door of the house

of Eliashib to the end of the house of
Eliashib.
22 And after him the priests, the men of
the plain, made repairs.
23 After him Benjamin and Hasshub
made repairs opposite their house. After
them Azariah the son of Maaseiah, the
son of Ananiah, made repairs by his
house.
24 After him Binnui the son of Henadad
repaired another section, from the
house of Azariah to the buttress, even as
far as the corner.
25 Palal the son of Uzai made repairs
opposite the buttress, and on the tower
which projects from the king's upper
house that was by the court of the
prison. After him Pedaiah the son of
Parosh made repairs.
26 Moreover the Nethinim who dwelt in
Ophel made repairs as far as the place in

front of the Water Gate toward the east,
and on the projecting tower.
27 After them the Tekoites repaired
another section, next to the great
projecting tower, and as far as the wall
of Ophel.
28 Beyond the Horse Gate the priests
made repairs, each in front of his own
house.
29 After them Zadok the son of Immer
made repairs in front of his own
house. After him Shemaiah the son of
Shechaniah, the keeper of the East Gate,
made repairs.
30 After him Hananiah the son of
Shelemiah, and Hanun, the sixth son of
Zalaph, repaired another section. After
him Meshullam the son of Berechiah
made repairs in front of his dwelling.
31 After him Malchijah, one of the
goldsmiths, made repairs as far as
the house of the Nethinim and of the

merchants, in front of the Miphkad Gate, and as far as the upper room at the corner.

32 And between the upper room at the corner, as far as the Sheep Gate, the goldsmiths and the merchants made repairs.

4 1 But it so happened, when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, that he was furious and very indignant, and mocked the Jews.

2 And he spoke before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they fortify themselves? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they complete it in a day? Will they revive the stones from the heaps of rubbish—stones that are burned?"

3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, "Whatever they build, if even a fox goes up on it, he will break down their stone wall."

4 Hear, O our God, for we are despised;
turn their reproach on their own heads,
and give them as plunder to a land of
captivity!
5 Do not cover their iniquity, and do not
let their sin be blotted out from before
You; for they have provoked You to anger
before the builders.
6 So we built the wall, and the entire
wall was joined together up to half its
height, for the people had a mind to
work.
7 Now it happened, when Sanballat,
Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and
the Ashdodites heard that the walls of
Jerusalem were being restored and the
gaps were beginning to be closed, that
they became very angry,
8 and all of them conspired together to
come and attack Jerusalem and create
confusion.

9 Nevertheless we made our prayer to
our God, and because of them we set a
watch against them day and night.
10 Then Judah said, "The strength of the
laborers is failing, and there is so much
rubbish that we are not able to build the
wall."
11 And our adversaries said, "They will
neither know nor see anything, till we
come into their midst and kill them and
cause the work to cease."
12 So it was, when the Jews who dwelt
near them came, that they told us ten
times, "From whatever place you turn,
they will be upon us."
13 Therefore I positioned men behind
the lower parts of the wall, at the
openings; and I set the people according
to their families, with their swords, their
spears, and their bows.
14 And I looked, and arose and said to
the nobles, to the leaders, and to the

rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of
them. Remember the Lord, great and
awesome, and fight for your brethren,
your sons, your daughters, your wives,
and your houses."
15 And it happened, when our enemies
heard that it was known to us, and that
God had brought their plot to nothing,
that all of us returned to the wall,
everyone to his work.
16 So it was, from that time on, that half
of my servants worked at construction,
while the other half held the spears, the
shields, the bows, and wore armor; and
the leaders were behind all the house of
Judah.
17 Those who built on the wall, and
those who carried burdens, loaded
themselves so that with one hand they
worked at construction, and with the
other held a weapon.

18 Every one of the builders had his
sword girded at his side as he built. And
the one who sounded the trumpet was
beside me.
19 Then I said to the nobles, the rulers,
and the rest of the people, "The work
is great and extensive, and we are
separated far from one another on the
wall.
20 "Wherever you hear the sound of the
trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will
fight for us."
21 So we labored in the work, and
half of the men held the spears from
daybreak until the stars appeared.
22 At the same time I also said to the
people, "Let each man and his servant
stay at night in Jerusalem, that they may
be our guard by night and a working
party by day."
23 So neither I, my brethren, my
servants, nor the men of the guard who

followed me took off our clothes, except
that everyone took them off for washing.

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1 And there was a great outcry of the
people and their wives against their
Jewish brethren.
2 For there were those who said, "We,
our sons, and our daughters are many;
therefore let us get grain, that we may
eat and live."
3 There were also some who said, "We
have mortgaged our lands and vineyards
and houses, that we might buy grain
because of the famine."
4 There were also those who said, "We
have borrowed money for the king’s tax
on our lands and vineyards.
5 "Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our
brethren, our children as their children;
and indeed we are forcing our sons and
our daughters to be slaves, and some of
our daughters have been brought into
slavery. It is not in our power to redeem

them, for other men have our lands and
vineyards."
6 And I became very angry when I heard
their outcry and these words.
7 After serious thought, I rebuked the
nobles and rulers, and said to them,
"Each of you is exacting usury from his
brother." So I called a great assembly
against them.
8 And I said to them, "According to our
ability we have redeemed our Jewish
brethren who were sold to the nations.
Now indeed, will you even sell your
brethren? Or should they be sold to
us?" Then they were silenced and found
nothing to say.
9 Then I said, "What you are doing is
not good. Should you not walk in the
fear of our God because of the reproach
of the nations, our enemies?"

10 "I also, with my brethren and my
servants, am lending them money and
grain. Please, let us stop this usury!
11 "Restore now to them, even this
day, their lands, their vineyards, their
olive groves, and their houses, also a
hundredth of the money and the grain,
the new wine and the oil, that you have
charged them."
12 So they said, "We will restore it, and
will require nothing from them; we will
do as you say." Then I called the priests,
and required an oath from them that
they would do according to this promise.
13 Then I shook out the fold of my
garment and said, "So may God shake
out each man from his house, and from
his property, who does not perform this
promise. Even thus may he be shaken
out and emptied." And all the assembly
said, "Amen!" and praised the LORD.

Then the people did according to this promise.
[14] Moreover, from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year until the thirty–second year of King Artaxerxes, twelve years, neither I nor my brothers ate the governor’s provisions.
[15] But the former governors who were before me laid burdens on the people, and took from them bread and wine, besides forty shekels of silver. Yes, even their servants bore rule over the people, but I did not do so, because of the fear of God.
[16] Indeed, I also continued the work on this wall, and we did not buy any land. All my servants were gathered there for the work.
[17] And at my table were one hundred and fifty Jews and rulers, besides those

who came to us from the nations around
us.
18 Now that which was prepared daily
was one ox and six choice sheep. Also
fowl were prepared for me, and once
every ten days an abundance of all
kinds of wine. Yet in spite of this I did
not demand the governor’s provisions,
because the bondage was heavy on this
people.
19 Remember me, my God, for good,
according to all that I have done for this
people.
6 1 Now it happened when Sanballat,
Tobiah, Geshem the Arab, and the
rest of our enemies heard that I had
rebuilt the wall, and that there were no
breaks left in it (though at that time I had
not hung the doors in the gates),
2 that Sanballat and Geshem sent to
me, saying, "Come, let us meet together

among the villages in the plain of Ono."
But they thought to do me harm.
3 So I sent messengers to them, saying,
"I am doing a great work, so that I cannot
come down. Why should the work cease
while I leave it and go down to you?"
4 But they sent me this message four
times, and I answered them in the same
manner.
5 Then Sanballat sent his servant to me
as before, the fifth time, with an open
letter in his hand.
6 In it was written: It is reported among
the nations, and Geshem says, that you
and the Jews plan to rebel; therefore,
according to these rumors, you are
rebuilding the wall, that you may be
their king.
7 And you have also appointed prophets
to proclaim concerning you at Jerusalem,
saying, "There is a king in Judah!" Now
these matters will be reported to the

king. So come, therefore, and let us
consult together.
8 Then I sent to him, saying, "No such
things as you say are being done, but
you invent them in your own heart."
9 For they all were trying to make
us afraid, saying, "Their hands will
be weakened in the work, and it will
not be done." Now therefore, O God,
strengthen my hands.
10 Afterward I came to the house of
Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, the son of
Mehetabel, who was a secret informer;
and he said, "Let us meet together in the
house of God, within the temple, and
let us close the doors of the temple, for
they are coming to kill you; indeed, at
night they will come to kill you."
11 And I said, "Should such a man as
I flee? And who is there such as I who
would go into the temple to save his life?
I will not go in!"

12 Then I perceived that God had not
sent him at all, but that he pronounced
this prophecy against me because Tobiah
and Sanballat had hired him.
13 For this reason he was hired, that I
should be afraid and act that way and
sin, so that they might have cause for an
evil report, that they might reproach me.
14 My God, remember Tobiah and
Sanballat, according to these their
works, and the prophetess Noadiah and
the rest of the prophets who would have
made me afraid.
15 So the wall was finished on the
twenty–fifth day of Elul, in fifty–two
days.
16 And it happened, when all our
enemies heard of it, and all the nations
around us saw these things, that they
were very disheartened in their own
eyes; for they perceived that this work
was done by our God.

17 Also in those days the nobles of
Judah sent many letters to Tobiah, and
the letters of Tobiah came to them.
18 For many in Judah were pledged to
him, because he was the son–in–law of
Shechaniah the son of Arah, and his son
Jehohanan had married the daughter of
Meshullam the son of Berechiah.
19 Also they reported his good deeds
before me, and reported my words to
him. Tobiah sent letters to frighten me.

7 1 Then it was, when the wall was
built and I had hung the doors, when
the gatekeepers, the singers, and the
Levites had been appointed,
2 that I gave the charge of Jerusalem to
my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the
leader of the citadel, for he was a faithful
man and feared God more than many.
3 And I said to them, "Do not let the
gates of Jerusalem be opened until
the sun is hot; and while they stand

guard, let them shut and bar the doors;
and appoint guards from among the
inhabitants of Jerusalem, one at his
watch station and another in front of his
own house."
4 Now the city was large and spacious,
but the people in it were few, and the
houses were not rebuilt.
5 Then my God put it into my heart to
gather the nobles, the rulers, and the
people, that they might be registered by
genealogy. And I found a register of the
genealogy of those who had come up in
the first return, and found written in it:
6 These are the people of the province
who came back from the captivity, of
those who had been carried away, whom
Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon
had carried away, and who returned to
Jerusalem and Judah, everyone to his
city.

7 Those who came with Zerubbabel
were Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah,
Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan,
Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, and Baanah.
The number of the men of the people of
Israel:
8 the sons of Parosh, two thousand one
hundred and seventy–two;
9 the sons of Shephatiah, three hundred
and seventy–two;
10 the sons of Arah, six hundred and
fifty–two;
11 the sons of Pahath–Moab, of the
sons of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand
eight hundred and eighteen;
12 the sons of Elam, one thousand two
hundred and fifty–four;
13 the sons of Zattu, eight hundred and
forty–five;
14 the sons of Zaccai, seven hundred
and sixty;

15 the sons of Binnui, six hundred and
forty–eight;
16 the sons of Bebai, six hundred and
twenty–eight;
17 the sons of Azgad, two thousand
three hundred and twenty–two;
18 the sons of Adonikam, six hundred
and sixty–seven;
19 the sons of Bigvai, two thousand and
sixty–seven;
20 the sons of Adin, six hundred and
fifty–five;
21 the sons of Ater of Hezekiah,
ninety–eight;
22 the sons of Hashum, three hundred
and twenty–eight;
23 the sons of Bezai, three hundred and
twenty–four;
24 the sons of Hariph, one hundred and
twelve;
25 the sons of Gibeon, ninety–five;

26 the men of Bethlehem and Netophah,
one hundred and eighty–eight;
27 the men of Anathoth, one hundred
and twenty–eight;
28 the men of Beth Azmaveth,
forty–two;
29 the men of Kirjath Jearim, Chephirah,
and Beeroth, seven hundred and
forty–three;
30 the men of Ramah and Geba, six
hundred and twenty–one;
31 the men of Michmas, one hundred
and twenty–two;
32 the men of Bethel and Ai, one
hundred and twenty–three;
33 the men of the other Nebo, fifty–two;
34 the sons of the other Elam, one
thousand two hundred and fifty–four;
35 the sons of Harim, three hundred
and twenty;
36 the sons of Jericho, three hundred
and forty–five;

37 the sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono,
seven hundred and twenty–one;
38 the sons of Senaah, three thousand
nine hundred and thirty.
39 The priests: the sons of Jedaiah, of
the house of Jeshua, nine hundred and
seventy–three;
40 the sons of Immer, one thousand and
fifty–two;
41 the sons of Pashhur, one thousand
two hundred and forty–seven;
42 the sons of Harim, one thousand and
seventeen.
43 The Levites: the sons of Jeshua, of
Kadmiel, and of the sons of Hodevah,
seventy–four.
44 The singers: the sons of Asaph, one
hundred and forty–eight.
45 The gatekeepers: the sons of Shallum,
the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon,
the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita,

the sons of Shobai, one hundred and
thirty–eight.
46 The Nethinim: the sons of Ziha, the
sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth,
47 the sons of Keros, the sons of Sia, the
sons of Padon,
48 the sons of Lebana, the sons of
Hagaba, the sons of Salmai,
49 the sons of Hanan, the sons of
Giddel, the sons of Gahar,
50 the sons of Reaiah, the sons of Rezin,
the sons of Nekoda,
51 the sons of Gazzam, the sons of Uzza,
the sons of Paseah,
52 the sons of Besai, the sons of
Meunim, the sons of Nephishesim,
53 the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of
Hakupha, the sons of Harhur,
54 the sons of Bazlith, the sons of
Mehida, the sons of Harsha,
55 the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera,
the sons of Tamah,

56 the sons of Neziah, and the sons of
Hatipha.
57 The sons of Solomon’s servants: the
sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth, the
sons of Perida,
58 the sons of Jaala, the sons of Darkon,
the sons of Giddel,
59 the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of
Hattil, the sons of Pochereth of Zebaim,
and the sons of Amon.
60 All the Nethinim, and the sons of
Solomon’s servants, were three hundred
and ninety–two.
61 And these were the ones who came
up from Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Cherub,
Addon, and Immer, but they could not
identify their father’s house nor their
lineage, whether they were of Israel:
62 the sons of Delaiah, the sons of
Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, six hundred
and forty–two;

63 and of the priests: the sons of
Habaiah, the sons of Koz, the sons
of Barzillai, who took a wife of the
daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and
was called by their name.
64 These sought their listing among
those who were registered by genealogy,
but it was not found; therefore they
were excluded from the priesthood as
defiled.
65 And the governor said to them that
they should not eat of the most holy
things till a priest could consult with the
Urim and Thummim.
66 Altogether the whole assembly was
forty–two thousand three hundred and
sixty,
67 besides their male and female
servants, of whom there were seven
thousand three hundred and thirty–
seven; and they had two hundred and
forty–five men and women singers.

68 Their horses were seven hundred
and thirty–six, their mules two hundred
and forty–five,
69 their camels four hundred and
thirty–five, and donkeys six thousand
seven hundred and twenty.
70 And some of the heads of the fathers'
houses gave to the work. The governor
gave to the treasury one thousand gold
drachmas, fifty basins, and five hundred
and thirty priestly garments.
71 Some of the heads of the fathers'
houses gave to the treasury of the work
twenty thousand gold drachmas, and
two thousand two hundred silver minas.
72 And that which the rest of the
people gave was twenty thousand gold
drachmas, two thousand silver minas,
and sixty–seven priestly garments.
73 So the priests, the Levites, the
gatekeepers, the singers, some of the
people, the Nethinim, and all Israel

dwelt in their cities. When the seventh
month came, the children of Israel were
in their cities.

8 1 Now all the people gathered
together as one man in the open
square that was in front of the Water
Gate; and they told Ezra the scribe to
bring the Book of the Law of Moses,
which the LORD had commanded Israel.
2 So Ezra the priest brought the Law
before the assembly of men and
women and all who could hear with
understanding on the first day of the
seventh month.
3 Then he read from it in the open
square that was in front of the Water
Gate from morning until midday, before
the men and women and those who
could understand; and the ears of all the
people were attentive to the Book of the
Law.

4 So Ezra the scribe stood on a platform
of wood which they had made for the
purpose; and beside him, at his right
hand, stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah,
Urijah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah; and at his
left hand Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah,
Hashum, Hashbadana, Zechariah, and
Meshullam.
5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight
of all the people, for he was standing
above all the people; and when he
opened it, all the people stood up.
6 And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great
God. Then all the people answered,
"Amen, Amen!" while lifting up their
hands. And they bowed their heads and
worshiped the LORD with their faces to
the ground.
7 Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin,
Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah,
Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah,
and the Levites, helped the people to

understand the Law; and the people
stood in their place.
8 So they read distinctly from the book,
in the Law of God; and they gave the
sense, and helped them to understand
the reading.
9 And Nehemiah, who was the
governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and
the Levites who taught the people said
to all the people, "This day is holy to
the LORD your God; do not mourn nor
weep." For all the people wept, when
they heard the words of the Law.
10 Then he said to them, "Go your way,
eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send
portions to those for whom nothing
is prepared; for this day is holy to our
LORD. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the
LORD is your strength."
11 So the Levites quieted all the people,
saying, "Be still, for the day is holy; do
not be grieved."

12 And all the people went their way
to eat and drink, to send portions and
rejoice greatly, because they understood
the words that were declared to them.
13 Now on the second day the heads
of the fathers' houses of all the people,
with the priests and Levites, were
gathered to Ezra the scribe, in order to
understand the words of the Law.
14 And they found written in the Law,
which the LORD had commanded by
Moses, that the children of Israel should
dwell in booths during the feast of the
seventh month,
15 and that they should announce
and proclaim in all their cities and
in Jerusalem, saying, "Go out to the
mountain, and bring olive branches,
branches of oil trees, myrtle branches,
palm branches, and branches of leafy
trees, to make booths, as it is written."

16 Then the people went out and
brought them and made themselves
booths, each one on the roof of his
house, or in their courtyards or the
courts of the house of God, and in the
open square of the Water Gate and in
the open square of the Gate of Ephraim.
17 So the whole assembly of those who
had returned from the captivity made
booths and sat under the booths; for
since the days of Joshua the son of Nun
until that day the children of Israel had
not done so. And there was very great
gladness.
18 Also day by day, from the first day
until the last day, he read from the Book
of the Law of God. And they kept the
feast seven days; and on the eighth day
there was a sacred assembly, according
to the prescribed manner.
9 1 Now on the twenty–fourth day of
this month the children of Israel were

assembled with fasting, in sackcloth, and
with dust on their heads.
2 Then those of Israelite lineage
separated themselves from all
foreigners; and they stood and
confessed their sins and the iniquities of
their fathers.
3 And they stood up in their place
and read from the Book of the Law of
the LORD their God for one–fourth of
the day; and for another fourth they
confessed and worshiped the LORD their
God.
4 Then Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel,
Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and
Chenani stood on the stairs of the Levites
and cried out with a loud voice to the
LORD their God.
5 And the Levites, Jeshua, Kadmiel,
Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah,
Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said: "Stand
up and bless the LORD your God Forever

and ever! "Blessed be Your glorious
name, Which is exalted above all blessing
and praise!
6 You alone are the LORD; You have
made heaven, The heaven of heavens,
with all their host, The earth and
everything on it, The seas and all that is
in them, And You preserve them all. The
host of heaven worships You.
7 "You are the LORD God, Who chose
Abram, And brought him out of Ur of
the Chaldeans, And gave him the name
Abraham;
8 You found his heart faithful before
You, And made a covenant with him To
give the land of the Canaanites, The
Hittites, the Amorites, The Perizzites, the
Jebusites, And the Girgashites—To give it
to his descendants. You have performed
Your words, For You are righteous.

9 "You saw the affliction of our fathers
in Egypt, And heard their cry by the Red
Sea.
10 You showed signs and wonders
against Pharaoh, Against all his servants,
And against all the people of his land.
For You knew that they acted proudly
against them. So You made a name for
Yourself, as it is this day.
11 And You divided the sea before them,
So that they went through the midst
of the sea on the dry land; And their
persecutors You threw into the deep, As
a stone into the mighty waters.
12 Moreover You led them by day with
a cloudy pillar, And by night with a pillar
of fire, To give them light on the road
Which they should travel.
13 "You came down also on Mount Sinai,
And spoke with them from heaven, And
gave them just ordinances and true laws,
Good statutes and commandments.

14 You made known to them Your
holy Sabbath, And commanded them
precepts, statutes and laws, By the hand
of Moses Your servant.
15 You gave them bread from heaven for
their hunger, And brought them water
out of the rock for their thirst, And told
them to go in to possess the land Which
You had sworn to give them.
16 "But they and our fathers acted
proudly, Hardened their necks, And did
not heed Your commandments.
17 They refused to obey, And they were
not mindful of Your wonders That You
did among them. But they hardened
their necks, And in their rebellion They
appointed a leader To return to their
bondage. But You are God, Ready to
pardon, Gracious and merciful, Slow to
anger, Abundant in kindness, And did
not forsake them.

18 "Even when they made a molded calf
for themselves, And said, ‘This is your
god That brought you up out of Egypt,’
And worked great provocations,
19 Yet in Your manifold mercies You did
not forsake them in the wilderness. The
pillar of the cloud did not depart from
them by day, To lead them on the road;
Nor the pillar of fire by night, To show
them light, And the way they should go.
20 You also gave Your good Spirit to
instruct them, And did not withhold
Your manna from their mouth, And gave
them water for their thirst.
21 Forty years You sustained them in the
wilderness, They lacked nothing; Their
clothes did not wear out And their feet
did not swell.
22 "Moreover You gave them kingdoms
and nations, And divided them into
districts. So they took possession of the
land of Sihon, The land of the king of

Heshbon, And the land of Og king of
Bashan.
23 You also multiplied their children as
the stars of heaven, And brought them
into the land Which You had told their
fathers To go in and possess.
24 So the people went in And possessed
the land; You subdued before them the
inhabitants of the land, The Canaanites,
And gave them into their hands, With
their kings And the people of the land,
That they might do with them as they
wished.
25 And they took strong cities and a
rich land, And possessed houses full
of all goods, Cisterns already dug,
vineyards, olive groves, And fruit trees in
abundance. So they ate and were filled
and grew fat, And delighted themselves
in Your great goodness.
26 "Nevertheless they were disobedient
And rebelled against You, Cast Your

law behind their backs And killed Your
prophets, who testified against them To
turn them to Yourself; And they worked
great provocations.
27 Therefore You delivered them
into the hand of their enemies, Who
oppressed them; And in the time of their
trouble, When they cried to You, You
heard from heaven; And according to
Your abundant mercies You gave them
deliverers who saved them From the
hand of their enemies.
28 "But after they had rest, They again
did evil before You. Therefore You left
them in the hand of their enemies, So
that they had dominion over them; Yet
when they returned and cried out to
You, You heard from heaven; And many
times You delivered them according to
Your mercies,
29 And testified against them, That You
might bring them back to Your law. Yet

they acted proudly, And did not heed
Your commandments, But sinned against
Your judgments, ‘Which if a man does,
he shall live by them.’ And they shrugged
their shoulders, Stiffened their necks,
And would not hear.
30 Yet for many years You had patience
with them, And testified against them
by Your Spirit in Your prophets. Yet they
would not listen; Therefore You gave
them into the hand of the peoples of the
lands.
31 Nevertheless in Your great mercy
You did not utterly consume them nor
forsake them; For You are God, gracious
and merciful.
32 "Now therefore, our God, The great,
the mighty, and awesome God, Who
keeps covenant and mercy: Do not let all
the trouble seem small before You That
has come upon us, Our kings and our
princes, Our priests and our prophets,

Our fathers and on all Your people, From
the days of the kings of Assyria until this
day.
33 However You are just in all that has
befallen us; For You have dealt faithfully,
But we have done wickedly.
34 Neither our kings nor our princes, Our
priests nor our fathers, Have kept Your
law, Nor heeded Your commandments
and Your testimonies, With which You
testified against them.
35 For they have not served You in their
kingdom, Or in the many good things
that You gave them, Or in the large and
rich land which You set before them; Nor
did they turn from their wicked works.
36 "Here we are, servants today! And
the land that You gave to our fathers, To
eat its fruit and its bounty, Here we are,
servants in it!
37 And it yields much increase to the
kings You have set over us, Because

of our sins; Also they have dominion
over our bodies and our cattle At their
pleasure; And we are in great distress.
38 "And because of all this, We make a
sure covenant, and write it; Our leaders,
our Levites, and our priests seal it."

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1 Now those who placed their
seal on the document were:
Nehemiah the governor, the son of
Hacaliah, and Zedekiah,
2 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,
3 Pashhur, Amariah, Malchijah,
4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,
5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,
6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,
7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,
8 Maaziah, Bilgai, and Shemaiah. These
were the priests.
9 The Levites: Jeshua the son of Azaniah,
Binnui of the sons of Henadad, and
Kadmiel.

10 Their brethren: Shebaniah, Hodijah,
Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan,
11 Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah,
12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,
13 Hodijah, Bani, and Beninu.
14 The leaders of the people: Parosh,
Pahath–Moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani,
15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,
16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,
17 Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur,
18 Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai,
19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,
20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,
21 Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua,
22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,
23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub,
24 Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek,
25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,
26 Ahijah, Hanan, Anan,
27 Malluch, Harim, and Baanah.
28 Now the rest of the people—the
priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers,

the singers, the Nethinim, and all those
who had separated themselves from
the peoples of the lands to the Law
of God, their wives, their sons, and
their daughters, everyone who had
knowledge and understanding—
29 these joined with their brethren,
their nobles, and entered into a curse
and an oath to walk in God's Law, which
was given by Moses the servant of
God, and to observe and do all the
commandments of the LORD our Lord,
and His ordinances and His statutes:
30 We would not give our daughters as
wives to the peoples of the land, nor
take their daughters for our sons;
31 if the peoples of the land brought
wares or any grain to sell on the Sabbath
day, we would not buy it from them on
the Sabbath, or on a holy day; and we
would forego the seventh year's produce
and the exacting of every debt.

32 Also we made ordinances for
ourselves, to exact from ourselves yearly
one–third of a shekel for the service of
the house of our God:
33 for the showbread, for the regular
grain offering, for the regular burnt
offering of the Sabbaths, the New
Moons, and the set feasts; for the holy
things, for the sin offerings to make
atonement for Israel, and all the work of
the house of our God.
34 We cast lots among the priests, the
Levites, and the people, for bringing the
wood offering into the house of our God,
according to our fathers' houses, at the
appointed times year by year, to burn
on the altar of the LORD our God as it is
written in the Law.
35 And we made ordinances to bring
the firstfruits of our ground and the
firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by
year, to the house of the LORD;

36 to bring the firstborn of our sons and
our cattle, as it is written in the Law, and
the firstborn of our herds and our flocks,
to the house of our God, to the priests
who minister in the house of our God;
37 to bring the firstfruits of our dough,
our offerings, the fruit from all kinds
of trees, the new wine and oil, to the
priests, to the storerooms of the house
of our God; and to bring the tithes of our
land to the Levites, for the Levites should
receive the tithes in all our farming
communities.
38 And the priest, the descendant of
Aaron, shall be with the Levites when the
Levites receive tithes; and the Levites
shall bring up a tenth of the tithes to the
house of our God, to the rooms of the
storehouse.
39 For the children of Israel and the
children of Levi shall bring the offering
of the grain, of the new wine and the

oil, to the storerooms where the articles
of the sanctuary are, where the priests
who minister and the gatekeepers and
the singers are; and we will not neglect
the house of our God.

11 1 Now the leaders of the people
dwelt at Jerusalem; the rest of
the people cast lots to bring one out of
ten to dwell in Jerusalem, the holy city,
and nine–tenths were to dwell in other
cities.

2 And the people blessed all the men
who willingly offered themselves to
dwell at Jerusalem.

3 These are the heads of the province
who dwelt in Jerusalem. (But in the
cities of Judah everyone dwelt in
his own possession in their cities—
Israelites, priests, Levites, Nethinim, and
descendants of Solomon's servants.)

4 Also in Jerusalem dwelt some of the
children of Judah and of the children

of Benjamin. The children of Judah:
Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of
Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son
of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalalel, of
the children of Perez;
5 and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the
son of Col–Hozeh, the son of Hazaiah,
the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the
son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni.
6 All the sons of Perez who dwelt
at Jerusalem were four hundred and
sixty–eight valiant men.
7 And these are the sons of Benjamin:
Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of
Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of
Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of
Ithiel, the son of Jeshaiah;
8 and after him Gabbai and Sallai, nine
hundred and twenty–eight.
9 Joel the son of Zichri was their
overseer, and Judah the son of Senuah
was second over the city.

10 Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of
Joiarib, and Jachin;
11 Seraiah the son of Hilkiah, the son of
Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son
of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, was the
leader of the house of God.
12 Their brethren who did the work
of the house were eight hundred and
twenty–two; and Adaiah the son of
Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of
Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of
Pashhur, the son of Malchijah,
13 and his brethren, heads of the
fathers' houses, were two hundred
and forty–two; and Amashai the son
of Azarel, the son of Ahzai, the son of
Meshillemoth, the son of Immer,
14 and their brethren, mighty men of
valor, were one hundred and twenty–
eight. Their overseer was Zabdiel the son
of one of the great men.

15 Also of the Levites: Shemaiah the son
of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son
of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni;
16 Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the
heads of the Levites, had the oversight
of the business outside of the house of
God;
17 Mattaniah the son of Micha, the
son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, the
leader who began the thanksgiving
with prayer; Bakbukiah, the second
among his brethren; and Abda the son
of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of
Jeduthun.
18 All the Levites in the holy city were
two hundred and eighty–four.
19 Moreover the gatekeepers, Akkub,
Talmon, and their brethren who kept
the gates, were one hundred and
seventy–two.

[20] And the rest of Israel, of the priests
and Levites, were in all the cities of
Judah, everyone in his inheritance.
[21] But the Nethinim dwelt in Ophel. And
Ziha and Gishpa were over the Nethinim.
[22] Also the overseer of the Levites at
Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the
son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah,
the son of Micha, of the sons of Asaph,
the singers in charge of the service of
the house of God.
[23] For it was the king's command
concerning them that a certain portion
should be for the singers, a quota day by
day.
[24] Pethahiah the son of Meshezabel, of
the children of Zerah the son of Judah,
was the king's deputy in all matters
concerning the people.
[25] And as for the villages with their
fields, some of the children of Judah
dwelt in Kirjath Arba and its villages,

Dibon and its villages, Jekabzeel and its
villages;
26 in Jeshua, Moladah, Beth Pelet,
27 Hazar Shual, and Beersheba and its
villages;
28 in Ziklag and Meconah and its
villages;
29 in En Rimmon, Zorah, Jarmuth,
30 Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages;
in Lachish and its fields; in Azekah and
its villages. They dwelt from Beersheba
to the Valley of Hinnom.
31 Also the children of Benjamin from
Geba dwelt in Michmash, Aija, and
Bethel, and their villages;
32 in Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah;
33 in Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim;
34 in Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat;
35 in Lod, Ono, and the Valley of
Craftsmen.
36 Some of the Judean divisions of
Levites were in Benjamin.

12 1 Now these are the priests and
the Levites who came up with
Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and
Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,
2 Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,
3 Shechaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,
4 Iddo, Ginnethoi, Abijah,
5 Mijamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,
6 Shemaiah, Joiarib, Jedaiah,
7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, and Jedaiah.
These were the heads of the priests and
their brethren in the days of Jeshua.
8 Moreover the Levites were Jeshua,
Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and
Mattaniah who led the thanksgiving
psalms, he and his brethren.
9 Also Bakbukiah and Unni, their
brethren, stood across from them in
their duties.
10 Jeshua begot Joiakim, Joiakim begot
Eliashib, Eliashib begot Joiada,

[11] Joiada begot Jonathan, and Jonathan
begot Jaddua.
[12] Now in the days of Joiakim, the
priests, the heads of the fathers' houses
were: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah,
Hananiah;
[13] of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah,
Jehohanan;
[14] of Melichu, Jonathan; of Shebaniah,
Joseph;
[15] of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai;
[16] of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon,
Meshullam;
[17] of Abijah, Zichri; the son of Minjamin;
of Moadiah, Piltai;
[18] of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah,
Jehonathan;
[19] of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi;
[20] of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;
[21] of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; and of Jedaiah,
Nethanel.

22 During the reign of Darius the
Persian, a record was also kept of the
Levites and priests who had been heads
of their fathers’ houses in the days of
Eliashib, Joiada, Johanan, and Jaddua.
23 The sons of Levi, the heads of the
fathers’ houses until the days of Johanan
the son of Eliashib, were written in the
book of the chronicles.
24 And the heads of the Levites were
Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the
son of Kadmiel, with their brothers
across from them, to praise and give
thanks, group alternating with group,
according to the command of David the
man of God.
25 Mattaniah, Bakbukiah, Obadiah,
Meshullam, Talmon, and Akkub were
gatekeepers keeping the watch at the
storerooms of the gates.
26 These lived in the days of Joiakim the
son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in

the days of Nehemiah the governor, and
of Ezra the priest, the scribe.
27 Now at the dedication of the wall of
Jerusalem they sought out the Levites
in all their places, to bring them to
Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication
with gladness, both with thanksgivings
and singing, with cymbals and stringed
instruments and harps.
28 And the sons of the singers gathered
together from the countryside around
Jerusalem, from the villages of the
Netophathites,
29 from the house of Gilgal, and from
the fields of Geba and Azmaveth; for the
singers had built themselves villages all
around Jerusalem.
30 Then the priests and Levites purified
themselves, and purified the people, the
gates, and the wall.
31 So I brought the leaders of Judah up
on the wall, and appointed two large

thanksgiving choirs. One went to the
right hand on the wall toward the Refuse
Gate.
32 After them went Hoshaiah and half
of the leaders of Judah,
33 and Azariah, Ezra, Meshullam,
34 Judah, Benjamin, Shemaiah,
Jeremiah,
35 and some of the priests’ sons
with trumpets—Zechariah the son of
Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son
of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the
son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph,
36 and his brethren, Shemaiah,
Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel,
Judah, and Hanani, with the musical
instruments of David the man of God.
Ezra the scribe went before them.
37 By the Fountain Gate, in front of
them, they went up the stairs of the City
of David, on the stairway of the wall,

beyond the house of David, as far as the
Water Gate eastward.
38 The other thanksgiving choir went
the opposite way, and I was behind them
with half of the people on the wall, going
past the Tower of the Ovens as far as the
Broad Wall,
39 and above the Gate of Ephraim,
above the Old Gate, above the Fish Gate,
the Tower of Hananel, the Tower of the
Hundred, as far as the Sheep Gate; and
they stopped by the Gate of the Prison.
40 So the two thanksgiving choirs stood
in the house of God, likewise I and the
half of the rulers with me;
41 and the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah,
Minjamin, Michaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah,
and Hananiah, with trumpets;
42 also Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar,
Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malchijah, Elam,
and Ezer. The singers sang loudly with
Jezrahiah the director.

43 Also that day they offered great
sacrifices, and rejoiced, for God had
made them rejoice with great joy; the
women and the children also rejoiced,
so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard
afar off.
44 And at the same time some were
appointed over the rooms of the
storehouse for the offerings, the
firstfruits, and the tithes, to gather
into them from the fields of the cities
the portions specified by the Law
for the priests and Levites; for Judah
rejoiced over the priests and Levites who
ministered.
45 Both the singers and the gatekeepers
kept the charge of their God and the
charge of the purification, according to
the command of David and Solomon his
son.

[46] For in the days of David and Asaph of
old there were chiefs of the singers, and
songs of praise and thanksgiving to God.
[47] In the days of Zerubbabel and in
the days of Nehemiah all Israel gave
the portions for the singers and the
gatekeepers, a portion for each day.
They also consecrated holy things for
the Levites, and the Levites consecrated
them for the children of Aaron.
13 [1] On that day they read from the
Book of Moses in the hearing of
the people, and in it was found written
that no Ammonite or Moabite should
ever come into the assembly of God,
[2] because they had not met the children
of Israel with bread and water, but hired
Balaam against them to curse them.
However, our God turned the curse into
a blessing.

3 So it was, when they had heard the
Law, that they separated all the mixed
multitude from Israel.
4 Now before this, Eliashib the priest,
having authority over the storerooms of
the house of our God, was allied with
Tobiah.
5 And he had prepared for him a large
room, where previously they had stored
the grain offerings, the frankincense,
the articles, the tithes of grain, the new
wine and oil, which were commanded to
be given to the Levites and singers and
gatekeepers, and the offerings for the
priests.
6 But during all this I was not in
Jerusalem, for in the thirty–second
year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I had
returned to the king. Then after certain
days I obtained leave from the king,
7 and I came to Jerusalem and
discovered the evil that Eliashib had

done for Tobiah, in preparing a room for
him in the courts of the house of God.
8 And it grieved me bitterly; therefore I
threw all the household goods of Tobiah
out of the room.
9 Then I commanded them to cleanse
the rooms; and I brought back into them
the articles of the house of God, with
the grain offering and the frankincense.
10 I also realized that the portions for
the Levites had not been given them; for
each of the Levites and the singers who
did the work had gone back to his field.
11 So I contended with the rulers,
and said, "Why is the house of God
forsaken?" And I gathered them together
and set them in their place.
12 Then all Judah brought the tithe of
the grain and the new wine and the oil
to the storehouse.
13 And I appointed as treasurers over
the storehouse Shelemiah the priest and

Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites,
Pedaiah; and next to them was Hanan
the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah;
for they were considered faithful, and
their task was to distribute to their
brethren.
14 Remember me, O my God,
concerning this, and do not wipe out
my good deeds that I have done for the
house of my God, and for its services!
15 In those days I saw people in Judah
treading wine presses on the Sabbath,
and bringing in sheaves, and loading
donkeys with wine, grapes, figs, and all
kinds of burdens, which they brought
into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. And
I warned them about the day on which
they were selling provisions.
16 Men of Tyre dwelt there also, who
brought in fish and all kinds of goods,
and sold them on the Sabbath to the
children of Judah, and in Jerusalem.

17 Then I contended with the nobles
of Judah, and said to them, "What evil
thing is this that you do, by which you
profane the Sabbath day?
18 "Did not your fathers do thus, and
did not our God bring all this disaster
on us and on this city? Yet you bring
added wrath on Israel by profaning the
Sabbath."
19 So it was, at the gates of Jerusalem,
as it began to be dark before the
Sabbath, that I commanded the gates to
be shut, and charged that they must not
be opened till after the Sabbath. Then I
posted some of my servants at the gates,
so that no burdens would be brought in
on the Sabbath day.
20 Now the merchants and sellers of all
kinds of wares lodged outside Jerusalem
once or twice.
21 Then I warned them, and said to
them, "Why do you spend the night

around the wall? If you do so again, I will
lay hands on you!" From that time on
they came no more on the Sabbath.
22 And I commanded the Levites that
they should cleanse themselves, and
that they should go and guard the gates,
to sanctify the Sabbath day. Remember
me, O my God, concerning this also, and
spare me according to the greatness of
Your mercy!
23 In those days I also saw Jews who
had married women of Ashdod, Ammon,
and Moab.
24 And half of their children spoke
the language of Ashdod, and could not
speak the language of Judah, but spoke
according to the language of one or the
other people.
25 So I contended with them and cursed
them, struck some of them and pulled
out their hair, and made them swear
by God, saying, "You shall not give your

daughters as wives to their sons, nor
take their daughters for your sons or
yourselves.
26 "Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by
these things? Yet among many nations
there was no king like him, who was
beloved of his God; and God made him
king over all Israel. Nevertheless pagan
women caused even him to sin.
27 "Should we then hear of your doing
all this great evil, transgressing against
our God by marrying pagan women?"
28 And one of the sons of Joiada, the
son of Eliashib the high priest, was a
son–in–law of Sanballat the Horonite;
therefore I drove him from me.
29 Remember them, O my God, because
they have defiled the priesthood and
the covenant of the priesthood and the
Levites.
30 Thus I cleansed them of everything
pagan. I also assigned duties to the

priests and the Levites, each to his
service,
[31] and to bringing the wood offering
and the firstfruits at appointed times.
Remember me, O my God, for good!

Esther

1 [1] Now it came to pass in the days of
Ahasuerus (this was the Ahasuerus
who reigned over one hundred and
twenty–seven provinces, from India to
Ethiopia),
[2] in those days when King Ahasuerus
sat on the throne of his kingdom, which
was in Shushan the citadel,
[3] that in the third year of his reign he
made a feast for all his officials and
servants—the powers of Persia and
Media, the nobles, and the princes of
the provinces being before him—
[4] when he showed the riches of his
glorious kingdom and the splendor of
his excellent majesty for many days, one
hundred and eighty days in all.

5 And when these days were completed,
the king made a feast lasting seven days
for all the people who were present in
Shushan the citadel, from great to small,
in the court of the garden of the king’s
palace.
6 There were white and blue linen
curtains fastened with cords of fine linen
and purple on silver rods and marble
pillars; and the couches were of gold and
silver on a mosaic pavement of alabaster,
turquoise, and white and black marble.
7 And they served drinks in golden
vessels, each vessel being different from
the other, with royal wine in abundance,
according to the generosity of the king.
8 In accordance with the law, the
drinking was not compulsory; for so
the king had ordered all the officers
of his household, that they should do
according to each man’s pleasure.

9 Queen Vashti also made a feast for
the women in the royal palace which
belonged to King Ahasuerus.
10 On the seventh day, when the
heart of the king was merry with wine,
he commanded Mehuman, Biztha,
Harbona, Bigtha, Abagtha, Zethar, and
Carcas, seven eunuchs who served in the
presence of King Ahasuerus,
11 to bring Queen Vashti before the
king, wearing her royal crown, in order
to show her beauty to the people and
the officials, for she was beautiful to
behold.
12 But Queen Vashti refused to come
at the king's command brought by his
eunuchs; therefore the king was furious,
and his anger burned within him.
13 Then the king said to the wise men
who understood the times (for this was
the king's manner toward all who knew
law and justice,

14 those closest to him being Carshena,
Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres,
Marsena, and Memucan, the seven
princes of Persia and Media, who had
access to the king's presence, and who
ranked highest in the kingdom):
15 "What shall we do to Queen Vashti,
according to law, because she did not
obey the command of King Ahasuerus
brought to her by the eunuchs?"
16 And Memucan answered before the
king and the princes: "Queen Vashti has
not only wronged the king, but also all
the princes, and all the people who are
in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus.
17 "For the queen's behavior will
become known to all women, so that
they will despise their husbands in their
eyes, when they report, 'King Ahasuerus
commanded Queen Vashti to be brought
in before him, but she did not come.'

18 "This very day the noble ladies of
Persia and Media will say to all the king’s
officials that they have heard of the
behavior of the queen. Thus there will
be excessive contempt and wrath.
19 "If it pleases the king, let a royal
decree go out from him, and let it be
recorded in the laws of the Persians and
the Medes, so that it will not be altered,
that Vashti shall come no more before
King Ahasuerus; and let the king give her
royal position to another who is better
than she.
20 "When the king’s decree which he
will make is proclaimed throughout all
his empire (for it is great), all wives will
honor their husbands, both great and
small."
21 And the reply pleased the king and
the princes, and the king did according
to the word of Memucan.

22 Then he sent letters to all the king’s
provinces, to each province in its own
script, and to every people in their own
language, that each man should be
master in his own house, and speak in
the language of his own people.
2 1 After these things, when the wrath
of King Ahasuerus subsided, he
remembered Vashti, what she had done,
and what had been decreed against her.
2 Then the king’s servants who attended
him said: "Let beautiful young virgins be
sought for the king;
3 "and let the king appoint officers in
all the provinces of his kingdom, that
they may gather all the beautiful young
virgins to Shushan the citadel, into the
women’s quarters, under the custody of
Hegai the king’s eunuch, custodian of
the women. And let beauty preparations
be given them.

4 "Then let the young woman who
pleases the king be queen instead of
Vashti." This thing pleased the king, and
he did so.
5 In Shushan the citadel there was a
certain Jew whose name was Mordecai
the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son
of Kish, a Benjamite.
6 Kish had been carried away from
Jerusalem with the captives who had
been captured with Jeconiah king of
Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king
of Babylon had carried away.
7 And Mordecai had brought up
Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's
daughter, for she had neither father nor
mother. The young woman was lovely
and beautiful. When her father and
mother died, Mordecai took her as his
own daughter.
8 So it was, when the king's command
and decree were heard, and when

many young women were gathered at
Shushan the citadel, under the custody
of Hegai, that Esther also was taken to
the king's palace, into the care of Hegai
the custodian of the women.
9 Now the young woman pleased him,
and she obtained his favor; so he readily
gave beauty preparations to her, besides
her allowance. Then seven choice
maidservants were provided for her
from the king's palace, and he moved
her and her maidservants to the best
place in the house of the women.
10 Esther had not revealed her people
or family, for Mordecai had charged her
not to reveal it.
11 And every day Mordecai paced
in front of the court of the women's
quarters, to learn of Esther's welfare and
what was happening to her.
12 Each young woman's turn came to
go in to King Ahasuerus after she had

completed twelve months’ preparation,
according to the regulations for the
women, for thus were the days of their
preparation apportioned: six months
with oil of myrrh, and six months
with perfumes and preparations for
beautifying women.
13 Thus prepared, each young woman
went to the king, and she was given
whatever she desired to take with her
from the women’s quarters to the king’s
palace.
14 In the evening she went, and in the
morning she returned to the second
house of the women, to the custody of
Shaashgaz, the king’s eunuch who kept
the concubines. She would not go in to
the king again unless the king delighted
in her and called for her by name.
15 Now when the turn came for Esther
the daughter of Abihail the uncle of
Mordecai, who had taken her as his

daughter, to go in to the king, she
requested nothing but what Hegai the
king’s eunuch, the custodian of the
women, advised. And Esther obtained
favor in the sight of all who saw her.
16 So Esther was taken to King
Ahasuerus, into his royal palace, in the
tenth month, which is the month of
Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.
17 The king loved Esther more than all
the other women, and she obtained
grace and favor in his sight more than
all the virgins; so he set the royal crown
upon her head and made her queen
instead of Vashti.
18 Then the king made a great feast, the
Feast of Esther, for all his officials and
servants; and he proclaimed a holiday in
the provinces and gave gifts according to
the generosity of a king.

19 When virgins were gathered together
a second time, Mordecai sat within the
king’s gate.
20 Now Esther had not revealed her
family and her people, just as Mordecai
had charged her, for Esther obeyed the
command of Mordecai as when she was
brought up by him.
21 In those days, while Mordecai
sat within the king’s gate, two of the
king’s eunuchs, Bigthan and Teresh,
doorkeepers, became furious and sought
to lay hands on King Ahasuerus.
22 So the matter became known to
Mordecai, who told Queen Esther, and
Esther informed the king in Mordecai’s
name.
23 And when an inquiry was made into
the matter, it was confirmed, and both
were hanged on a gallows; and it was
written in the book of the chronicles in
the presence of the king.

3 1 After these things King Ahasuerus
promoted Haman, the son of
Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced
him and set his seat above all the princes
who were with him.
2 And all the king’s servants who were
within the king’s gate bowed and paid
homage to Haman, for so the king
had commanded concerning him. But
Mordecai would not bow or pay homage.
3 Then the king’s servants who were
within the king’s gate said to Mordecai,
"Why do you transgress the king’s
command?"
4 Now it happened, when they spoke
to him daily and he would not listen to
them, that they told it to Haman, to see
whether Mordecai’s words would stand;
for Mordecai had told them that he was
a Jew.

5 When Haman saw that Mordecai did
not bow or pay him homage, Haman was
filled with wrath.
6 But he disdained to lay hands on
Mordecai alone, for they had told him of
the people of Mordecai. Instead, Haman
sought to destroy all the Jews who
were throughout the whole kingdom of
Ahasuerus—the people of Mordecai.
7 In the first month, which is the month
of Nisan, in the twelfth year of King
Ahasuerus, they cast Pur (that is, the
lot), before Haman to determine the day
and the month, until it fell on the twelfth
month, which is the month of Adar.
8 Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus,
"There is a certain people scattered and
dispersed among the people in all the
provinces of your kingdom; their laws
are different from all other people's,
and they do not keep the king's laws.

Therefore it is not fitting for the king to
let them remain.
9 "If it pleases the king, let a decree be
written that they be destroyed, and I will
pay ten thousand talents of silver into
the hands of those who do the work, to
bring it into the king’s treasuries."
10 So the king took his signet ring from
his hand and gave it to Haman, the son
of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy
of the Jews.
11 And the king said to Haman, "The
money and the people are given to you,
to do with them as seems good to you."
12 Then the king’s scribes were called
on the thirteenth day of the first month,
and a decree was written according to all
that Haman commanded—to the king’s
satraps, to the governors who were
over each province, to the officials of all
people, to every province according to
its script, and to every people in their

language. In the name of King Ahasuerus
it was written, and sealed with the king's
signet ring.
13 And the letters were sent by couriers
into all the king's provinces, to destroy,
to kill, and to annihilate all the Jews,
both young and old, little children and
women, in one day, on the thirteenth
day of the twelfth month, which is the
month of Adar, and to plunder their
possessions.
14 A copy of the document was to be
issued as law in every province, being
published for all people, that they should
be ready for that day.
15 The couriers went out, hastened by
the king's command; and the decree was
proclaimed in Shushan the citadel. So
the king and Haman sat down to drink,
but the city of Shushan was perplexed.

4 1 When Mordecai learned all that
had happened, he tore his clothes

and put on sackcloth and ashes, and
went out into the midst of the city. He
cried out with a loud and bitter cry.
2 He went as far as the front of the
king's gate, for no one might enter the
king's gate clothed with sackcloth.
3 And in every province where the
king's command and decree arrived,
there was great mourning among the
Jews, with fasting, weeping, and wailing;
and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.
4 So Esther's maids and eunuchs came
and told her, and the queen was deeply
distressed. Then she sent garments to
clothe Mordecai and take his sackcloth
away from him, but he would not accept
them.
5 Then Esther called Hathach, one
of the king's eunuchs whom he had
appointed to attend her, and she gave
him a command concerning Mordecai,
to learn what and why this was.

6 So Hathach went out to Mordecai in
the city square that was in front of the
king’s gate.
7 And Mordecai told him all that had
happened to him, and the sum of money
that Haman had promised to pay into
the king’s treasuries to destroy the Jews.
8 He also gave him a copy of the written
decree for their destruction, which was
given at Shushan, that he might show it
to Esther and explain it to her, and that
he might command her to go in to the
king to make supplication to him and
plead before him for her people.
9 So Hathach returned and told Esther
the words of Mordecai.
10 Then Esther spoke to Hathach, and
gave him a command for Mordecai:
11 "All the king’s servants and the
people of the king’s provinces know that
any man or woman who goes into the
inner court to the king, who has not

been called, he has but one law: put all
to death, except the one to whom the
king holds out the golden scepter, that
he may live. Yet I myself have not been
called to go in to the king these thirty
days."
12 So they told Mordecai Esther's
words.
13 And Mordecai told them to answer
Esther: "Do not think in your heart that
you will escape in the king's palace any
more than all the other Jews.
14 "For if you remain completely silent
at this time, relief and deliverance will
arise for the Jews from another place,
but you and your father's house will
perish. Yet who knows whether you have
come to the kingdom for such a time as
this?"
15 Then Esther told them to reply to
Mordecai:

16 "Go, gather all the Jews who are
present in Shushan, and fast for me;
neither eat nor drink for three days,
night or day. My maids and I will fast
likewise. And so I will go to the king,
which is against the law; and if I perish, I
perish!"
17 So Mordecai went his way and did
according to all that Esther commanded
him.
5 1 Now it happened on the third day
that Esther put on her royal robes
and stood in the inner court of the king's
palace, across from the king's house,
while the king sat on his royal throne in
the royal house, facing the entrance of
the house.
2 So it was, when the king saw Queen
Esther standing in the court, that she
found favor in his sight, and the king
held out to Esther the golden scepter

that was in his hand. Then Esther went
near and touched the top of the scepter.
3 And the king said to her, "What do
you wish, Queen Esther? What is your
request? It shall be given to you—up to
half the kingdom!"
4 So Esther answered, "If it pleases the
king, let the king and Haman come today
to the banquet that I have prepared for
him."
5 Then the king said, "Bring Haman
quickly, that he may do as Esther has
said." So the king and Haman went to
the banquet that Esther had prepared.
6 At the banquet of wine the king said
to Esther, "What is your petition? It shall
be granted you. What is your request, up
to half the kingdom? It shall be done!"
7 Then Esther answered and said, "My
petition and request is this:
8 "If I have found favor in the sight of
the king, and if it pleases the king to

grant my petition and fulfill my request,
then let the king and Haman come to the
banquet which I will prepare for them,
and tomorrow I will do as the king has
said."
9 So Haman went out that day joyful
and with a glad heart; but when Haman
saw Mordecai in the king’s gate, and that
he did not stand or tremble before him,
he was filled with indignation against
Mordecai.
10 Nevertheless Haman restrained
himself and went home, and he sent and
called for his friends and his wife Zeresh.
11 Then Haman told them of his
great riches, the multitude of his
children, everything in which the king
had promoted him, and how he had
advanced him above the officials and
servants of the king.
12 Moreover Haman said, "Besides,
Queen Esther invited no one but me to

come in with the king to the banquet
that she prepared; and tomorrow I am
again invited by her, along with the king.
13 "Yet all this avails me nothing, so long
as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the
king's gate."
14 Then his wife Zeresh and all his
friends said to him, "Let a gallows
be made, fifty cubits high, and in
the morning suggest to the king that
Mordecai be hanged on it; then go
merrily with the king to the banquet."
And the thing pleased Haman; so he had
the gallows made.

6 1 That night the king could not sleep.
So one was commanded to bring the
book of the records of the chronicles;
and they were read before the king.
2 And it was found written that
Mordecai had told of Bigthana and
Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, the

doorkeepers who had sought to lay
hands on King Ahasuerus.
3 Then the king said, "What honor or
dignity has been bestowed on Mordecai
for this?" And the king’s servants who
attended him said, "Nothing has been
done for him."
4 So the king said, "Who is in the court?"
Now Haman had just entered the outer
court of the king’s palace to suggest that
the king hang Mordecai on the gallows
that he had prepared for him.
5 The king’s servants said to him,
"Haman is there, standing in the court."
And the king said, "Let him come in."
6 So Haman came in, and the king asked
him, "What shall be done for the man
whom the king delights to honor?" Now
Haman thought in his heart, "Whom
would the king delight to honor more
than me?"

7 And Haman answered the king, "For
the man whom the king delights to
honor,
8 "let a royal robe be brought which the
king has worn, and a horse on which the
king has ridden, which has a royal crest
placed on its head.
9 "Then let this robe and horse be
delivered to the hand of one of the
king’s most noble princes, that he may
array the man whom the king delights to
honor. Then parade him on horseback
through the city square, and proclaim
before him: ‘Thus shall it be done to the
man whom the king delights to honor!’"
10 Then the king said to Haman, "Hurry,
take the robe and the horse, as you
have suggested, and do so for Mordecai
the Jew who sits within the king’s gate!
Leave nothing undone of all that you
have spoken."

11 So Haman took the robe and the
horse, arrayed Mordecai and led him on
horseback through the city square, and
proclaimed before him, "Thus shall it be
done to the man whom the king delights
to honor!"
12 Afterward Mordecai went back to
the king’s gate. But Haman hurried to
his house, mourning and with his head
covered.
13 When Haman told his wife Zeresh
and all his friends everything that had
happened to him, his wise men and his
wife Zeresh said to him, "If Mordecai,
before whom you have begun to fall, is
of Jewish descent, you will not prevail
against him but will surely fall before
him."
14 While they were still talking with him,
the king’s eunuchs came, and hastened
to bring Haman to the banquet which
Esther had prepared.

7 [1] So the king and Haman went to
dine with Queen Esther.
[2] And on the second day, at the banquet
of wine, the king again said to Esther,
"What is your petition, Queen Esther? It
shall be granted you. And what is your
request, up to half the kingdom? It shall
be done!"
[3] Then Queen Esther answered and
said, "If I have found favor in your sight,
O king, and if it pleases the king, let my
life be given me at my petition, and my
people at my request.
[4] "For we have been sold, my people
and I, to be destroyed, to be killed, and
to be annihilated. Had we been sold as
male and female slaves, I would have
held my tongue, although the enemy
could never compensate for the king’s
loss."
[5] So King Ahasuerus answered and said
to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where

is he, who would dare presume in his
heart to do such a thing?"
6 And Esther said, "The adversary and
enemy is this wicked Haman!" So Haman
was terrified before the king and queen.
7 Then the king arose in his wrath from
the banquet of wine and went into the
palace garden; but Haman stood before
Queen Esther, pleading for his life, for
he saw that evil was determined against
him by the king.
8 When the king returned from the
palace garden to the place of the
banquet of wine, Haman had fallen
across the couch where Esther was.
Then the king said, "Will he also assault
the queen while I am in the house?"
As the word left the king's mouth, they
covered Haman's face.
9 Now Harbonah, one of the eunuchs,
said to the king, "Look! The gallows,
fifty cubits high, which Haman made

for Mordecai, who spoke good on the
king's behalf, is standing at the house of
Haman." Then the king said, "Hang him
on it!"
10 So they hanged Haman on the
gallows that he had prepared for
Mordecai. Then the king's wrath
subsided.
8 1 On that day King Ahasuerus gave
Queen Esther the house of Haman,
the enemy of the Jews. And Mordecai
came before the king, for Esther had told
how he was related to her.
2 So the king took off his signet ring,
which he had taken from Haman,
and gave it to Mordecai; and Esther
appointed Mordecai over the house of
Haman.
3 Now Esther spoke again to the king,
fell down at his feet, and implored him
with tears to counteract the evil of

Haman the Agagite, and the scheme
which he had devised against the Jews.
4 And the king held out the golden
scepter toward Esther. So Esther arose
and stood before the king,
5 and said, "If it pleases the king, and
if I have found favor in his sight and the
thing seems right to the king and I am
pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to
revoke the letters devised by Haman, the
son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which
he wrote to annihilate the Jews who are
in all the king’s provinces.
6 "For how can I endure to see the evil
that will come to my people? Or how
can I endure to see the destruction of
my countrymen?"
7 Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen
Esther and Mordecai the Jew, "Indeed, I
have given Esther the house of Haman,
and they have hanged him on the

gallows because he tried to lay his hand
on the Jews.
8 "You yourselves write a decree
concerning the Jews, as you please, in
the king’s name, and seal it with the
king’s signet ring; for whatever is written
in the king’s name and sealed with the
king’s signet ring no one can revoke."
9 So the king’s scribes were called at
that time, in the third month, which is
the month of Sivan, on the twenty–third
day; and it was written, according
to all that Mordecai commanded, to
the Jews, the satraps, the governors,
and the princes of the provinces from
India to Ethiopia, one hundred and
twenty–seven provinces in all, to every
province in its own script, to every
people in their own language, and to the
Jews in their own script and language.
10 And he wrote in the name of King
Ahasuerus, sealed it with the king’s

signet ring, and sent letters by couriers
on horseback, riding on royal horses
bred from swift steeds.
11 By these letters the king permitted
the Jews who were in every city to
gather together and protect their
lives—to destroy, kill, and annihilate
all the forces of any people or province
that would assault them, both little
children and women, and to plunder
their possessions,
12 on one day in all the provinces of
King Ahasuerus, on the thirteenth day of
the twelfth month, which is the month
of Adar.
13 A copy of the document was to be
issued as a decree in every province and
published for all people, so that the Jews
would be ready on that day to avenge
themselves on their enemies.
14 The couriers who rode on royal
horses went out, hastened and pressed

on by the king's command. And the
decree was issued in Shushan the
citadel.
15 So Mordecai went out from the
presence of the king in royal apparel of
blue and white, with a great crown of
gold and a garment of fine linen and
purple; and the city of Shushan rejoiced
and was glad.
16 The Jews had light and gladness, joy
and honor.
17 And in every province and city,
wherever the king's command and
decree came, the Jews had joy and
gladness, a feast and a holiday. Then
many of the people of the land became
Jews, because fear of the Jews fell upon
them.

9 1 Now in the twelfth month, that
is, the month of Adar, on the
thirteenth day, the time came for the
king's command and his decree to be

executed. On the day that the enemies of the Jews had hoped to overpower them, the opposite occurred, in that the Jews themselves overpowered those who hated them.

2 The Jews gathered together in their cities throughout all the provinces of King Ahasuerus to lay hands on those who sought their harm. And no one could withstand them, because fear of them fell upon all people.

3 And all the officials of the provinces, the satraps, the governors, and all those doing the king's work, helped the Jews, because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them.

4 For Mordecai was great in the king's palace, and his fame spread throughout all the provinces; for this man Mordecai became increasingly prominent.

5 Thus the Jews defeated all their enemies with the stroke of the sword,

with slaughter and destruction, and did
what they pleased with those who hated
them.
6 And in Shushan the citadel the Jews
killed and destroyed five hundred men.
7 Also Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha,
8 Poratha, Adalia, Aridatha,
9 Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai, and
Vajezatha—
10 the ten sons of Haman the son
of Hammedatha, the enemy of the
Jews—they killed; but they did not lay a
hand on the plunder.
11 On that day the number of those
who were killed in Shushan the citadel
was brought to the king.
12 And the king said to Queen Esther,
"The Jews have killed and destroyed five
hundred men in Shushan the citadel, and
the ten sons of Haman. What have they
done in the rest of the king's provinces?
Now what is your petition? It shall be

granted to you. Or what is your further
request? It shall be done."
13 Then Esther said, "If it pleases the
king, let it be granted to the Jews who
are in Shushan to do again tomorrow
according to today’s decree, and let
Haman’s ten sons be hanged on the
gallows."
14 So the king commanded this to be
done; the decree was issued in Shushan,
and they hanged Haman’s ten sons.
15 And the Jews who were in Shushan
gathered together again on the
fourteenth day of the month of Adar and
killed three hundred men at Shushan;
but they did not lay a hand on the
plunder.
16 The remainder of the Jews in the
king’s provinces gathered together and
protected their lives, had rest from
their enemies, and killed seventy–five

thousand of their enemies; but they did
not lay a hand on the plunder.
17 This was on the thirteenth day of the
month of Adar. And on the fourteenth
day of the month they rested and made
it a day of feasting and gladness.
18 But the Jews who were at Shushan
assembled together on the thirteenth
day, as well as on the fourteenth; and
on the fifteenth of the month they
rested, and made it a day of feasting and
gladness.
19 Therefore the Jews of the villages
who dwelt in the unwalled towns
celebrated the fourteenth day of the
month of Adar with gladness and
feasting, as a holiday, and for sending
presents to one another.
20 And Mordecai wrote these things
and sent letters to all the Jews, near and
far, who were in all the provinces of King
Ahasuerus,

21 to establish among them that they
should celebrate yearly the fourteenth
and fifteenth days of the month of Adar,
22 as the days on which the Jews had
rest from their enemies, as the month
which was turned from sorrow to joy for
them, and from mourning to a holiday;
that they should make them days of
feasting and joy, of sending presents to
one another and gifts to the poor.
23 So the Jews accepted the custom
which they had begun, as Mordecai had
written to them,
24 because Haman, the son of
Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy
of all the Jews, had plotted against the
Jews to annihilate them, and had cast
Pur (that is, the lot), to consume them
and destroy them;
25 but when Esther came before the
king, he commanded by letter that this
wicked plot which Haman had devised

against the Jews should return on his
own head, and that he and his sons
should be hanged on the gallows.
26 So they called these days Purim, after
the name Pur. Therefore, because of all
the words of this letter, what they had
seen concerning this matter, and what
had happened to them,
27 the Jews established and imposed it
upon themselves and their descendants
and all who would join them, that
without fail they should celebrate these
two days every year, according to the
written instructions and according to the
prescribed time,
28 that these days should be
remembered and kept throughout
every generation, every family, every
province, and every city, that these days
of Purim should not fail to be observed
among the Jews, and that the memory

of them should not perish among their
descendants.
29 Then Queen Esther, the daughter of
Abihail, with Mordecai the Jew, wrote
with full authority to confirm this second
letter about Purim.
30 And Mordecai sent letters to all
the Jews, to the one hundred and
twenty–seven provinces of the kingdom
of Ahasuerus, with words of peace and
truth,
31 to confirm these days of Purim at
their appointed time, as Mordecai the
Jew and Queen Esther had prescribed
for them, and as they had decreed
for themselves and their descendants
concerning matters of their fasting and
lamenting.
32 So the decree of Esther confirmed
these matters of Purim, and it was
written in the book.

10 [1] And King Ahasuerus imposed
tribute on the land and on the
islands of the sea.
[2] Now all the acts of his power and his
might, and the account of the greatness
of Mordecai, to which the king advanced
him, are they not written in the book of
the chronicles of the kings of Media and
Persia?
[3] For Mordecai the Jew was second to
King Ahasuerus, and was great among
the Jews and well received by the
multitude of his brethren, seeking the
good of his people and speaking peace
to all his countrymen.

Job

1 [1] There was a man in the land of Uz,
whose name was Job; and that man
was blameless and upright, and one who
feared God and shunned evil.
[2] And seven sons and three daughters
were born to him.
[3] Also, his possessions were seven
thousand sheep, three thousand camels,
five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred
female donkeys, and a very large
household, so that this man was the
greatest of all the people of the East.
[4] And his sons would go and feast in
their houses, each on his appointed day,
and would send and invite their three
sisters to eat and drink with them.
[5] So it was, when the days of feasting
had run their course, that Job would

send and sanctify them, and he would
rise early in the morning and offer burnt
offerings according to the number of
them all. For Job said, "It may be that
my sons have sinned and cursed God in
their hearts." Thus Job did regularly.
6 Now there was a day when the sons of
God came to present themselves before
the LORD, and Satan also came among
them.
7 And the LORD said to Satan, "From
where do you come?" So Satan answered
the LORD and said, "From going to and
fro on the earth, and from walking back
and forth on it."
8 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have
you considered My servant Job, that
there is none like him on the earth, a
blameless and upright man, one who
fears God and shuns evil?"
9 So Satan answered the LORD and said,
"Does Job fear God for nothing?

10 "Have You not made a hedge around
him, around his household, and around
all that he has on every side? You have
blessed the work of his hands, and his
possessions have increased in the land.
11 "But now, stretch out Your hand and
touch all that he has, and he will surely
curse You to Your face!"
12 And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold,
all that he has is in your power; only do
not lay a hand on his person." So Satan
went out from the presence of the LORD.
13 Now there was a day when his sons
and daughters were eating and drinking
wine in their oldest brother’s house;
14 and a messenger came to Job and
said, "The oxen were plowing and the
donkeys feeding beside them,
15 "when the Sabeans raided them and
took them away—indeed they have
killed the servants with the edge of the

sword; and I alone have escaped to tell
you!"
16 While he was still speaking, another
also came and said, "The fire of God fell
from heaven and burned up the sheep
and the servants, and consumed them;
and I alone have escaped to tell you!"
17 While he was still speaking, another
also came and said, "The Chaldeans
formed three bands, raided the camels
and took them away, yes, and killed the
servants with the edge of the sword; and
I alone have escaped to tell you!"
18 While he was still speaking, another
also came and said, "Your sons and
daughters were eating and drinking wine
in their oldest brother's house,
19 "and suddenly a great wind came
from across the wilderness and struck
the four corners of the house, and it fell
on the young people, and they are dead;
and I alone have escaped to tell you!"

[20] Then Job arose, tore his robe, and
shaved his head; and he fell to the
ground and worshiped.
[21] And he said: "Naked I came from my
mother's womb, And naked shall I return
there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has
taken away; Blessed be the name of the
LORD."
[22] In all this Job did not sin nor charge
God with wrong.

2 [1] Again there was a day when
the sons of God came to present
themselves before the LORD, and Satan
came also among them to present
himself before the LORD.
[2] And the LORD said to Satan, "From
where do you come?" So Satan answered
the LORD and said, "From going to and
fro on the earth, and from walking back
and forth on it."
[3] Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have
you considered My servant Job, that

there is none like him on the earth, a
blameless and upright man, one who
fears God and shuns evil? And still he
holds fast to his integrity, although you
incited Me against him, to destroy him
without cause."
4 So Satan answered the LORD and said,
"Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he
will give for his life.
5 "But stretch out Your hand now, and
touch his bone and his flesh, and he will
surely curse You to Your face!"
6 And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold,
he is in your hand, but spare his life."
7 So Satan went out from the presence
of the LORD, and struck Job with painful
boils from the sole of his foot to the
crown of his head.
8 And he took for himself a potsherd
with which to scrape himself while he
sat in the midst of the ashes.

9 Then his wife said to him, "Do you still
hold fast to your integrity? Curse God
and die!"
10 But he said to her, "You speak as one
of the foolish women speaks. Shall we
indeed accept good from God, and shall
we not accept adversity?" In all this Job
did not sin with his lips.
11 Now when Job’s three friends heard
of all this adversity that had come
upon him, each one came from his own
place—Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the
Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. For
they had made an appointment together
to come and mourn with him, and to
comfort him.
12 And when they raised their eyes from
afar, and did not recognize him, they
lifted their voices and wept; and each
one tore his robe and sprinkled dust on
his head toward heaven.

13 So they sat down with him on the
ground seven days and seven nights, and
no one spoke a word to him, for they
saw that his grief was very great.
3 1 After this Job opened his mouth
and cursed the day of his birth.
2 And Job spoke, and said:
3 "May the day perish on which I was
born, And the night in which it was said,
'A male child is conceived.'
4 May that day be darkness; May God
above not seek it, Nor the light shine
upon it.
5 May darkness and the shadow of
death claim it; May a cloud settle on it;
May the blackness of the day terrify it.
6 As for that night, may darkness seize
it; May it not rejoice among the days
of the year, May it not come into the
number of the months.
7 Oh, may that night be barren! May no
joyful shout come into it!

8 May those curse it who curse the
day, Those who are ready to arouse
Leviathan.
9 May the stars of its morning be dark;
May it look for light, but have none, And
not see the dawning of the day;
10 Because it did not shut up the doors
of my mother's womb, Nor hide sorrow
from my eyes.
11 "Why did I not die at birth? Why did I
not perish when I came from the womb?
12 Why did the knees receive me? Or
why the breasts, that I should nurse?
13 For now I would have lain still and
been quiet, I would have been asleep;
Then I would have been at rest
14 With kings and counselors of the
earth, Who built ruins for themselves,
15 Or with princes who had gold, Who
filled their houses with silver;

16 Or why was I not hidden like a
stillborn child, Like infants who never
saw light?
17 There the wicked cease from
troubling, And there the weary are at
rest.
18 There the prisoners rest together;
They do not hear the voice of the
oppressor.
19 The small and great are there, And
the servant is free from his master.
20 "Why is light given to him who is in
misery, And life to the bitter of soul,
21 Who long for death, but it does
not come, And search for it more than
hidden treasures;
22 Who rejoice exceedingly, And are
glad when they can find the grave?
23 Why is light given to a man whose
way is hidden, And whom God has
hedged in?

24 For my sighing comes before I eat,
And my groanings pour out like water.
25 For the thing I greatly feared has
come upon me, And what I dreaded has
happened to me.
26 I am not at ease, nor am I quiet; I
have no rest, for trouble comes."

4 1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite
answered and said:
2 "If one attempts a word with you,
will you become weary? But who can
withhold himself from speaking?
3 Surely you have instructed many, And
you have strengthened weak hands.
4 Your words have upheld him who was
stumbling, And you have strengthened
the feeble knees;
5 But now it comes upon you, and you
are weary; It touches you, and you are
troubled.

6 Is not your reverence your confidence?
And the integrity of your ways your
hope?
7 "Remember now, who ever perished
being innocent? Or where were the
upright ever cut off?
8 Even as I have seen, Those who plow
iniquity And sow trouble reap the same.
9 By the blast of God they perish, And
by the breath of His anger they are
consumed.
10 The roaring of the lion, The voice
of the fierce lion, And the teeth of the
young lions are broken.
11 The old lion perishes for lack of prey,
And the cubs of the lioness are scattered.
12 "Now a word was secretly brought to
me, And my ear received a whisper of it.
13 In disquieting thoughts from the
visions of the night, When deep sleep
falls on men,

14 Fear came upon me, and trembling,
Which made all my bones shake.
15 Then a spirit passed before my face;
The hair on my body stood up.
16 It stood still, But I could not discern
its appearance. A form was before my
eyes; There was silence; Then I heard a
voice saying:
17 'Can a mortal be more righteous than
God? Can a man be more pure than his
Maker?
18 If He puts no trust in His servants, If
He charges His angels with error,
19 How much more those who dwell
in houses of clay, Whose foundation is
in the dust, Who are crushed before a
moth?
20 They are broken in pieces from
morning till evening; They perish forever,
with no one regarding.
21 Does not their own excellence go
away? They die, even without wisdom.'

5 1 "Call out now; Is there anyone who
will answer you? And to which of the
holy ones will you turn?
2 For wrath kills a foolish man, And envy
slays a simple one.
3 I have seen the foolish taking root, But
suddenly I cursed his dwelling place.
4 His sons are far from safety, They are
crushed in the gate, And there is no
deliverer.
5 Because the hungry eat up his harvest,
Taking it even from the thorns, And a
snare snatches their substance.
6 For affliction does not come from the
dust, Nor does trouble spring from the
ground;
7 Yet man is born to trouble, As the
sparks fly upward.
8 "But as for me, I would seek God, And
to God I would commit my cause—

9 Who does great things, and
unsearchable, Marvelous things without
number.
10 He gives rain on the earth, And sends
waters on the fields.
11 He sets on high those who are lowly,
And those who mourn are lifted to
safety.
12 He frustrates the devices of the
crafty, So that their hands cannot carry
out their plans.
13 He catches the wise in their own
craftiness, And the counsel of the
cunning comes quickly upon them.
14 They meet with darkness in the
daytime, And grope at noontime as in
the night.
15 But He saves the needy from the
sword, From the mouth of the mighty,
And from their hand.
16 So the poor have hope, And injustice
shuts her mouth.

17 "Behold, happy is the man whom
God corrects; Therefore do not despise
the chastening of the Almighty.
18 For He bruises, but He binds up; He
wounds, but His hands make whole.
19 He shall deliver you in six troubles,
Yes, in seven no evil shall touch you.
20 In famine He shall redeem you from
death, And in war from the power of the
sword.
21 You shall be hidden from the scourge
of the tongue, And you shall not be
afraid of destruction when it comes.
22 You shall laugh at destruction and
famine, And you shall not be afraid of
the beasts of the earth.
23 For you shall have a covenant with
the stones of the field, And the beasts of
the field shall be at peace with you.
24 You shall know that your tent is in
peace; You shall visit your dwelling and
find nothing amiss.

[25] You shall also know that your
descendants shall be many, And your
offspring like the grass of the earth.
[26] You shall come to the grave at a full
age, As a sheaf of grain ripens in its
season.
[27] Behold, this we have searched out; It
is true. Hear it, and know for yourself."

6 [1] Then Job answered and said:
[2] "Oh, that my grief were fully
weighed, And my calamity laid with it on
the scales!
[3] For then it would be heavier than the
sand of the sea—Therefore my words
have been rash.
[4] For the arrows of the Almighty are
within me; My spirit drinks in their
poison; The terrors of God are arrayed
against me.
[5] Does the wild donkey bray when it
has grass, Or does the ox low over its
fodder?

6 Can flavorless food be eaten without
salt? Or is there any taste in the white of
an egg?
7 My soul refuses to touch them; They
are as loathsome food to me.
8 "Oh, that I might have my request,
That God would grant me the thing that
I long for!
9 That it would please God to crush me,
That He would loose His hand and cut
me off!
10 Then I would still have comfort;
Though in anguish, I would exult, He will
not spare; For I have not concealed the
words of the Holy One.
11 "What strength do I have, that I
should hope? And what is my end, that I
should prolong my life?
12 Is my strength the strength of stones?
Or is my flesh bronze?
13 Is my help not within me? And is
success driven from me?

14 "To him who is afflicted, kindness
should be shown by his friend, Even
though he forsakes the fear of the
Almighty.
15 My brothers have dealt deceitfully
like a brook, Like the streams of the
brooks that pass away,
16 Which are dark because of the ice,
And into which the snow vanishes.
17 When it is warm, they cease to flow;
When it is hot, they vanish from their
place.
18 The paths of their way turn aside,
They go nowhere and perish.
19 The caravans of Tema look, The
travelers of Sheba hope for them.
20 They are disappointed because they
were confident; They come there and
are confused.
21 For now you are nothing, You see
terror and are afraid.

22 Did I ever say, ‘Bring something to
me’? Or, ‘Offer a bribe for me from your
wealth’?
23 Or, ‘Deliver me from the enemy’s
hand’? Or, ‘Redeem me from the hand
of oppressors’?
24 "Teach me, and I will hold my tongue;
Cause me to understand wherein I have
erred.
25 How forceful are right words! But
what does your arguing prove?
26 Do you intend to rebuke my words,
And the speeches of a desperate one,
which are as wind?
27 Yes, you overwhelm the fatherless,
And you undermine your friend.
28 Now therefore, be pleased to look at
me; For I would never lie to your face.
29 Yield now, let there be no injustice!
Yes, concede, my righteousness still
stands!

30 Is there injustice on my tongue?
Cannot my taste discern the unsavory?

7 1 "Is there not a time of hard service
for man on earth? Are not his days
also like the days of a hired man?
2 Like a servant who earnestly desires
the shade, And like a hired man who
eagerly looks for his wages,
3 So I have been allotted months of
futility, And wearisome nights have been
appointed to me.
4 When I lie down, I say, ‘When shall
I arise, And the night be ended?’ For I
have had my fill of tossing till dawn.
5 My flesh is caked with worms and
dust, My skin is cracked and breaks out
afresh.
6 "My days are swifter than a weaver’s
shuttle, And are spent without hope.
7 Oh, remember that my life is a breath!
My eye will never again see good.

8 The eye of him who sees me will see
me no more; While your eyes are upon
me, I shall no longer be.
9 As the cloud disappears and vanishes
away, So he who goes down to the grave
does not come up.
10 He shall never return to his house,
Nor shall his place know him anymore.
11 "Therefore I will not restrain my
mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my
spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of
my soul.
12 Am I a sea, or a sea serpent, That You
set a guard over me?
13 When I say, ‘My bed will comfort me,
My couch will ease my complaint,’
14 Then You scare me with dreams And
terrify me with visions,
15 So that my soul chooses strangling
And death rather than my body.

16 I loathe my life; I would not live
forever. Let me alone, For my days are
but a breath.
17 "What is man, that You should exalt
him, That You should set Your heart on
him,
18 That You should visit him every
morning, And test him every moment?
19 How long? Will You not look away
from me, And let me alone till I swallow
my saliva?
20 Have I sinned? What have I done to
You, O watcher of men? Why have You
set me as Your target, So that I am a
burden to myself?
21 Why then do You not pardon my
transgression, And take away my
iniquity? For now I will lie down in the
dust, And You will seek me diligently, But
I will no longer be."

8 1 Then Bildad the Shuhite answered
and said:

2 "How long will you speak these things,
And the words of your mouth be like a
strong wind?
3 Does God subvert judgment? Or does
the Almighty pervert justice?
4 If your sons have sinned against
Him, He has cast them away for their
transgression.
5 If you would earnestly seek God And
make your supplication to the Almighty,
6 If you were pure and upright, Surely
now He would awake for you, And
prosper your rightful dwelling place.
7 Though your beginning was small,
Yet your latter end would increase
abundantly.
8 "For inquire, please, of the former
age, And consider the things discovered
by their fathers;
9 For we were born yesterday, and know
nothing, Because our days on earth are
a shadow.

10 Will they not teach you and tell you,
And utter words from their heart?
11 "Can the papyrus grow up without a
marsh? Can the reeds flourish without
water?
12 While it is yet green and not cut
down, It withers before any other plant.
13 So are the paths of all who forget
God; And the hope of the hypocrite shall
perish,
14 Whose confidence shall be cut off,
And whose trust is a spider’s web.
15 He leans on his house, but it does not
stand. He holds it fast, but it does not
endure.
16 He grows green in the sun, And his
branches spread out in his garden.
17 His roots wrap around the rock heap,
And look for a place in the stones.
18 If he is destroyed from his place,
Then it will deny him, saying, ‘I have not
seen you.’

19 "Behold, this is the joy of His way,
And out of the earth others will grow.
20 Behold, God will not cast away
the blameless, Nor will He uphold the
evildoers.
21 He will yet fill your mouth with
laughing, And your lips with rejoicing.
22 Those who hate you will be clothed
with shame, And the dwelling place of
the wicked will come to nothing."
9 1 Then Job answered and said:
2 "Truly I know it is so, But how can
a man be righteous before God?
3 If one wished to contend with Him, He
could not answer Him one time out of a
thousand.
4 God is wise in heart and mighty in
strength. Who has hardened himself
against Him and prospered?
5 He removes the mountains, and they
do not know When He overturns them
in His anger;

6 He shakes the earth out of its place,
And its pillars tremble;
7 He commands the sun, and it does
not rise; He seals off the stars;
8 He alone spreads out the heavens,
And treads on the waves of the sea;
9 He made the Bear, Orion, and the
Pleiades, And the chambers of the south;
10 He does great things past finding out,
Yes, wonders without number.
11 If He goes by me, I do not see Him; If
He moves past, I do not perceive Him;
12 If He takes away, who can hinder
Him? Who can say to Him, ‘What are You
doing?’
13 God will not withdraw His anger, The
allies of the proud lie prostrate beneath
Him.
14 "How then can I answer Him, And
choose my words to reason with Him?

15 For though I were righteous, I could
not answer Him; I would beg mercy of
my Judge.
16 If I called and He answered me, I
would not believe that He was listening
to my voice.
17 For He crushes me with a tempest,
And multiplies my wounds without
cause.
18 He will not allow me to catch my
breath, But fills me with bitterness.
19 If it is a matter of strength, indeed
He is strong; And if of justice, who will
appoint my day in court?
20 Though I were righteous, my own
mouth would condemn me; Though
I were blameless, it would prove me
perverse.
21 "I am blameless, yet I do not know
myself; I despise my life.
22 It is all one thing; Therefore I say, ‘He
destroys the blameless and the wicked.’

23 If the scourge slays suddenly, He
laughs at the plight of the innocent.
24 The earth is given into the hand of
the wicked. He covers the faces of its
judges. If it is not He, who else could it
be?
25 "Now my days are swifter than a
runner; They flee away, they see no
good.
26 They pass by like swift ships, Like an
eagle swooping on its prey.
27 If I say, ‘I will forget my complaint,
I will put off my sad face and wear a
smile,’
28 I am afraid of all my sufferings; I know
that You will not hold me innocent.
29 If I am condemned, Why then do I
labor in vain?
30 If I wash myself with snow water, And
cleanse my hands with soap,
31 Yet You will plunge me into the pit,
And my own clothes will abhor me.

32 "For He is not a man, as I am, That I
may answer Him, And that we should go
to court together.
33 Nor is there any mediator between
us, Who may lay his hand on us both.
34 Let Him take His rod away from me,
And do not let dread of Him terrify me.
35 Then I would speak and not fear Him,
But it is not so with me.

10 1 "My soul loathes my life; I will
give free course to my complaint,
I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.
2 I will say to God, 'Do not condemn
me; Show me why You contend with me.
3 Does it seem good to You that You
should oppress, That You should despise
the work of Your hands, And smile on
the counsel of the wicked?
4 Do You have eyes of flesh? Or do You
see as man sees?

5 Are Your days like the days of a mortal
man? Are Your years like the days of a
mighty man,
6 That You should seek for my iniquity
And search out my sin,
7 Although You know that I am not
wicked, And there is no one who can
deliver from Your hand?
8 ‘Your hands have made me and
fashioned me, An intricate unity; Yet You
would destroy me.
9 Remember, I pray, that You have made
me like clay. And will You turn me into
dust again?
10 Did you not pour me out like milk,
And curdle me like cheese,
11 Clothe me with skin and flesh, And
knit me together with bones and sinews?
12 You have granted me life and favor,
And Your care has preserved my spirit.

13 'And these things You have hidden
in Your heart; I know that this was with
You:
14 If I sin, then You mark me, And will
not acquit me of my iniquity.
15 If I am wicked, woe to me; Even if I
am righteous, I cannot lift up my head. I
am full of disgrace; See my misery!
16 If my head is exalted, You hunt me
like a fierce lion, And again You show
Yourself awesome against me.
17 You renew Your witnesses against
me, And increase Your indignation
toward me; Changes and war are ever
with me.
18 'Why then have You brought me out
of the womb? Oh, that I had perished
and no eye had seen me!
19 I would have been as though I had
not been. I would have been carried
from the womb to the grave.

20 Are not my days few? Cease! Leave
me alone, that I may take a little comfort,
21 Before I go to the place from which I
shall not return, To the land of darkness
and the shadow of death,
22 A land as dark as darkness itself, As
the shadow of death, without any order,
Where even the light is like darkness.’"

11 1 Then Zophar the Naamathite
answered and said:
2 "Should not the multitude of words
be answered? And should a man full of
talk be vindicated?
3 Should your empty talk make men
hold their peace? And when you mock,
should no one rebuke you?
4 For you have said, ‘My doctrine is
pure, And I am clean in your eyes.’
5 But oh, that God would speak, And
open His lips against you,
6 That He would show you the secrets
of wisdom! For they would double your

prudence. Know therefore that God
exacts from you Less than your iniquity
deserves.
7 "Can you search out the deep things
of God? Can you find out the limits of
the Almighty?
8 They are higher than heaven—what
can you do? Deeper than Sheol—what
can you know?
9 Their measure is longer than the earth
And broader than the sea.
10 "If He passes by, imprisons, and
gathers to judgment, Then who can
hinder Him?
11 For He knows deceitful men; He
sees wickedness also. Will He not then
consider it?
12 For an empty–headed man will be
wise, When a wild donkey's colt is born
a man.
13 "If you would prepare your heart,
And stretch out your hands toward Him;

14 If iniquity were in your hand, and
you put it far away, And would not let
wickedness dwell in your tents;
15 Then surely you could lift up your
face without spot; Yes, you could be
steadfast, and not fear;
16 Because you would forget your
misery, And remember it as waters that
have passed away,
17 And your life would be brighter than
noonday. Though you were dark, you
would be like the morning.
18 And you would be secure, because
there is hope; Yes, you would dig around
you, and take your rest in safety.
19 You would also lie down, and no one
would make you afraid; Yes, many would
court your favor.
20 But the eyes of the wicked will fail,
And they shall not escape, And their
hope—loss of life!"

12 1 Then Job answered and said:
2 "No doubt you are the people,
And wisdom will die with you!
3 But I have understanding as well as
you; I am not inferior to you. Indeed,
who does not know such things as
these?
4 "I am one mocked by his friends, Who
called on God, and He answered him,
The just and blameless who is ridiculed.
5 A lamp is despised in the thought of
one who is at ease; It is made ready for
those whose feet slip.
6 The tents of robbers prosper, And
those who provoke God are secure—In
what God provides by His hand.
7 "But now ask the beasts, and they will
teach you; And the birds of the air, and
they will tell you;
8 Or speak to the earth, and it will teach
you; And the fish of the sea will explain
to you.

9 Who among all these does not know
That the hand of the LORD has done this,
10 In whose hand is the life of every
living thing, And the breath of all
mankind?
11 Does not the ear test words And the
mouth taste its food?
12 Wisdom is with aged men, And with
length of days, understanding.
13 "With Him are wisdom and strength,
He has counsel and understanding.
14 If He breaks a thing down, it cannot
be rebuilt; If He imprisons a man, there
can be no release.
15 If He withholds the waters, they
dry up; If He sends them out, they
overwhelm the earth.
16 With Him are strength and prudence.
The deceived and the deceiver are His.
17 He leads counselors away plundered,
And makes fools of the judges.

18 He loosens the bonds of kings, And
binds their waist with a belt.
19 He leads princes away plundered,
And overthrows the mighty.
20 He deprives the trusted ones of
speech, And takes away the discernment
of the elders.
21 He pours contempt on princes, And
disarms the mighty.
22 He uncovers deep things out of
darkness, And brings the shadow of
death to light.
23 He makes nations great, and destroys
them; He enlarges nations, and guides
them.
24 He takes away the understanding of
the chiefs of the people of the earth,
And makes them wander in a pathless
wilderness.
25 They grope in the dark without
light, And He makes them stagger like a
drunken man.

13 [1] "Behold, my eye has seen
all this, My ear has heard and
understood it.
[2] What you know, I also know; I am not
inferior to you.
[3] But I would speak to the Almighty,
And I desire to reason with God.
[4] But you forgers of lies, You are all
worthless physicians.
[5] Oh, that you would be silent, And it
would be your wisdom!
[6] Now hear my reasoning, And heed the
pleadings of my lips.
[7] Will you speak wickedly for God, And
talk deceitfully for Him?
[8] Will you show partiality for Him? Will
you contend for God?
[9] Will it be well when He searches you
out? Or can you mock Him as one mocks
a man?
[10] He will surely rebuke you If you
secretly show partiality.

11 Will not His excellence make you
afraid, And the dread of Him fall upon
you?
12 Your platitudes are proverbs of ashes,
Your defenses are defenses of clay.
13 "Hold your peace with me, and let
me speak, Then let come on me what
may!
14 Why do I take my flesh in my teeth,
And put my life in my hands?
15 Though He slay me, yet will I trust
Him. Even so, I will defend my own ways
before Him.
16 He also shall be my salvation, For a
hypocrite could not come before Him.
17 Listen carefully to my speech, And to
my declaration with your ears.
18 See now, I have prepared my case, I
know that I shall be vindicated.
19 Who is he who will contend with me?
If now I hold my tongue, I perish.

20 "Only two things do not do to me,
Then I will not hide myself from You:
21 Withdraw Your hand far from me,
And let not the dread of You make me
afraid.
22 Then call, and I will answer; Or let me
speak, then You respond to me.
23 How many are my iniquities and sins?
Make me know my transgression and my
sin.
24 Why do You hide Your face, And
regard me as Your enemy?
25 Will You frighten a leaf driven to and
fro? And will You pursue dry stubble?
26 For You write bitter things against
me, And make me inherit the iniquities
of my youth.
27 You put my feet in the stocks, And
watch closely all my paths. You set a limit
for the soles of my feet.
28 "Man decays like a rotten thing, Like
a garment that is moth–eaten.

14 [1] "Man who is born of woman Is
of few days and full of trouble.
[2] He comes forth like a flower and fades
away; He flees like a shadow and does
not continue.
[3] And do You open Your eyes on such
a one, And bring me to judgment with
Yourself?
[4] Who can bring a clean thing out of an
unclean? No one!
[5] Since his days are determined, The
number of his months is with You; You
have appointed his limits, so that he
cannot pass.
[6] Look away from him that he may rest,
Till like a hired man he finishes his day.
[7] "For there is hope for a tree, If it is cut
down, that it will sprout again, And that
its tender shoots will not cease.
[8] Though its root may grow old in the
earth, And its stump may die in the
ground,

9 Yet at the scent of water it will bud
And bring forth branches like a plant.
10 But man dies and is laid away; Indeed
he breathes his last And where is he?
11 As water disappears from the sea,
And a river becomes parched and dries
up,
12 So man lies down and does not rise.
Till the heavens are no more, They will
not awake Nor be roused from their
sleep.
13 "Oh, that You would hide me in
the grave, That You would conceal me
until Your wrath is past, That You would
appoint me a set time, and remember
me!
14 If a man dies, shall he live again? All
the days of my hard service I will wait,
Till my change comes.
15 You shall call, and I will answer You;
You shall desire the work of Your hands.

16 For now You number my steps, But
do not watch over my sin.
17 My transgression is sealed up in a
bag, And You cover my iniquity.
18 "But as a mountain falls and crumbles
away, And as a rock is moved from its
place;
19 As water wears away stones, And as
torrents wash away the soil of the earth;
So You destroy the hope of man.
20 You prevail forever against him,
and he passes on; You change his
countenance and send him away.
21 His sons come to honor, and he does
not know it; They are brought low, and
he does not perceive it.
22 But his flesh will be in pain over it,
And his soul will mourn over it."
15 1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite
answered and said:

2 "Should a wise man answer with
empty knowledge, And fill himself with
the east wind?
3 Should he reason with unprofitable
talk, Or by speeches with which he can
do no good?
4 Yes, you cast off fear, And restrain
prayer before God.
5 For your iniquity teaches your mouth,
And you choose the tongue of the crafty.
6 Your own mouth condemns you, and
not I; Yes, your own lips testify against
you.
7 "Are you the first man who was born?
Or were you made before the hills?
8 Have you heard the counsel of God?
Do you limit wisdom to yourself?
9 What do you know that we do not
know? What do you understand that is
not in us?

[10] Both the gray–haired and the aged
are among us, Much older than your
father.
[11] Are the consolations of God too small
for you, And the word spoken gently
with you?
[12] Why does your heart carry you away,
And what do your eyes wink at,
[13] That you turn your spirit against
God, And let such words go out of your
mouth?
[14] "What is man, that he could be pure?
And he who is born of a woman, that he
could be righteous?
[15] If God puts no trust in His saints, And
the heavens are not pure in His sight,
[16] How much less man, who is
abominable and filthy, Who drinks
iniquity like water!
[17] "I will tell you, hear me; What I have
seen I will declare,

18 What wise men have told, Not hiding
anything received from their fathers,
19 To whom alone the land was given,
And no alien passed among them:
20 The wicked man writhes with pain
all his days, And the number of years is
hidden from the oppressor.
21 Dreadful sounds are in his ears; In
prosperity the destroyer comes upon
him.
22 He does not believe that he will
return from darkness, For a sword is
waiting for him.
23 He wanders about for bread, saying,
'Where is it?' He knows that a day of
darkness is ready at his hand.
24 Trouble and anguish make him afraid;
They overpower him, like a king ready
for battle.
25 For he stretches out his hand against
God, And acts defiantly against the
Almighty,

26 Running stubbornly against Him With
his strong, embossed shield.
27 "Though he has covered his face with
his fatness, And made his waist heavy
with fat,
28 He dwells in desolate cities, In
houses which no one inhabits, Which
are destined to become ruins.
29 He will not be rich, Nor will his
wealth continue, Nor will his possessions
overspread the earth.
30 He will not depart from darkness;
The flame will dry out his branches, And
by the breath of His mouth he will go
away.
31 Let him not trust in futile things,
deceiving himself, For futility will be his
reward.
32 It will be accomplished before his
time, And his branch will not be green.

33 He will shake off his unripe grape like
a vine, And cast off his blossom like an
olive tree.
34 For the company of hypocrites will be
barren, And fire will consume the tents
of bribery.
35 They conceive trouble and bring forth
futility; Their womb prepares deceit."

16 1 Then Job answered and said:
2 "I have heard many such
things; Miserable comforters are you all!
3 Shall words of wind have an end? Or
what provokes you that you answer?
4 I also could speak as you do, If your
soul were in my soul's place. I could
heap up words against you, And shake
my head at you;
5 But I would strengthen you with my
mouth, And the comfort of my lips would
relieve your grief.

6 "Though I speak, my grief is not
relieved; And if I remain silent, how am I
eased?
7 But now He has worn me out; You
have made desolate all my company.
8 You have shriveled me up, And it is a
witness against me; My leanness rises
up against me And bears witness to my
face.
9 He tears me in His wrath, and hates
me; He gnashes at me with His teeth;
My adversary sharpens His gaze on me.
10 They gape at me with their mouth,
They strike me reproachfully on the
cheek, They gather together against me.
11 God has delivered me to the ungodly,
And turned me over to the hands of the
wicked.
12 I was at ease, but He has shattered
me; He also has taken me by my neck,
and shaken me to pieces; He has set me
up for His target,

13 His archers surround me. He pierces
my heart and does not pity; He pours
out my gall on the ground.
14 He breaks me with wound upon
wound; He runs at me like a warrior.
15 "I have sewn sackcloth over my skin,
And laid my head in the dust.
16 My face is flushed from weeping, And
on my eyelids is the shadow of death;
17 Although no violence is in my hands,
And my prayer is pure.
18 "O earth, do not cover my blood, And
let my cry have no resting place!
19 Surely even now my witness is in
heaven, And my evidence is on high.
20 My friends scorn me; My eyes pour
out tears to God.
21 Oh, that one might plead for a
man with God, As a man pleads for his
neighbor!
22 For when a few years are finished, I
shall go the way of no return.

17 [1] "My spirit is broken, My days are
extinguished, The grave is ready
for me.
[2] Are not mockers with me? And does
not my eye dwell on their provocation?
[3] "Now put down a pledge for me with
Yourself. Who is he who will shake hands
with me?
[4] For You have hidden their heart from
understanding; Therefore You will not
exalt them.
[5] He who speaks flattery to his friends,
Even the eyes of his children will fail.
[6] "But He has made me a byword of
the people, And I have become one in
whose face men spit.
[7] My eye has also grown dim because
of sorrow, And all my members are like
shadows.
[8] Upright men are astonished at this,
And the innocent stirs himself up against
the hypocrite.

9 Yet the righteous will hold to his way,
And he who has clean hands will be
stronger and stronger.
10 "But please, come back again, all of
you, For I shall not find one wise man
among you.
11 My days are past, My purposes are
broken off, Even the thoughts of my
heart.
12 They change the night into day; ‘The
light is near,’ they say, in the face of
darkness.
13 If I wait for the grave as my house, If I
make my bed in the darkness,
14 If I say to corruption, ‘You are my
father,’ And to the worm, ‘You are my
mother and my sister,’
15 Where then is my hope? As for my
hope, who can see it?
16 Will they go down to the gates of
Sheol? Shall we have rest together in the
dust?"

18 1 Then Bildad the Shuhite
answered and said:
2 "How long till you put an end to
words? Gain understanding, and
afterward we will speak.
3 Why are we counted as beasts, And
regarded as stupid in your sight?
4 You who tear yourself in anger, Shall
the earth be forsaken for you? Or shall
the rock be removed from its place?
5 "The light of the wicked indeed goes
out, And the flame of his fire does not
shine.
6 The light is dark in his tent, And his
lamp beside him is put out.
7 The steps of his strength are
shortened, And his own counsel casts
him down.
8 For he is cast into a net by his own
feet, And he walks into a snare.
9 The net takes him by the heel, And a
snare lays hold of him.

10 A noose is hidden for him on the
ground, And a trap for him in the road.
11 Terrors frighten him on every side,
And drive him to his feet.
12 His strength is starved, And
destruction is ready at his side.
13 It devours patches of his skin; The
firstborn of death devours his limbs.
14 He is uprooted from the shelter of
his tent, And they parade him before the
king of terrors.
15 They dwell in his tent who are none
of his; Brimstone is scattered on his
dwelling.
16 His roots are dried out below, And his
branch withers above.
17 The memory of him perishes from
the earth, And he has no name among
the renowned.
18 He is driven from light into darkness,
And chased out of the world.

19 He has neither son nor posterity
among his people, Nor any remaining in
his dwellings.
20 Those in the west are astonished
at his day, As those in the east are
frightened.
21 Surely such are the dwellings of the
wicked, And this is the place of him who
does not know God."

19

1 Then Job answered and said:
2 "How long will you torment
my soul, And break me in pieces with
words?
3 These ten times you have reproached
me; You are not ashamed that you have
wronged me.
4 And if indeed I have erred, My error
remains with me.
5 If indeed you exalt yourselves against
me, And plead my disgrace against me,
6 Know then that God has wronged me,
And has surrounded me with His net.

7 "If I cry out concerning wrong, I am
not heard. If I cry aloud, there is no
justice.
8 He has fenced up my way, so that I
cannot pass; And He has set darkness in
my paths.
9 He has stripped me of my glory, And
taken the crown from my head.
10 He breaks me down on every
side, And I am gone; My hope He has
uprooted like a tree.
11 He has also kindled His wrath against
me, And He counts me as one of His
enemies.
12 His troops come together And build
up their road against me; They encamp
all around my tent.
13 "He has removed my brothers far
from me, And my acquaintances are
completely estranged from me.
14 My relatives have failed, And my
close friends have forgotten me.

15 Those who dwell in my house,
and my maidservants, Count me as a
stranger; I am an alien in their sight.
16 I call my servant, but he gives no
answer; I beg him with my mouth.
17 My breath is offensive to my wife,
And I am repulsive to the children of my
own body.
18 Even young children despise me; I
arise, and they speak against me.
19 All my close friends abhor me, And
those whom I love have turned against
me.
20 My bone clings to my skin and to my
flesh, And I have escaped by the skin of
my teeth.
21 "Have pity on me, have pity on me, O
you my friends, For the hand of God has
struck me!
22 Why do you persecute me as God
does, And are not satisfied with my
flesh?

[23] "Oh, that my words were written!
Oh, that they were inscribed in a book!
[24] That they were engraved on a rock
With an iron pen and lead, forever!
[25] For I know that my Redeemer lives,
And He shall stand at last on the earth;
[26] And after my skin is destroyed, this I
know, That in my flesh I shall see God,
[27] Whom I shall see for myself, And my
eyes shall behold, and not another. How
my heart yearns within me!
[28] If you should say, 'How shall we
persecute him?' —Since the root of the
matter is found in me,
[29] Be afraid of the sword for yourselves;
For wrath brings the punishment of the
sword, That you may know there is a
judgment."

20 [1] Then Zophar the Naamathite
answered and said:

2 "Therefore my anxious thoughts make
me answer, Because of the turmoil
within me.
3 I have heard the rebuke that
reproaches me, And the spirit of my
understanding causes me to answer.
4 "Do you not know this of old, Since
man was placed on earth,
5 That the triumphing of the wicked is
short, And the joy of the hypocrite is but
for a moment?
6 Though his haughtiness mounts up to
the heavens, And his head reaches to
the clouds,
7 Yet he will perish forever like his own
refuse; Those who have seen him will
say, ‘Where is he?’
8 He will fly away like a dream, and not
be found; Yes, he will be chased away
like a vision of the night.

9 The eye that saw him will see him
no more, Nor will his place behold him
anymore.
10 His children will seek the favor of
the poor, And his hands will restore his
wealth.
11 His bones are full of his youthful
vigor, But it will lie down with him in the
dust.
12 "Though evil is sweet in his mouth,
And he hides it under his tongue,
13 Though he spares it and does not
forsake it, But still keeps it in his mouth,
14 Yet his food in his stomach turns
sour; It becomes cobra venom within
him.
15 He swallows down riches And vomits
them up again; God casts them out of
his belly.
16 He will suck the poison of cobras;
The viper’s tongue will slay him.

17 He will not see the streams, The
rivers flowing with honey and cream.
18 He will restore that for which he
labored, And will not swallow it down;
From the proceeds of business He will
get no enjoyment.
19 For he has oppressed and forsaken
the poor, He has violently seized a house
which he did not build.
20 "Because he knows no quietness in
his heart, He will not save anything he
desires.
21 Nothing is left for him to eat;
Therefore his well–being will not last.
22 In his self–sufficiency he will be in
distress; Every hand of misery will come
against him.
23 When he is about to fill his stomach,
God will cast on him the fury of His
wrath, And will rain it on him while he is
eating.

24 He will flee from the iron weapon; A
bronze bow will pierce him through.
25 It is drawn, and comes out of the
body; Yes, the glittering point comes out
of his gall. Terrors come upon him;
26 Total darkness is reserved for his
treasures. An unfanned fire will consume
him; It shall go ill with him who is left in
his tent.
27 The heavens will reveal his iniquity,
And the earth will rise up against him.
28 The increase of his house will depart,
And his goods will flow away in the day
of His wrath.
29 This is the portion from God for a
wicked man, The heritage appointed to
him by God."

21 1 Then Job answered and said:
2 "Listen carefully to my speech,
And let this be your consolation.
3 Bear with me that I may speak, And
after I have spoken, keep mocking.

4 "As for me, is my complaint against
man? And if it were, why should I not be
impatient?
5 Look at me and be astonished; Put
your hand over your mouth.
6 Even when I remember I am terrified,
And trembling takes hold of my flesh.
7 Why do the wicked live and become
old, Yes, become mighty in power?
8 Their descendants are established
with them in their sight, And their
offspring before their eyes.
9 Their houses are safe from fear,
Neither is the rod of God upon them.
10 Their bull breeds without failure;
Their cow calves without miscarriage.
11 They send forth their little ones like a
flock, And their children dance.
12 They sing to the tambourine and
harp, And rejoice to the sound of the
flute.

13 They spend their days in wealth, And
in a moment go down to the grave.
14 Yet they say to God, ‘Depart from us,
For we do not desire the knowledge of
Your ways.
15 Who is the Almighty, that we should
serve Him? And what profit do we have
if we pray to Him?’
16 Indeed their prosperity is not in their
hand; The counsel of the wicked is far
from me.
17 "How often is the lamp of the
wicked put out? How often does their
destruction come upon them, The
sorrows God distributes in His anger?
18 They are like straw before the wind,
And like chaff that a storm carries away.
19 They say, ‘God lays up one’s iniquity
for his children’; Let Him recompense
him, that he may know it.

[20] Let his eyes see his destruction,
And let him drink of the wrath of the
Almighty.
[21] For what does he care about his
household after him, When the number
of his months is cut in half?
[22] "Can anyone teach God knowledge,
Since He judges those on high?
[23] One dies in his full strength, Being
wholly at ease and secure;
[24] His pails are full of milk, And the
marrow of his bones is moist.
[25] Another man dies in the bitterness
of his soul, Never having eaten with
pleasure.
[26] They lie down alike in the dust, And
worms cover them.
[27] "Look, I know your thoughts, And the
schemes with which you would wrong
me.

28 For you say, 'Where is the house of
the prince? And where is the tent, The
dwelling place of the wicked?'
29 Have you not asked those who travel
the road? And do you not know their
signs?
30 For the wicked are reserved for the
day of doom; They shall be brought out
on the day of wrath.
31 Who condemns his way to his face?
And who repays him for what he has
done?
32 Yet he shall be brought to the grave,
And a vigil kept over the tomb.
33 The clods of the valley shall be sweet
to him; Everyone shall follow him, As
countless have gone before him.
34 How then can you comfort me with
empty words, Since falsehood remains
in your answers?"

22 1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite
answered and said:

2 "Can a man be profitable to God,
Though he who is wise may be profitable
to himself?
3 Is it any pleasure to the Almighty that
you are righteous? Or is it gain to Him
that you make your ways blameless?
4 "Is it because of your fear of Him
that He corrects you, And enters into
judgment with you?
5 Is not your wickedness great, And
your iniquity without end?
6 For you have taken pledges from your
brother for no reason, And stripped the
naked of their clothing.
7 You have not given the weary water
to drink, And you have withheld bread
from the hungry.
8 But the mighty man possessed the
land, And the honorable man dwelt in it.
9 You have sent widows away empty,
And the strength of the fatherless was
crushed.

10 Therefore snares are all around you,
And sudden fear troubles you,
11 Or darkness so that you cannot see;
And an abundance of water covers you.
12 "Is not God in the height of heaven?
And see the highest stars, how lofty they
are!
13 And you say, ‘What does God
know? Can He judge through the deep
darkness?
14 Thick clouds cover Him, so that He
cannot see, And He walks above the
circle of heaven.’
15 Will you keep to the old way Which
wicked men have trod,
16 Who were cut down before their
time, Whose foundations were swept
away by a flood?
17 They said to God, ‘Depart from us!
What can the Almighty do to them?’

18 Yet He filled their houses with good
things; But the counsel of the wicked is
far from me.
19 "The righteous see it and are glad,
And the innocent laugh at them:
20 ‘Surely our adversaries are cut down,
And the fire consumes their remnant.’
21 "Now acquaint yourself with Him,
and be at peace; Thereby good will come
to you.
22 Receive, please, instruction from His
mouth, And lay up His words in your
heart.
23 If you return to the Almighty, you will
be built up; You will remove iniquity far
from your tents.
24 Then you will lay your gold in the
dust, And the gold of Ophir among the
stones of the brooks.
25 Yes, the Almighty will be your gold
And your precious silver;

26 For then you will have your delight
in the Almighty, And lift up your face to
God.
27 You will make your prayer to Him,
He will hear you, And you will pay your
vows.
28 You will also declare a thing, And it
will be established for you; So light will
shine on your ways.
29 When they cast you down, and you
say, 'Exaltation will come!' Then He will
save the humble person.
30 He will even deliver one who is not
innocent; Yes, he will be delivered by the
purity of your hands."

23 1 Then Job answered and said:
2 "Even today my complaint is
bitter; My hand is listless because of my
groaning.
3 Oh, that I knew where I might find
Him, That I might come to His seat!

4 I would present my case before Him,
And fill my mouth with arguments.
5 I would know the words which He
would answer me, And understand what
He would say to me.
6 Would He contend with me in His
great power? No! But He would take
note of me.
7 There the upright could reason with
Him, And I would be delivered forever
from my Judge.
8 "Look, I go forward, but He is not
there, And backward, but I cannot
perceive Him;
9 When He works on the left hand, I
cannot behold Him; When He turns to
the right hand, I cannot see Him.
10 But He knows the way that I take;
When He has tested me, I shall come
forth as gold.
11 My foot has held fast to His steps; I
have kept His way and not turned aside.

12 I have not departed from the
commandment of His lips; I have
treasured the words of His mouth More
than my necessary food.
13 "But He is unique, and who can make
Him change? And whatever His soul
desires, that He does.
14 For He performs what is appointed
for me, And many such things are with
Him.
15 Therefore I am terrified at His
presence; When I consider this, I am
afraid of Him.
16 For God made my heart weak, And
the Almighty terrifies me;
17 Because I was not cut off from the
presence of darkness, And He did not
hide deep darkness from my face.

24

1 "Since times are not hidden
from the Almighty, Why do those
who know Him see not His days?

2 "Some remove landmarks; They seize
flocks violently and feed on them;
3 They drive away the donkey of the
fatherless; They take the widow’s ox as a
pledge.
4 They push the needy off the road; All
the poor of the land are forced to hide.
5 Indeed, like wild donkeys in the
desert, They go out to their work,
searching for food. The wilderness yields
food for them and for their children.
6 They gather their fodder in the field
And glean in the vineyard of the wicked.
7 They spend the night naked, without
clothing, And have no covering in the
cold.
8 They are wet with the showers of the
mountains, And huddle around the rock
for want of shelter.
9 "Some snatch the fatherless from the
breast, And take a pledge from the poor.

10 They cause the poor to go naked,
without clothing; And they take away
the sheaves from the hungry.
11 They press out oil within their walls,
And tread winepresses, yet suffer thirst.
12 The dying groan in the city, And the
souls of the wounded cry out; Yet God
does not charge them with wrong.
13 "There are those who rebel against
the light; They do not know its ways Nor
abide in its paths.
14 The murderer rises with the light;
He kills the poor and needy; And in the
night he is like a thief.
15 The eye of the adulterer waits for the
twilight, Saying, 'No eye will see me';
And he disguises his face.
16 In the dark they break into houses
Which they marked for themselves in
the daytime; They do not know the light.
17 For the morning is the same to them
as the shadow of death; If someone

recognizes them, They are in the terrors
of the shadow of death.
18 "They should be swift on the face
of the waters, Their portion should be
cursed in the earth, So that no one would
turn into the way of their vineyards.
19 As drought and heat consume the
snow waters, So the grave consumes
those who have sinned.
20 The womb should forget him, The
worm should feed sweetly on him; He
should be remembered no more, And
wickedness should be broken like a tree.
21 For he preys on the barren who do
not bear, And does no good for the
widow.
22 "But God draws the mighty away
with His power; He rises up, but no man
is sure of life.
23 He gives them security, and they rely
on it; Yet His eyes are on their ways.

24 They are exalted for a little while, Then they are gone. They are brought low; They are taken out of the way like all others; They dry out like the heads of grain.
25 "Now if it is not so, who will prove me a liar, And make my speech worth nothing?"

25

1 Then Bildad the Shuhite answered and said:
2 "Dominion and fear belong to Him; He makes peace in His high places.
3 Is there any number to His armies? Upon whom does His light not rise?
4 How then can man be righteous before God? Or how can he be pure who is born of a woman?
5 If even the moon does not shine, And the stars are not pure in His sight,
6 How much less man, who is a maggot, And a son of man, who is a worm?"

26 1 But Job answered and said:
2 "How have you helped him
who is without power? How have you
saved the arm that has no strength?
3 How have you counseled one who has
no wisdom? And how have you declared
sound advice to many?
4 To whom have you uttered words?
And whose spirit came from you?
5 "The dead tremble, Those under the
waters and those inhabiting them.
6 Sheol is naked before Him, And
Destruction has no covering.
7 He stretches out the north over empty
space; He hangs the earth on nothing.
8 He binds up the water in His thick
clouds, Yet the clouds are not broken
under it.
9 He covers the face of His throne, And
spreads His cloud over it.

10 He drew a circular horizon on the
face of the waters, At the boundary of
light and darkness.
11 The pillars of heaven tremble, And
are astonished at His rebuke.
12 He stirs up the sea with His power,
And by His understanding He breaks up
the storm.
13 By His Spirit He adorned the heavens;
His hand pierced the fleeing serpent.
14 Indeed these are the mere edges
of His ways, And how small a whisper
we hear of Him! But the thunder of His
power who can understand?"

27 1 Moreover Job continued his
discourse, and said:
2 "As God lives, who has taken away my
justice, And the Almighty, who has made
my soul bitter,
3 As long as my breath is in me, And the
breath of God in my nostrils,

4 My lips will not speak wickedness, Nor
my tongue utter deceit.
5 Far be it from me That I should say
you are right; Till I die I will not put away
my integrity from me.
6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will
not let it go; My heart shall not reproach
me as long as I live.
7 "May my enemy be like the wicked,
And he who rises up against me like the
unrighteous.
8 For what is the hope of the hypocrite,
Though he may gain much, If God takes
away his life?
9 Will God hear his cry When trouble
comes upon him?
10 Will he delight himself in the
Almighty? Will he always call on God?
11 "I will teach you about the hand of
God; What is with the Almighty I will not
conceal.

[12] Surely all of you have seen it; Why
then do you behave with complete
nonsense?
[13] "This is the portion of a wicked
man with God, And the heritage of
oppressors, received from the Almighty:
[14] If his children are multiplied, it is for
the sword; And his offspring shall not be
satisfied with bread.
[15] Those who survive him shall be
buried in death, And their widows shall
not weep,
[16] Though he heaps up silver like dust,
And piles up clothing like clay—
[17] He may pile it up, but the just will
wear it, And the innocent will divide the
silver.
[18] He builds his house like a moth, Like
a booth which a watchman makes.
[19] The rich man will lie down, But not
be gathered up; He opens his eyes, And
he is no more.

20 Terrors overtake him like a flood; A
tempest steals him away in the night.
21 The east wind carries him away, and
he is gone; It sweeps him out of his
place.
22 It hurls against him and does not
spare; He flees desperately from its
power.
23 Men shall clap their hands at him,
And shall hiss him out of his place.
28 1 "Surely there is a mine for silver,
And a place where gold is refined.
2 Iron is taken from the earth, And
copper is smelted from ore.
3 Man puts an end to darkness, And
searches every recess For ore in the
darkness and the shadow of death.
4 He breaks open a shaft away from
people; In places forgotten by feet They
hang far away from men; They swing to
and fro.

[5] As for the earth, from it comes bread,
But underneath it is turned up as by fire;
[6] Its stones are the source of sapphires,
And it contains gold dust.
[7] That path no bird knows, Nor has the
falcon's eye seen it.
[8] The proud lions have not trodden it,
Nor has the fierce lion passed over it.
[9] He puts his hand on the flint; He
overturns the mountains at the roots.
[10] He cuts out channels in the rocks,
And his eye sees every precious thing.
[11] He dams up the streams from
trickling; What is hidden he brings forth
to light.
[12] "But where can wisdom be found?
And where is the place of understanding?
[13] Man does not know its value, Nor is
it found in the land of the living.
[14] The deep says, 'It is not in me'; And
the sea says, 'It is not with me.'

15 It cannot be purchased for gold, Nor
can silver be weighed for its price.
16 It cannot be valued in the gold of
Ophir, In precious onyx or sapphire.
17 Neither gold nor crystal can equal it,
Nor can it be exchanged for jewelry of
fine gold.
18 No mention shall be made of coral or
quartz, For the price of wisdom is above
rubies.
19 The topaz of Ethiopia cannot equal it,
Nor can it be valued in pure gold.
20 "From where then does wisdom
come? And where is the place of
understanding?
21 It is hidden from the eyes of all living,
And concealed from the birds of the air.
22 Destruction and Death say, ‘We have
heard a report about it with our ears.’
23 God understands its way, And He
knows its place.

24 For He looks to the ends of the earth,
And sees under the whole heavens,
25 To establish a weight for the wind,
And apportion the waters by measure.
26 When He made a law for the rain,
And a path for the thunderbolt,
27 Then He saw wisdom and declared it;
He prepared it, indeed, He searched it
out.
28 And to man He said, ‘Behold, the
fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, And to
depart from evil is understanding.’"

29 1 Job further continued his
discourse, and said:
2 Oh, that I were as in months past, As
in the days when God watched over me;
3 When His lamp shone upon my head,
And when by His light I walked through
darkness;
4 Just as I was in the days of my prime,
When the friendly counsel of God was
over my tent;

5 When the Almighty was yet with me,
When my children were around me;
6 When my steps were bathed with
cream, And the rock poured out rivers of
oil for me!
7 "When I went out to the gate by the
city, When I took my seat in the open
square,
8 The young men saw me and hid, And
the aged arose and stood;
9 The princes refrained from talking,
And put their hand on their mouth;
10 The voice of nobles was hushed, And
their tongue stuck to the roof of their
mouth.
11 When the ear heard, then it blessed
me, And when the eye saw, then it
approved me;
12 Because I delivered the poor who
cried out, The fatherless and the one
who had no helper.

[13] The blessing of a perishing man came upon me, And I caused the widow’s heart to sing for joy.
[14] I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; My justice was like a robe and a turban.
[15] I was eyes to the blind, And I was feet to the lame.
[16] I was a father to the poor, And I searched out the case that I did not know.
[17] I broke the fangs of the wicked, And plucked the victim from his teeth.
[18] "Then I said, ‘I shall die in my nest, And multiply my days as the sand.
[19] My root is spread out to the waters, And the dew lies all night on my branch.
[20] My glory is fresh within me, And my bow is renewed in my hand.’
[21] "Men listened to me and waited, And kept silence for my counsel.

22 After my words they did not speak
again, And my speech settled on them as
dew.
23 They waited for me as for the rain,
And they opened their mouth wide as
for the spring rain.
24 If I mocked at them, they did
not believe it, And the light of my
countenance they did not cast down.
25 I chose the way for them, and sat as
chief; So I dwelt as a king in the army, As
one who comforts mourners.
30 1 "But now they mock at me, men
younger than I, Whose fathers I
disdained to put with the dogs of my
flock.
2 Indeed, what profit is the strength
of their hands to me? Their vigor has
perished.
3 They are gaunt from want and famine,
Fleeing late to the wilderness, desolate
and waste,

4 Who pluck mallow by the bushes, And
broom tree roots for their food.
5 They were driven out from among
men, They shouted at them as at a thief.
6 They had to live in the clefts of the
valleys, In caves of the earth and the
rocks.
7 Among the bushes they brayed, Under
the nettles they nestled.
8 They were sons of fools, Yes, sons of
vile men; They were scourged from the
land.
9 "And now I am their taunting song;
Yes, I am their byword.
10 They abhor me, they keep far from
me; They do not hesitate to spit in my
face.
11 Because He has loosed my bowstring
and afflicted me, They have cast off
restraint before me.

12 At my right hand the rabble arises;
They push away my feet, And they raise
against me their ways of destruction.
13 They break up my path, They
promote my calamity; They have no
helper.
14 They come as broad breakers; Under
the ruinous storm they roll along.
15 Terrors are turned upon me; They
pursue my honor as the wind, And my
prosperity has passed like a cloud.
16 "And now my soul is poured out
because of my plight; The days of
affliction take hold of me.
17 My bones are pierced in me at night,
And my gnawing pains take no rest.
18 By great force my garment is
disfigured; It binds me about as the
collar of my coat.
19 He has cast me into the mire, And I
have become like dust and ashes.

20 "I cry out to You, but You do not
answer me; I stand up, and You regard
me.
21 But You have become cruel to me;
With the strength of Your hand You
oppose me.
22 You lift me up to the wind and cause
me to ride on it; You spoil my success.
23 For I know that You will bring me to
death, And to the house appointed for
all living.
24 "Surely He would not stretch out His
hand against a heap of ruins, If they cry
out when He destroys it.
25 Have I not wept for him who was in
trouble? Has not my soul grieved for the
poor?
26 But when I looked for good, evil came
to me; And when I waited for light, then
came darkness.
27 My heart is in turmoil and cannot
rest; Days of affliction confront me.

28 I go about mourning, but not in the
sun; I stand up in the assembly and cry
out for help.
29 I am a brother of jackals, And a
companion of ostriches.
30 My skin grows black and falls from
me; My bones burn with fever.
31 My harp is turned to mourning, And
my flute to the voice of those who weep.

31 1 "I have made a covenant with
my eyes; Why then should I look
upon a young woman?
2 For what is the allotment of God
from above, And the inheritance of the
Almighty from on high?
3 Is it not destruction for the wicked,
And disaster for the workers of iniquity?
4 Does He not see my ways, And count
all my steps?
5 "If I have walked with falsehood, Or if
my foot has hastened to deceit,

6 Let me be weighed on honest scales,
That God may know my integrity.
7 If my step has turned from the way, Or
my heart walked after my eyes, Or if any
spot adheres to my hands,
8 Then let me sow, and another eat;
Yes, let my harvest be rooted out.
9 "If my heart has been enticed by
a woman, Or if I have lurked at my
neighbor's door,
10 Then let my wife grind for another,
And let others bow down over her.
11 For that would be wickedness; Yes, it
would be iniquity deserving of judgment.
12 For that would be a fire that
consumes to destruction, And would
root out all my increase.
13 "If I have despised the cause of my
male or female servant When they
complained against me,

14 What then shall I do when God rises
up? When He punishes, how shall I
answer Him?
15 Did not He who made me in the
womb make them? Did not the same
One fashion us in the womb?
16 "If I have kept the poor from their
desire, Or caused the eyes of the widow
to fail,
17 Or eaten my morsel by myself, So
that the fatherless could not eat of it
18 (But from my youth I reared him as a
father, And from my mother’s womb I
guided the widow);
19 If I have seen anyone perish for lack
of clothing, Or any poor man without
covering;
20 If his heart has not blessed me, And
if he was not warmed with the fleece of
my sheep;

21 If I have raised my hand against the fatherless, When I saw I had help in the gate;
22 Then let my arm fall from my shoulder, Let my arm be torn from the socket.
23 For destruction from God is a terror to me, And because of His magnificence I cannot endure.
24 "If I have made gold my hope, Or said to fine gold, ‘You are my confidence’;
25 If I have rejoiced because my wealth was great, And because my hand had gained much;
26 If I have observed the sun when it shines, Or the moon moving in brightness,
27 So that my heart has been secretly enticed, And my mouth has kissed my hand;

28 This also would be an iniquity
deserving of judgment, For I would have
denied God who is above.
29 "If I have rejoiced at the destruction
of him who hated me, Or lifted myself
up when evil found him
30 (Indeed I have not allowed my mouth
to sin By asking for a curse on his soul);
31 If the men of my tent have not said,
‘Who is there that has not been satisfied
with his meat?’
32 (But no sojourner had to lodge in the
street, For I have opened my doors to
the traveler);
33 If I have covered my transgressions
as Adam, By hiding my iniquity in my
bosom,
34 Because I feared the great multitude,
And dreaded the contempt of families,
So that I kept silence And did not go out
of the door—

35 Oh, that I had one to hear me! Here
is my mark. Oh, that the Almighty would
answer me, That my Prosecutor had
written a book!
36 Surely I would carry it on my
shoulder, And bind it on me like a crown;
37 I would declare to Him the number of
my steps; Like a prince I would approach
Him.
38 "If my land cries out against me, And
its furrows weep together;
39 If I have eaten its fruit without
money, Or caused its owners to lose
their lives;
40 Then let thistles grow instead of
wheat, And weeds instead of barley."
The words of Job are ended.

32 1 So these three men ceased
answering Job, because he was
righteous in his own eyes.
2 Then the wrath of Elihu, the son of
Barachel the Buzite, of the family of

Ram, was aroused against Job; his wrath
was aroused because he justified himself
rather than God.
3 Also against his three friends his wrath
was aroused, because they had found no
answer, and yet had condemned Job.
4 Now because they were years older
than he, Elihu had waited to speak to
Job.
5 When Elihu saw that there was no
answer in the mouth of these three men,
his wrath was aroused.
6 So Elihu, the son of Barachel the
Buzite, answered and said: "I am young
in years, and you are very old; Therefore
I was afraid, And dared not declare my
opinion to you.
7 I said, ‘Age should speak, And
multitude of years should teach
wisdom.’

8 But there is a spirit in man, And
the breath of the Almighty gives him
understanding.
9 Great men are not always wise, Nor
do the aged always understand justice.
10 "Therefore I say, ‘Listen to me, I also
will declare my opinion.’
11 Indeed I waited for your words, I
listened to your reasonings, while you
searched out what to say.
12 I paid close attention to you; And
surely not one of you convinced Job, Or
answered his words—
13 Lest you say, ‘We have found
wisdom’; God will vanquish him, not
man.
14 Now he has not directed his words
against me; So I will not answer him with
your words.
15 "They are dismayed and answer no
more; Words escape them.

16 And I have waited, because they did
not speak, Because they stood still and
answered no more.
17 I also will answer my part, I too will
declare my opinion.
18 For I am full of words; The spirit
within me compels me.
19 Indeed my belly is like wine that has
no vent; It is ready to burst like new
wineskins.
20 I will speak, that I may find relief; I
must open my lips and answer.
21 Let me not, I pray, show partiality to
anyone; Nor let me flatter any man.
22 For I do not know how to flatter, Else
my Maker would soon take me away.

33 1 "But please, Job, hear my
speech, And listen to all my
words.
2 Now, I open my mouth; My tongue
speaks in my mouth.

3 My words come from my upright
heart; My lips utter pure knowledge.
4 The Spirit of God has made me, And
the breath of the Almighty gives me life.
5 If you can answer me, Set your words
in order before me; Take your stand.
6 Truly I am as your spokesman before
God; I also have been formed out of clay.
7 Surely no fear of me will terrify you,
Nor will my hand be heavy on you.
8 "Surely you have spoken in my
hearing, And I have heard the sound of
your words, saying,
9 'I am pure, without transgression; I
am innocent, and there is no iniquity in
me.
10 Yet He finds occasions against me, He
counts me as His enemy;
11 He puts my feet in the stocks, He
watches all my paths.'

12 "Look, in this you are not righteous. I
will answer you, For God is greater than
man.
13 Why do you contend with Him? For
He does not give an accounting of any of
His words.
14 For God may speak in one way, or in
another, Yet man does not perceive it.
15 In a dream, in a vision of the night,
When deep sleep falls upon men, While
slumbering on their beds,
16 Then He opens the ears of men, And
seals their instruction.
17 In order to turn man from his deed,
And conceal pride from man,
18 He keeps back his soul from the Pit,
And his life from perishing by the sword.
19 "Man is also chastened with pain on
his bed, And with strong pain in many of
his bones,
20 So that his life abhors bread, And his
soul succulent food.

21 His flesh wastes away from sight, And
his bones stick out which once were not
seen.
22 Yes, his soul draws near the Pit, And
his life to the executioners.
23 "If there is a messenger for him, A
mediator, one among a thousand, To
show man His uprightness,
24 Then He is gracious to him, and says,
'Deliver him from going down to the Pit;
I have found a ransom';
25 His flesh shall be young like a child's,
He shall return to the days of his youth.
26 He shall pray to God, and He will
delight in him, He shall see His face
with joy, For He restores to man His
righteousness.
27 Then he looks at men and says, 'I
have sinned, and perverted what was
right, And it did not profit me.'

28 He will redeem his soul from going
down to the Pit, And his life shall see the
light.
29 "Behold, God works all these things,
Twice, in fact, three times with a man,
30 To bring back his soul from the Pit,
That he may be enlightened with the
light of life.
31 "Give ear, Job, listen to me; Hold your
peace, and I will speak.
32 If you have anything to say, answer
me; Speak, for I desire to justify you.
33 If not, listen to me; Hold your peace,
and I will teach you wisdom."

34 1 Elihu further answered and said:
2 "Hear my words, you wise
men; Give ear to me, you who have
knowledge.
3 For the ear tests words As the palate
tastes food.
4 Let us choose justice for ourselves; Let
us know among ourselves what is good.

5 "For Job has said, ‘I am righteous, But
God has taken away my justice;
6 Should I lie concerning my right? My
wound is incurable, though I am without
transgression.’
7 What man is like Job, Who drinks
scorn like water,
8 Who goes in company with the
workers of iniquity, And walks with
wicked men?
9 For he has said, ‘It profits a man
nothing That he should delight in God.’
10 "Therefore listen to me, you men of
understanding: Far be it from God to do
wickedness, And from the Almighty to
commit iniquity.
11 For He repays man according to his
work, And makes man to find a reward
according to his way.
12 Surely God will never do wickedly,
Nor will the Almighty pervert justice.

13 Who gave Him charge over the
earth? Or who appointed Him over the
whole world?
14 If He should set His heart on it, If He
should gather to Himself His Spirit and
His breath,
15 All flesh would perish together, And
man would return to dust.
16 "If you have understanding, hear this;
listen to the sound of my words:
17 Should one who hates justice govern?
Will you condemn Him who is most just?
18 Is it fitting to say to a king, ‘You
are worthless,’ And to nobles, ‘You are
wicked’?
19 Yet He is not partial to princes, Nor
does He regard the rich more than the
poor; For they are all the work of His
hands.
20 In a moment they die, in the middle
of the night; The people are shaken and

pass away; The mighty are taken away
without a hand.
21 "For His eyes are on the ways of man,
And He sees all his steps.
22 There is no darkness nor shadow of
death Where the workers of iniquity
may hide themselves.
23 For He need not further consider a
man, That he should go before God in
judgment.
24 He breaks in pieces mighty men
without inquiry, And sets others in their
place.
25 Therefore he knows their works; He
overthrows them in the night, And they
are crushed.
26 He strikes them as wicked men In the
open sight of others,
27 Because they turned back from Him,
And would not consider any of His ways,

28 So that they caused the cry of the
poor to come to Him; For He hears the
cry of the afflicted.
29 When He gives quietness, who then
can make trouble? And when He hides
His face, who then can see Him, Whether
it is against a nation or a man alone? —
30 That the hypocrite should not reign,
Lest the people be ensnared.
31 "For has anyone said to God, ‘I have
borne chastening; I will offend no more;
32 Teach me what I do not see; If I have
done iniquity, I will do no more’?
33 Should He repay it according to your
terms, Just because you disavow it? You
must choose, and not I; Therefore speak
what you know.
34 "Men of understanding say to me,
Wise men who listen to me:
35 ‘Job speaks without knowledge, His
words are without wisdom.’

36 Oh, that Job were tried to the utmost,
Because his answers are like those of
wicked men!
37 For he adds rebellion to his sin; He
claps his hands among us, And multiplies
his words against God."
35 1 Moreover Elihu answered and
said:
2 "Do you think this is right? Do you say,
'My righteousness is more than God's'?
3 For you say, 'What advantage will it be
to You? What profit shall I have, more
than if I had sinned?'
4 "I will answer you, And your
companions with you.
5 Look to the heavens and see; And
behold the clouds—They are higher
than you.
6 If you sin, what do you accomplish
against Him? Or, if your transgressions
are multiplied, what do you do to Him?

7 If you are righteous, what do you give
Him? Or what does He receive from your
hand?
8 Your wickedness affects a man such
as you, And your righteousness a son of
man.
9 "Because of the multitude of
oppressions they cry out; They cry out
for help because of the arm of the
mighty.
10 But no one says, ‘Where is God my
Maker, Who gives songs in the night,
11 Who teaches us more than the
beasts of the earth, And makes us wiser
than the birds of heaven?’
12 There they cry out, but He does not
answer, Because of the pride of evil men.
13 Surely God will not listen to empty
talk, Nor will the Almighty regard it.
14 Although you say you do not see
Him, Yet justice is before Him, and you
must wait for Him.

15 And now, because He has not
punished in His anger, Nor taken much
notice of folly,
16 Therefore Job opens his mouth
in vain; He multiplies words without
knowledge."

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1 Elihu also proceeded and said:
2 "Bear with me a little, and I will
show you That there are yet words to
speak on God's behalf.
3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar; I
will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.
4 For truly my words are not false; One
who is perfect in knowledge is with you.
5 "Behold, God is mighty, but despises
no one; He is mighty in strength of
understanding.
6 He does not preserve the life of
the wicked, But gives justice to the
oppressed.
7 He does not withdraw His eyes from
the righteous; But they are on the throne

with kings, For He has seated them
forever, And they are exalted.
8 And if they are bound in fetters, Held
in the cords of affliction,
9 Then He tells them their work and
their transgressions—That they have
acted defiantly.
10 He also opens their ear to instruction,
And commands that they turn from
iniquity.
11 If they obey and serve Him, They
shall spend their days in prosperity, And
their years in pleasures.
12 But if they do not obey, They shall
perish by the sword, And they shall die
without knowledge.
13 "But the hypocrites in heart store up
wrath; They do not cry for help when He
binds them.
14 They die in youth, And their life ends
among the perverted persons.

15 He delivers the poor in their affliction,
And opens their ears in oppression.
16 "Indeed He would have brought you
out of dire distress, Into a broad place
where there is no restraint; And what
is set on your table would be full of
richness.
17 But you are filled with the judgment
due the wicked; Judgment and justice
take hold of you.
18 Because there is wrath, beware lest
He take you away with one blow; For a
large ransom would not help you avoid
it.
19 Will your riches, Or all the mighty
forces, Keep you from distress?
20 Do not desire the night, When people
are cut off in their place.
21 Take heed, do not turn to iniquity,
For you have chosen this rather than
affliction.

22 "Behold, God is exalted by His power;
Who teaches like Him?
23 Who has assigned Him His way, Or
who has said, ‘You have done wrong’?
24 "Remember to magnify His work, Of
which men have sung.
25 Everyone has seen it; Man looks on it
from afar.
26 "Behold, God is great, and we do not
know Him; Nor can the number of His
years be discovered.
27 For He draws up drops of water,
Which distill as rain from the mist,
28 Which the clouds drop down And
pour abundantly on man.
29 Indeed, can anyone understand the
spreading of clouds, The thunder from
His canopy?
30 Look, He scatters his light upon it,
And covers the depths of the sea.
31 For by these He judges the peoples;
He gives food in abundance.

32 He covers His hands with lightning,
And commands it to strike.
33 His thunder declares it, The cattle
also, concerning the rising storm.

37 1 "At this also my heart trembles,
And leaps from its place.
2 Hear attentively the thunder of His
voice, And the rumbling that comes from
His mouth.
3 He sends it forth under the whole
heaven, His lightning to the ends of the
earth.
4 After it a voice roars; He thunders
with His majestic voice, And He does not
restrain them when His voice is heard.
5 God thunders marvelously with His
voice; He does great things which we
cannot comprehend.
6 For He says to the snow, 'Fall on the
earth'; Likewise to the gentle rain and
the heavy rain of His strength.

7 He seals the hand of every man, That
all men may know His work.
8 The beasts go into dens, And remain
in their lairs.
9 From the chamber of the south
comes the whirlwind, And cold from the
scattering winds of the north.
10 By the breath of God ice is given, And
the broad waters are frozen.
11 Also with moisture He saturates
the thick clouds; He scatters His bright
clouds.
12 And they swirl about, being turned
by His guidance, That they may do
whatever He commands them On the
face of the whole earth.
13 He causes it to come, Whether for
correction, Or for His land, Or for mercy.
14 "Listen to this, O Job; Stand still and
consider the wondrous works of God.

15 Do you know when God dispatches
them, And causes the light of His cloud
to shine?
16 Do you know how the clouds are
balanced, Those wondrous works of Him
who is perfect in knowledge?
17 Why are your garments hot, When
He quiets the earth by the south wind?
18 With Him, have you spread out the
skies, Strong as a cast metal mirror?
19 "Teach us what we should say to Him,
For we can prepare nothing because of
the darkness.
20 Should He be told that I wish to
speak? If a man were to speak, surely he
would be swallowed up.
21 Even now men cannot look at the
light when it is bright in the skies, When
the wind has passed and cleared them.
22 He comes from the north as golden
splendor; With God is awesome majesty.

[23] As for the Almighty, we cannot
find Him; He is excellent in power, In
judgment and abundant justice; He does
not oppress.
[24] Therefore men fear Him; He shows
no partiality to any who are wise of
heart."

38 [1] Then the LORD answered Job
out of the whirlwind, and said:
[2] "Who is this who darkens counsel By
words without knowledge?
[3] Now prepare yourself like a man; I will
question you, and you shall answer Me.
[4] "Where were you when I laid the
foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you
have understanding.
[5] Who determined its measurements?
Surely you know! Or who stretched the
line upon it?
[6] To what were its foundations
fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone,

7 When the morning stars sang
together, And all the sons of God
shouted for joy?
8 "Or who shut in the sea with doors,
When it burst forth and issued from the
womb;
9 When I made the clouds its garment,
And thick darkness its swaddling band;
10 When I fixed My limit for it, And set
bars and doors;
11 When I said, ‘This far you may come,
but no farther, And here your proud
waves must stop!’
12 "Have you commanded the morning
since your days began, And caused the
dawn to know its place,
13 That it might take hold of the ends of
the earth, And the wicked be shaken out
of it?
14 It takes on form like clay under a seal,
And stands out like a garment.

[15] From the wicked their light is
withheld, And the upraised arm is
broken.
[16] "Have you entered the springs of the
sea? Or have you walked in search of the
depths?
[17] Have the gates of death been
revealed to you? Or have you seen the
doors of the shadow of death?
[18] Have you comprehended the breadth
of the earth? Tell Me, if you know all
this.
[19] "Where is the way to the dwelling of
light? And darkness, where is its place,
[20] That you may take it to its territory,
That you may know the paths to its
home?
[21] Do you know it, because you were
born then, Or because the number of
your days is great?

[22] "Have you entered the treasury of
snow, Or have you seen the treasury of
hail,
[23] Which I have reserved for the time of
trouble, For the day of battle and war?
[24] By what way is light diffused, Or the
east wind scattered over the earth?
[25] "Who has divided a channel for the
overflowing water, Or a path for the
thunderbolt,
[26] To cause it to rain on a land where
there is no one, A wilderness in which
there is no man;
[27] To satisfy the desolate waste, And
cause to spring forth the growth of
tender grass?
[28] Has the rain a father? Or who has
begotten the drops of dew?
[29] From whose womb comes the ice?
And the frost of heaven, who gives it
birth?

30 The waters harden like stone, And
the surface of the deep is frozen.
31 "Can you bind the cluster of the
Pleiades, Or loose the belt of Orion?
32 Can you bring out Mazzaroth in its
season? Or can you guide the Great Bear
with its cubs?
33 Do you know the ordinances of the
heavens? Can you set their dominion
over the earth?
34 "Can you lift up your voice to the
clouds, That an abundance of water may
cover you?
35 Can you send out lightnings, that
they may go, And say to you, ‘Here we
are!’?
36 Who has put wisdom in the mind?
Or who has given understanding to the
heart?
37 Who can number the clouds by
wisdom? Or who can pour out the
bottles of heaven,

38 When the dust hardens in clumps,
And the clods cling together?
39 "Can you hunt the prey for the lion,
Or satisfy the appetite of the young
lions,
40 When they crouch in their dens, Or
lurk in their lairs to lie in wait?
41 Who provides food for the raven,
When its young ones cry to God, And
wander about for lack of food?

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1 "Do you know the time when
the wild mountain goats bear
young? Or can you mark when the deer
gives birth?
2 Can you number the months that they
fulfill? Or do you know the time when
they bear young?
3 They bow down, They bring forth their
young, They deliver their offspring.
4 Their young ones are healthy, They
grow strong with grain; They depart and
do not return to them.

5 "Who set the wild donkey free? Who
loosed the bonds of the onager,
6 Whose home I have made the
wilderness, And the barren land his
dwelling?
7 He scorns the tumult of the city; He
does not heed the shouts of the driver.
8 The range of the mountains is his
pasture, And he searches after every
green thing.
9 "Will the wild ox be willing to serve
you? Will he bed by your manger?
10 Can you bind the wild ox in the
furrow with ropes? Or will he plow the
valleys behind you?
11 Will you trust him because his
strength is great? Or will you leave your
labor to him?
12 Will you trust him to bring home your
grain, And gather it to your threshing
floor?

13 "The wings of the ostrich wave
proudly, But are her wings and pinions
like the kindly stork's?
14 For she leaves her eggs on the
ground, And warms them in the dust;
15 She forgets that a foot may crush
them, Or that a wild beast may break
them.
16 She treats her young harshly, as
though they were not hers; Her labor is
in vain, without concern,
17 Because God deprived her of
wisdom, And did not endow her with
understanding.
18 When she lifts herself on high, She
scorns the horse and its rider.
19 "Have you given the horse strength?
Have you clothed his neck with thunder?
20 Can you frighten him like a locust?
His majestic snorting strikes terror.

21 He paws in the valley, and rejoices in
his strength; He gallops into the clash of
arms.
22 He mocks at fear, and is not
frightened; Nor does he turn back from
the sword.
23 The quiver rattles against him, The
glittering spear and javelin.
24 He devours the distance with
fierceness and rage; Nor does he come
to a halt because the trumpet has
sounded.
25 At the blast of the trumpet he says,
'Aha!' He smells the battle from afar, The
thunder of captains and shouting.
26 "Does the hawk fly by your wisdom,
And spread its wings toward the south?
27 Does the eagle mount up at your
command, And make its nest on high?
28 On the rocks it dwells and resides, On
the crag of the rock and the stronghold.

29 From there it spies out the prey; Its
eyes observe from afar.
30 Its young ones suck up blood; And
where the slain are, there it is."

40 1 Moreover the LORD answered
Job, and said:
2 "Shall the one who contends with the
Almighty correct Him? He who rebukes
God, let him answer it."
3 Then Job answered the LORD and
said:
4 "Behold, I am vile; What shall I answer
You? I lay my hand over my mouth.
5 Once I have spoken, but I will not
answer; Yes, twice, but I will proceed no
further."
6 Then the LORD answered Job out of
the whirlwind, and said:
7 "Now prepare yourself like a man; I
will question you, and you shall answer
Me:

8 "Would you indeed annul My
judgment? Would you condemn Me that
you may be justified?
9 Have you an arm like God? Or can you
thunder with a voice like His?
10 Then adorn yourself with majesty
and splendor, and array yourself with
glory and beauty.
11 Disperse the rage of your wrath; Look
on everyone who is proud, and humble
him.
12 Look on everyone who is proud, and
bring him low; Tread down the wicked in
their place.
13 Hide them in the dust together, Bind
their faces in hidden darkness.
14 Then I will also confess to you That
your own right hand can save you.
15 "Look now at the behemoth, which I
made along with you; He eats grass like
an ox.

16 See now, his strength is in his hips,
And his power is in his stomach muscles.
17 He moves his tail like a cedar; The
sinews of his thighs are tightly knit.
18 His bones are like beams of bronze,
His ribs like bars of iron.
19 He is the first of the ways of God;
Only He who made him can bring near
His sword.
20 Surely the mountains yield food for
him, And all the beasts of the field play
there.
21 He lies under the lotus trees, In a
covert of reeds and marsh.
22 The lotus trees cover him with
their shade; The willows by the brook
surround him.
23 Indeed the river may rage, Yet he is
not disturbed; He is confident, though
the Jordan gushes into his mouth,
24 Though he takes it in his eyes, Or one
pierces his nose with a snare.

41 [1] "Can you draw out Leviathan
with a hook, Or snare his tongue
with a line which you lower?
[2] Can you put a reed through his nose,
Or pierce his jaw with a hook?
[3] Will he make many supplications to
you? Will he speak softly to you?
[4] Will he make a covenant with you?
Will you take him as a servant forever?
[5] Will you play with him as with a bird,
Or will you leash him for your maidens?
[6] Will your companions make a banquet
of him? Will they apportion him among
the merchants?
[7] Can you fill his skin with harpoons, Or
his head with fishing spears?
[8] Lay your hand on him; Remember the
battle—Never do it again!
[9] Indeed, any hope of overcoming him
is false; Shall one not be overwhelmed
at the sight of him?

10 No one is so fierce that he would
dare stir him up. Who then is able to
stand against Me?
11 Who has preceded Me, that I should
pay him? Everything under heaven is
Mine.
12 "I will not conceal his limbs,
His mighty power, or his graceful
proportions.
13 Who can remove his outer coat?
Who can approach him with a double
bridle?
14 Who can open the doors of his face,
With his terrible teeth all around?
15 His rows of scales are his pride, Shut
up tightly as with a seal;
16 One is so near another That no air
can come between them;
17 They are joined one to another, They
stick together and cannot be parted.
18 His sneezings flash forth light, And his
eyes are like the eyelids of the morning.

19 Out of his mouth go burning lights;
Sparks of fire shoot out.
20 Smoke goes out of his nostrils, As
from a boiling pot and burning rushes.
21 His breath kindles coals, And a flame
goes out of his mouth.
22 Strength dwells in his neck, And
sorrow dances before him.
23 The folds of his flesh are joined
together; They are firm on him and
cannot be moved.
24 His heart is as hard as stone, Even as
hard as the lower millstone.
25 When he raises himself up, the
mighty are afraid; Because of his
crashings they are beside themselves.
26 Though the sword reaches him, it
cannot avail; Nor does spear, dart, or
javelin.
27 He regards iron as straw, And bronze
as rotten wood.

28 The arrow cannot make him flee;
Slingstones become like stubble to him.
29 Darts are regarded as straw; He
laughs at the threat of javelins.
30 His undersides are like sharp
potsherds; He spreads pointed marks in
the mire.
31 He makes the deep boil like a pot; He
makes the sea like a pot of ointment.
32 He leaves a shining wake behind him;
One would think the deep had white
hair.
33 On earth there is nothing like him,
Which is made without fear.
34 He beholds every high thing; He is
king over all the children of pride."

42 1 Then Job answered the LORD
and said:
2 "I know that You can do everything,
And that no purpose of Yours can be
withheld from You.

3 You asked, ‘Who is this who hides
counsel without knowledge?’ Therefore
I have uttered what I did not understand,
Things too wonderful for me, which I did
not know.
4 Listen, please, and let me speak; You
said, ‘I will question you, and you shall
answer Me.’
5 "I have heard of You by the hearing of
the ear, But now my eye sees You.
6 Therefore I abhor myself, And repent
in dust and ashes."
7 And so it was, after the LORD had
spoken these words to Job, that the
LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My
wrath is aroused against you and your
two friends, for you have not spoken of
Me what is right, as My servant Job has.
8 "Now therefore, take for yourselves
seven bulls and seven rams, go to My
servant Job, and offer up for yourselves
a burnt offering; and My servant Job

shall pray for you. For I will accept him,
lest I deal with you according to your
folly; because you have not spoken of
Me what is right, as My servant Job has."
9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad
the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite
went and did as the LORD commanded
them; for the LORD had accepted Job.
10 And the LORD restored Job's losses
when he prayed for his friends. Indeed
the LORD gave Job twice as much as he
had before.
11 Then all his brothers, all his sisters,
and all those who had been his
acquaintances before, came to him and
ate food with him in his house; and they
consoled him and comforted him for all
the adversity that the LORD had brought
upon him. Each one gave him a piece of
silver and each a ring of gold.
12 Now the LORD blessed the latter
days of Job more than his beginning;

for he had fourteen thousand sheep, six
thousand camels, one thousand yoke of
oxen, and one thousand female donkeys.
13 He also had seven sons and three
daughters.
14 And he called the name of the first
Jemimah, the name of the second
Keziah, and the name of the third
Keren–Happuch.
15 In all the land were found no women
so beautiful as the daughters of Job; and
their father gave them an inheritance
among their brothers.
16 After this Job lived one hundred and
forty years, and saw his children and
grandchildren for four generations.
17 So Job died, old and full of days.

Psalms

1 1 Blessed is the man Who walks not
in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor
stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in
the seat of the scornful;
2 But his delight is in the law of the
LORD, And in His law he meditates day
and night.
3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the
rivers of water, That brings forth its
fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall
not wither; And whatever he does shall
prosper.
4 The ungodly are not so, But are like
the chaff which the wind drives away.
5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand
in the judgment, Nor sinners in the
congregation of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the
righteous, But the way of the ungodly
shall perish.

2 1 Why do the nations rage, And the
people plot a vain thing?
2 The kings of the earth set themselves,
And the rulers take counsel together,
Against the LORD and against His
Anointed, saying,
3 "Let us break Their bonds in pieces
And cast away Their cords from us."
4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;
The Lord shall hold them in derision.
5 Then He shall speak to them in His
wrath, And distress them in His deep
displeasure:
6 "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill
of Zion."
7 "I will declare the decree: The LORD
has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I
have begotten You.

8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The
nations for Your inheritance, And the
ends of the earth for Your possession.
9 You shall break them with a rod of
iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a
potter's vessel.'"
10 Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be
instructed, you judges of the earth.
11 Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice
with trembling.
12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And
you perish in the way, When His wrath is
kindled but a little. Blessed are all those
who put their trust in Him.

3 1 "A Psalm of David when he fled
from Absalom his son." LORD, how
they have increased who trouble me!
Many are they who rise up against me.
2 Many are they who say of me, "There
is no help for him in God." Selah

3 But You, O LORD, are a shield for me,
My glory and the One who lifts up my
head.
4 I cried to the LORD with my voice, And
He heard me from His holy hill. Selah
5 I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the
LORD sustained me.
6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of
people Who have set themselves against
me all around.
7 Arise, O LORD; Save me, O my God!
For You have struck all my enemies on
the cheekbone; You have broken the
teeth of the ungodly.
8 Salvation belongs to the LORD. Your
blessing is upon Your people. Selah

4 1 "To the Chief Musician. With
stringed instruments. A Psalm of
David." Hear me when I call, O God of
my righteousness! You have relieved me
in my distress; Have mercy on me, and
hear my prayer.

2 How long, O you sons of men, Will
you turn my glory to shame? How long
will you love worthlessness And seek
falsehood? Selah
3 But know that the LORD has set apart
for Himself him who is godly; The LORD
will hear when I call to Him.
4 Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate
within your heart on your bed, and be
still. Selah
5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
And put your trust in the LORD.
6 There are many who say, "Who will
show us any good?" LORD, lift up the
light of Your countenance upon us.
7 You have put gladness in my heart,
More than in the season that their grain
and wine increased.
8 I will both lie down in peace, and
sleep; For You alone, O LORD, make me
dwell in safety.

5 [1] “To the Chief Musician. With flutes.
A Psalm of David.” Give ear to my
words, O LORD, Consider my meditation.
[2] Give heed to the voice of my cry, My
King and my God, For to You I will pray.
[3] My voice You shall hear in the
morning, O LORD; In the morning I will
direct it to You, And I will look up.
[4] For You are not a God who takes
pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil
dwell with You.
[5] The boastful shall not stand in Your
sight; You hate all workers of iniquity.
[6] You shall destroy those who speak
falsehood; The LORD abhors the
bloodthirsty and deceitful man.
[7] But as for me, I will come into Your
house in the multitude of Your mercy;
In fear of You I will worship toward Your
holy temple.

8 Lead me, O LORD, in Your
righteousness because of my enemies;
Make Your way straight before my face.
9 For there is no faithfulness in their
mouth; Their inward part is destruction;
Their throat is an open tomb; They
flatter with their tongue.
10 Pronounce them guilty, O God! Let
them fall by their own counsels; Cast
them out in the multitude of their
transgressions, For they have rebelled
against You.
11 But let all those rejoice who put their
trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy,
because You defend them; Let those also
who love Your name Be joyful in You.
12 For You, O LORD, will bless the
righteous; With favor You will surround
him as with a shield.

6 1 "To the Chief Musician. With
stringed instruments. On an eight–
stringed harp. A Psalm of David." O

LORD, do not rebuke me in Your anger,
Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure.
2 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am
weak; O LORD, heal me, for my bones
are troubled.
3 My soul also is greatly troubled; But
You, O LORD—how long?
4 Return, O LORD, deliver me! Oh, save
me for Your mercies' sake!
5 For in death there is no remembrance
of You; In the grave who will give You
thanks?
6 I am weary with my groaning; All night
I make my bed swim; I drench my couch
with my tears.
7 My eye wastes away because of grief;
It grows old because of all my enemies.
8 Depart from me, all you workers of
iniquity; For the LORD has heard the
voice of my weeping.
9 The LORD has heard my supplication;
The LORD will receive my prayer.

10 Let all my enemies be ashamed and
greatly troubled; Let them turn back and
be ashamed suddenly.

7 1 “A Meditation of David, which he
sang to the LORD concerning the
words of Cush, a Benjamite.” O LORD my
God, in You I put my trust; Save me from
all those who persecute me; And deliver
me,
2 Lest they tear me like a lion, Rending
me in pieces, while there is none to
deliver.
3 O LORD my God, if I have done this: If
there is iniquity in my hands,
4 If I have repaid evil to him who was at
peace with me, Or have plundered my
enemy without cause,
5 Let the enemy pursue me and
overtake me; Yes, let him trample my life
to the earth, And lay my honor in the
dust. Selah

6 Arise, O LORD, in Your anger; Lift
Yourself up because of the rage of my
enemies; Rise up for me to the judgment
You have commanded!
7 So the congregation of the peoples
shall surround You; For their sakes,
therefore, return on high.
8 The LORD shall judge the peoples;
Judge me, O LORD, according to my
righteousness, And according to my
integrity within me.
9 Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked
come to an end, But establish the just;
For the righteous God tests the hearts
and minds.
10 My defense is of God, Who saves the
upright in heart.
11 God is a just judge, And God is angry
with the wicked every day.
12 If he does not turn back, He will
sharpen His sword; He bends His bow
and makes it ready.

13 He also prepares for Himself
instruments of death; He makes His
arrows into fiery shafts.
14 Behold, the wicked brings forth
iniquity; Yes, he conceives trouble and
brings forth falsehood.
15 He made a pit and dug it out, And
has fallen into the ditch which he made.
16 His trouble shall return upon his own
head, And his violent dealing shall come
down on his own crown.
17 I will praise the LORD according to
His righteousness, And will sing praise to
the name of the LORD Most High.

8 1 "To the Chief Musician. On the
instrument of Gath. A Psalm of
David." O LORD, our Lord, How excellent
is Your name in all the earth, Who have
set Your glory above the heavens!
2 Out of the mouth of babes and nursing
infants You have ordained strength,

Because of Your enemies, That You may
silence the enemy and the avenger.
3 When I consider Your heavens, the
work of Your fingers, The moon and the
stars, which You have ordained,
4 What is man that You are mindful of
him, And the son of man that You visit
him?
5 For You have made him a little lower
than the angels, And You have crowned
him with glory and honor.
6 You have made him to have dominion
over the works of Your hands; You have
put all things under his feet,
7 All sheep and oxen—Even the beasts
of the field,
8 The birds of the air, And the fish of the
sea That pass through the paths of the
seas.
9 O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is
Your name in all the earth!

9 [1] “To the Chief Musician. To the tune
of "Death of the Son." A Psalm of
David.” I will praise You, O LORD, with
my whole heart; I will tell of all Your
marvelous works.
[2] I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will
sing praise to Your name, O Most High.
[3] When my enemies turn back, They
shall fall and perish at Your presence.
[4] For You have maintained my right and
my cause; You sat on the throne judging
in righteousness.
[5] You have rebuked the nations, You
have destroyed the wicked; You have
blotted out their name forever and ever.
[6] O enemy, destructions are finished
forever! And you have destroyed cities;
Even their memory has perished.
[7] But the LORD shall endure forever; He
has prepared His throne for judgment.

8 He shall judge the world in
righteousness, And He shall administer
judgment for the peoples in uprightness.
9 The LORD also will be a refuge for the
oppressed, A refuge in times of trouble.
10 And those who know Your name will
put their trust in You; For You, LORD,
have not forsaken those who seek You.
11 Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells
in Zion! Declare His deeds among the
people.
12 When He avenges blood, He
remembers them; He does not forget
the cry of the humble.
13 Have mercy on me, O LORD! Consider
my trouble from those who hate me, You
who lift me up from the gates of death,
14 That I may tell of all Your praise In
the gates of the daughter of Zion. I will
rejoice in Your salvation.

15 The nations have sunk down in the
pit which they made; In the net which
they hid, their own foot is caught.
16 The LORD is known by the judgment
He executes; The wicked is snared in
the work of his own hands. Meditation.
Selah
17 The wicked shall be turned into hell,
And all the nations that forget God.
18 For the needy shall not always be
forgotten; The expectation of the poor
shall not perish forever.
19 Arise, O LORD, Do not let man prevail;
Let the nations be judged in Your sight.
20 Put them in fear, O LORD, That the
nations may know themselves to be but
men. Selah

10 1 Why do You stand afar off, O
LORD? Why do You hide in times
of trouble?

2 The wicked in his pride persecutes the
poor; Let them be caught in the plots
which they have devised.
3 For the wicked boasts of his heart’s
desire; He blesses the greedy and
renounces the LORD.
4 The wicked in his proud countenance
does not seek God; God is in none of his
thoughts.
5 His ways are always prospering; Your
judgments are far above, out of his sight;
As for all his enemies, he sneers at them.
6 He has said in his heart, "I shall not be
moved; I shall never be in adversity."
7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit
and oppression; Under his tongue is
trouble and iniquity.
8 He sits in the lurking places of the
villages; In the secret places he murders
the innocent; His eyes are secretly fixed
on the helpless.

9 He lies in wait secretly, as a lion in his
den; He lies in wait to catch the poor;
He catches the poor when he draws him
into his net.
10 So he crouches, he lies low, That the
helpless may fall by his strength.
11 He has said in his heart, "God has
forgotten; He hides His face; He will
never see."
12 Arise, O LORD! O God, lift up Your
hand! Do not forget the humble.
13 Why do the wicked renounce God?
He has said in his heart, "You will not
require an account."
14 But You have seen, for You observe
trouble and grief, To repay it by Your
hand. The helpless commits himself to
You; You are the helper of the fatherless.
15 Break the arm of the wicked and the
evil man; Seek out his wickedness until
You find none.

16 The LORD is King forever and ever;
The nations have perished out of His
land.
17 LORD, You have heard the desire of
the humble; You will prepare their heart;
You will cause Your ear to hear,
18 To do justice to the fatherless and the
oppressed, That the man of the earth
may oppress no more.
11 1 “To the Chief Musician. A Psalm
of David.” In the LORD I put my
trust; How can you say to my soul, "Flee
as a bird to your mountain"?
2 For look! The wicked bend their bow,
They make ready their arrow on the
string, That they may shoot secretly at
the upright in heart.
3 If the foundations are destroyed,
What can the righteous do?
4 The LORD is in His holy temple, The
LORD’S throne is in heaven; His eyes
behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.

5 The LORD tests the righteous, But the
wicked and the one who loves violence
His soul hates.
6 Upon the wicked He will rain coals;
Fire and brimstone and a burning wind
Shall be the portion of their cup.
7 For the LORD is righteous, He loves
righteousness; His countenance beholds
the upright.

12 1 “To the Chief Musician. On an
eight–stringed harp. A Psalm of
David.” Help, LORD, for the godly man
ceases! For the faithful disappear from
among the sons of men.
2 They speak idly everyone with his
neighbor; With flattering lips and a
double heart they speak.
3 May the LORD cut off all flattering
lips, And the tongue that speaks proud
things,

4 Who have said, "With our tongue we
will prevail; Our lips are our own; Who is
lord over us?"
5 "For the oppression of the poor, for
the sighing of the needy, Now I will
arise," says the LORD; "I will set him in
the safety for which he yearns."
6 The words of the LORD are pure
words, Like silver tried in a furnace of
earth, Purified seven times.
7 You shall keep them, O LORD, You
shall preserve them from this generation
forever.
8 The wicked prowl on every side, When
vileness is exalted among the sons of
men.

13 1 “To the Chief Musician. A Psalm
of David.” How long, O LORD?
Will You forget me forever? How long
will You hide Your face from me?
2 How long shall I take counsel in my
soul, Having sorrow in my heart daily?

How long will my enemy be exalted over
me?
3 Consider and hear me, O LORD my
God; Enlighten my eyes, Lest I sleep the
sleep of death;
4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed
against him"; Lest those who trouble me
rejoice when I am moved.
5 But I have trusted in Your mercy; My
heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.
6 I will sing to the LORD, Because He has
dealt bountifully with me.
14 1 “To the Chief Musician. A Psalm
of David.” The fool has said in
his heart, "There is no God." They are
corrupt, They have done abominable
works, There is none who does good.
2 The LORD looks down from heaven
upon the children of men, To see if there
are any who understand, who seek God.

3 They have all turned aside, They have
together become corrupt; There is none
who does good, No, not one.
4 Have all the workers of iniquity no
knowledge, Who eat up my people as
they eat bread, And do not call on the
LORD?
5 There they are in great fear, For God is
with the generation of the righteous.
6 You shame the counsel of the poor,
But the LORD is his refuge.
7 Oh, that the salvation of Israel would
come out of Zion! When the LORD brings
back the captivity of His people, Let
Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.
15 1 "A Psalm of David." LORD, who
may abide in Your tabernacle?
Who may dwell in Your holy hill?
2 He who walks uprightly, And works
righteousness, And speaks the truth in
his heart;

3 He who does not backbite with his
tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor,
Nor does he take up a reproach against
his friend;
4 In whose eyes a vile person is
despised, But he honors those who fear
the LORD; He who swears to his own
hurt and does not change;
5 He who does not put out his money at
usury, Nor does he take a bribe against
the innocent. He who does these things
shall never be moved.

16 1 “A Michtam of David.” Preserve
me, O God, for in You I put my
trust.
2 O my soul, you have said to the
LORD, "You are my Lord, My goodness is
nothing apart from You."
3 As for the saints who are on the earth,
"They are the excellent ones, in whom is
all my delight."

4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied who
hasten after another god; Their drink
offerings of blood I will not offer, Nor
take up their names on my lips.
5 O LORD, You are the portion of my
inheritance and my cup; You maintain
my lot.
6 The lines have fallen to me in pleasant
places; Yes, I have a good inheritance.
7 I will bless the LORD who has given
me counsel; My heart also instructs me
in the night seasons.
8 I have set the LORD always before me;
Because He is at my right hand I shall not
be moved.
9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my
glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in
hope.
10 For You will not leave my soul in
Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One
to see corruption.

11 You will show me the path of life; In
Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your
right hand are pleasures forevermore.

17 1 “A Prayer of David.” Hear a just
cause, O LORD, Attend to my cry;
Give ear to my prayer which is not from
deceitful lips.
2 Let my vindication come from Your
presence; Let Your eyes look on the
things that are upright.
3 You have tested my heart; You have
visited me in the night; You have tried
me and have found nothing; I have
purposed that my mouth shall not
transgress.
4 Concerning the works of men, By the
word of Your lips, I have kept away from
the paths of the destroyer.
5 Uphold my steps in Your paths, That
my footsteps may not slip.

6 I have called upon You, for You will
hear me, O God; Incline Your ear to me,
and hear my speech.
7 Show Your marvelous lovingkindness
by Your right hand, O You who save
those who trust in You From those who
rise up against them.
8 Keep me as the apple of Your eye;
Hide me under the shadow of Your
wings,
9 From the wicked who oppress me,
From my deadly enemies who surround
me.
10 They have closed up their fat hearts;
With their mouths they speak proudly.
11 They have now surrounded us in
our steps; They have set their eyes,
crouching down to the earth,
12 As a lion is eager to tear his prey, And
like a young lion lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, O LORD, Confront him, cast
him down; Deliver my life from the
wicked with Your sword,
14 With Your hand from men, O LORD,
From men of the world who have their
portion in this life, And whose belly You
fill with Your hidden treasure. They are
satisfied with children, And leave the
rest of their possession for their babes.
15 As for me, I will see Your face in
righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I
awake in Your likeness.
18 1 "To the Chief Musician. A Psalm
of David the servant of the LORD,
who spoke to the LORD the words of this
song on the day that the LORD delivered
him from the hand of all his enemies
and from the hand of Saul. And he said:"
I will love You, O LORD, my strength.
2 The LORD is my rock and my fortress
and my deliverer; My God, my strength,

in whom I will trust; My shield and the
horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
3 I will call upon the LORD, who is
worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved
from my enemies.
4 The pangs of death surrounded me,
And the floods of ungodliness made me
afraid.
5 The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me;
The snares of death confronted me.
6 In my distress I called upon the LORD,
And cried out to my God; He heard my
voice from His temple, And my cry came
before Him, even to His ears.
7 Then the earth shook and trembled;
The foundations of the hills also quaked
and were shaken, Because He was angry.
8 Smoke went up from His nostrils, And
devouring fire from His mouth; Coals
were kindled by it.
9 He bowed the heavens also, and came
down With darkness under His feet.

10 And He rode upon a cherub, and
flew; He flew upon the wings of the
wind.
11 He made darkness His secret place;
His canopy around Him was dark waters
And thick clouds of the skies.
12 From the brightness before Him, His
thick clouds passed with hailstones and
coals of fire.
13 The LORD thundered from heaven,
And the Most High uttered His voice,
Hailstones and coals of fire.
14 He sent out His arrows and scattered
the foe, Lightnings in abundance, and He
vanquished them.
15 Then the channels of the sea were
seen, The foundations of the world were
uncovered At Your rebuke, O LORD, At
the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.
16 He sent from above, He took me; He
drew me out of many waters.

17 He delivered me from my strong
enemy, From those who hated me, For
they were too strong for me.
18 They confronted me in the day of my
calamity, But the LORD was my support.
19 He also brought me out into a broad
place; He delivered me because He
delighted in me.
20 The LORD rewarded me according
to my righteousness; According to
the cleanness of my hands He has
recompensed me.
21 For I have kept the ways of the LORD,
And have not wickedly departed from
my God.
22 For all His judgments were before
me, And I did not put away His statutes
from me.
23 I was also blameless before Him, And
I kept myself from my iniquity.
24 Therefore the LORD has
recompensed me according to my

righteousness, According to the
cleanness of my hands in His sight.
25 With the merciful You will show
Yourself merciful; With a blameless man
You will show Yourself blameless;
26 With the pure You will show Yourself
pure; And with the devious You will show
Yourself shrewd.
27 For You will save the humble people,
But will bring down haughty looks.
28 For You will light my lamp; The LORD
my God will enlighten my darkness.
29 For by You I can run against a troop,
By my God I can leap over a wall.
30 As for God, His way is perfect; The
word of the LORD is proven; He is a
shield to all who trust in Him.
31 For who is God, except the LORD?
And who is a rock, except our God?
32 It is God who arms me with strength,
And makes my way perfect.

33 He makes my feet like the feet of
deer, And sets me on my high places.
34 He teaches my hands to make war, So
that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
35 You have also given me the shield of
Your salvation; Your right hand has held
me up, Your gentleness has made me
great.
36 You enlarged my path under me, So
my feet did not slip.
37 I have pursued my enemies and
overtaken them; Neither did I turn back
again till they were destroyed.
38 I have wounded them, So that they
could not rise; They have fallen under
my feet.
39 For You have armed me with strength
for the battle; You have subdued under
me those who rose up against me.
40 You have also given me the necks of
my enemies, So that I destroyed those
who hated me.

41 They cried out, but there was none
to save; Even to the LORD, but He did
not answer them.
42 Then I beat them as fine as the dust
before the wind; I cast them out like dirt
in the streets.
43 You have delivered me from the
strivings of the people; You have made
me the head of the nations; A people I
have not known shall serve me.
44 As soon as they hear of me they obey
me; The foreigners submit to me.
45 The foreigners fade away, And come
frightened from their hideouts.
46 The LORD lives! Blessed be my Rock!
Let the God of my salvation be exalted.
47 It is God who avenges me, And
subdues the peoples under me;
48 He delivers me from my enemies.
You also lift me up above those who rise
against me; You have delivered me from
the violent man.

49 Therefore I will give thanks to You,
O LORD, among the Gentiles, And sing
praises to Your name.
50 Great deliverance He gives to
His king, And shows mercy to His
anointed, To David and his descendants
forevermore.

19 1 “To the Chief Musician. A Psalm
of David.” The heavens declare
the glory of God; And the firmament
shows His handiwork.
2 Day unto day utters speech, And night
unto night reveals knowledge.
3 There is no speech nor language
Where their voice is not heard.
4 Their line has gone out through all the
earth, And their words to the end of the
world. In them He has set a tabernacle
for the sun,
5 Which is like a bridegroom coming out
of his chamber, And rejoices like a strong
man to run its race.

6 Its rising is from one end of heaven,
And its circuit to the other end; And
there is nothing hidden from its heat.
7 The law of the LORD is perfect,
converting the soul; The testimony
of the LORD is sure, making wise the
simple;
8 The statutes of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart; The commandment
of the LORD is pure, enlightening the
eyes;
9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring
forever; The judgments of the LORD are
true and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than
gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter
also than honey and the honeycomb.
11 Moreover by them Your servant is
warned, And in keeping them there is
great reward.
12 Who can understand his errors?
Cleanse me from secret faults.

13 Keep back Your servant also from
presumptuous sins; Let them not have
dominion over me. Then I shall be
blameless, And I shall be innocent of
great transgression.
14 Let the words of my mouth and the
meditation of my heart Be acceptable in
Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my
Redeemer.

20 1 “To the Chief Musician. A Psalm
of David.” May the LORD answer
you in the day of trouble; May the name
of the God of Jacob defend you;
2 May He send you help from the
sanctuary, And strengthen you out of
Zion;
3 May He remember all your offerings,
And accept your burnt sacrifice. Selah
4 May He grant you according to
your heart’s desire, And fulfill all your
purpose.

5 We will rejoice in your salvation, And
in the name of our God we will set up
our banners! May the LORD fulfill all
your petitions.
6 Now I know that the LORD saves His
anointed; He will answer him from His
holy heaven With the saving strength of
His right hand.
7 Some trust in chariots, and some in
horses; But we will remember the name
of the LORD our God.
8 They have bowed down and fallen;
But we have risen and stand upright.
9 Save, LORD! May the King answer us
when we call.
21 1 "To the Chief Musician. A Psalm
of David." The king shall have joy
in Your strength, O LORD; And in Your
salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!
2 You have given him his heart's desire,
And have not withheld the request of his
lips. Selah

3 For You meet him with the blessings
of goodness; You set a crown of pure
gold upon his head.
4 He asked life from You, and You gave it
to him—Length of days forever and ever.
5 His glory is great in Your salvation;
Honor and majesty You have placed
upon him.
6 For You have made him most blessed
forever; You have made him exceedingly
glad with Your presence.
7 For the king trusts in the LORD, And
through the mercy of the Most High he
shall not be moved.
8 Your hand will find all Your enemies;
Your right hand will find those who hate
You.
9 You shall make them as a fiery oven in
the time of Your anger; The LORD shall
swallow them up in His wrath, And the
fire shall devour them.

10 Their offspring You shall destroy from the earth, And their descendants from among the sons of men.
11 For they intended evil against You; They devised a plot which they are not able to perform.
12 Therefore You will make them turn their back; You will make ready Your arrows on Your string toward their faces.
13 Be exalted, O LORD, in Your own strength! We will sing and praise Your power.

22 1 “To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Deer of the Dawn." A Psalm of David.” My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?
2 O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; And in the night season, and am not silent.

3 But You are holy, Enthroned in the
praises of Israel.
4 Our fathers trusted in You; They
trusted, and You delivered them.
5 They cried to You, and were delivered;
They trusted in You, and were not
ashamed.
6 But I am a worm, and no man; A
reproach of men, and despised by the
people.
7 All those who see Me ridicule Me;
They shoot out the lip, they shake the
head, saying,
8 "He trusted in the LORD, let Him
rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since
He delights in Him!"
9 But You are He who took Me out of
the womb; You made Me trust while on
My mother's breasts.
10 I was cast upon You from birth. From
My mother's womb You have been My
God.

11 Be not far from Me, For trouble is
near; For there is none to help.
12 Many bulls have surrounded Me;
Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled
Me.
13 They gape at Me with their mouths,
Like a raging and roaring lion.
14 I am poured out like water, And all
My bones are out of joint; My heart is
like wax; It has melted within Me.
15 My strength is dried up like a
potsherd, And My tongue clings to My
jaws; You have brought Me to the dust
of death.
16 For dogs have surrounded Me; The
congregation of the wicked has enclosed
Me. They pierced My hands and My feet;
17 I can count all My bones. They look
and stare at Me.
18 They divide My garments among
them, And for My clothing they cast lots.

19 But You, O LORD, do not be far from
Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me!
20 Deliver Me from the sword, My
precious life from the power of the dog.
21 Save Me from the lion's mouth And
from the horns of the wild oxen! You
have answered Me.
22 I will declare Your name to My
brethren; In the midst of the assembly I
will praise You.
23 You who fear the LORD, praise Him!
All you descendants of Jacob, glorify
Him, And fear Him, all you offspring of
Israel!
24 For He has not despised nor abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He
hidden His face from Him; But when He
cried to Him, He heard.
25 My praise shall be of You in the great
assembly; I will pay My vows before
those who fear Him.

26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
Those who seek Him will praise the
LORD. Let your heart live forever!
27 All the ends of the world Shall
remember and turn to the LORD, And all
the families of the nations Shall worship
before You.
28 For the kingdom is the LORD'S, And
He rules over the nations.
29 All the prosperous of the earth Shall
eat and worship; All those who go down
to the dust Shall bow before Him, Even
he who cannot keep himself alive.
30 A posterity shall serve Him. It will
be recounted of the Lord to the next
generation,
31 They will come and declare His
righteousness to a people who will be
born, That He has done this.

23 1 "A Psalm of David." The LORD is
my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me to lie down in green
pastures; He leads me beside the still
waters.
3 He restores my soul; He leads me
in the paths of righteousness For His
name's sake.
4 Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no
evil; For You are with me; Your rod and
Your staff, they comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me in the
presence of my enemies; You anoint my
head with oil; My cup runs over.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me All the days of my life; And
I will dwell in the house of the LORD
Forever.

24 1 "A Psalm of David." The earth
is the LORD'S, and all its fullness,
The world and those who dwell therein.
2 For He has founded it upon the seas,
And established it upon the waters.

3 Who may ascend into the hill of the
LORD? Or who may stand in His holy
place?
4 He who has clean hands and a pure
heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to
an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.
5 He shall receive blessing from the
LORD, And righteousness from the God
of his salvation.
6 This is Jacob, the generation of those
who seek Him, Who seek Your face.
Selah
7 Lift up your heads, O you gates! And
be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And
the King of glory shall come in.
8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD
strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in
battle.
9 Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift
up, you everlasting doors! And the King
of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD
of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah

25 1 “A Psalm of David.” To You, O
LORD, I lift up my soul.
2 O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be
ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph
over me.
3 Indeed, let no one who waits on You
be ashamed; Let those be ashamed who
deal treacherously without cause.
4 Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach
me Your paths.
5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
For You are the God of my salvation; On
You I wait all the day.
6 Remember, O LORD, Your tender
mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For
they are from of old.
7 Do not remember the sins of my
youth, nor my transgressions; According
to Your mercy remember me, For Your
goodness’ sake, O LORD.

8 Good and upright is the LORD;
Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.
9 The humble He guides in justice, And
the humble He teaches His way.
10 All the paths of the LORD are mercy
and truth, To such as keep His covenant
and His testimonies.
11 For Your name's sake, O LORD,
Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.
12 Who is the man that fears the
LORD? Him shall He teach in the way He
chooses.
13 He himself shall dwell in prosperity,
And his descendants shall inherit the
earth.
14 The secret of the LORD is with those
who fear Him, And He will show them
His covenant.
15 My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
For He shall pluck my feet out of the net.
16 Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy
on me, For I am desolate and afflicted.

17 The troubles of my heart have
enlarged; Bring me out of my distresses!
18 Look on my affliction and my pain,
And forgive all my sins.
19 Consider my enemies, for they are
many; And they hate me with cruel
hatred.
20 Keep my soul, and deliver me; Let me
not be ashamed, for I put my trust in
You.
21 Let integrity and uprightness
preserve me, For I wait for You.
22 Redeem Israel, O God, Out of all their
troubles!

26 1 “A Psalm of David.” Vindicate
me, O LORD, For I have walked in
my integrity. I have also trusted in the
LORD; I shall not slip.
2 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me;
Try my mind and my heart.
3 For Your lovingkindness is before my
eyes, And I have walked in Your truth.

4 I have not sat with idolatrous mortals,
Nor will I go in with hypocrites.
5 I have hated the assembly of evildoers,
And will not sit with the wicked.
6 I will wash my hands in innocence; So
I will go about Your altar, O LORD,
7 That I may proclaim with the voice
of thanksgiving, And tell of all Your
wondrous works.
8 LORD, I have loved the habitation of
Your house, And the place where Your
glory dwells.
9 Do not gather my soul with sinners,
Nor my life with bloodthirsty men,
10 In whose hands is a sinister scheme,
And whose right hand is full of bribes.
11 But as for me, I will walk in my
integrity; Redeem me and be merciful to
me.
12 My foot stands in an even place; In
the congregations I will bless the LORD.

27 1 “A Psalm of David.” The LORD is
my light and my salvation; Whom
shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of
my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?
2 When the wicked came against me To
eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes,
They stumbled and fell.
3 Though an army may encamp against
me, My heart shall not fear; Though war
should rise against me, In this I will be
confident.
4 One thing I have desired of the LORD,
That will I seek: That I may dwell in the
house of the LORD All the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the LORD, And
to inquire in His temple.
5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide
me in His pavilion; In the secret place of
His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall
set me high upon a rock.
6 And now my head shall be lifted
up above my enemies all around me;

Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in
His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing
praises to the LORD.
7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my
voice! Have mercy also upon me, and
answer me.
8 When You said, "Seek My face," My
heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will
seek."
9 Do not hide Your face from me; Do
not turn Your servant away in anger; You
have been my help; Do not leave me nor
forsake me, O God of my salvation.
10 When my father and my mother
forsake me, Then the LORD will take care
of me.
11 Teach me Your way, O LORD, And
lead me in a smooth path, because of
my enemies.
12 Do not deliver me to the will of my
adversaries; For false witnesses have

risen against me, And such as breathe
out violence.
13 I would have lost heart, unless I had
believed That I would see the goodness
of the LORD In the land of the living.
14 Wait on the LORD; Be of good
courage, And He shall strengthen your
heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!

28 1 "A Psalm of David." To You I will
cry, O LORD my Rock: Do not be
silent to me, Lest, if You are silent to me,
I become like those who go down to the
pit.
2 Hear the voice of my supplications
When I cry to You, When I lift up my
hands toward Your holy sanctuary.
3 Do not take me away with the wicked
And with the workers of iniquity, Who
speak peace to their neighbors, But evil
is in their hearts.
4 Give them according to their deeds,
And according to the wickedness of their

endeavors; Give them according to the
work of their hands; Render to them
what they deserve.
5 Because they do not regard the works
of the LORD, Nor the operation of His
hands, He shall destroy them And not
build them up.
6 Blessed be the LORD, Because He has
heard the voice of my supplications!
7 The LORD is my strength and my
shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I
am helped; Therefore my heart greatly
rejoices, And with my song I will praise
Him.
8 The LORD is their strength, And He is
the saving refuge of His anointed.
9 Save Your people, And bless Your
inheritance; Shepherd them also, And
bear them up forever.

29 1 "A Psalm of David." Give unto
the LORD, O you mighty ones,
Give unto the LORD glory and strength.

2 Give unto the LORD the glory due
to His name; Worship the LORD in the
beauty of holiness.
3 The voice of the LORD is over the
waters; The God of glory thunders; The
LORD is over many waters.
4 The voice of the LORD is powerful;
The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
5 The voice of the LORD breaks the
cedars, Yes, the LORD splinters the
cedars of Lebanon.
6 He makes them also skip like a calf,
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.
7 The voice of the LORD divides the
flames of fire.
8 The voice of the LORD shakes the
wilderness; The LORD shakes the
Wilderness of Kadesh.
9 The voice of the LORD makes the
deer give birth, And strips the forests
bare; And in His temple everyone says,
"Glory!"

10 The LORD sat enthroned at the Flood,
And the LORD sits as King forever.
11 The LORD will give strength to His
people; The LORD will bless His people
with peace.

30 1 “A Psalm. A Song at the
dedication of the house of David.”
I will extol You, O LORD, for You have
lifted me up, And have not let my foes
rejoice over me.
2 O LORD my God, I cried out to You,
And You healed me.
3 O LORD, You brought my soul up from
the grave; You have kept me alive, that I
should not go down to the pit.
4 Sing praise to the LORD, You saints of
His, And give thanks at the remembrance
of His holy name.
5 For His anger is but for a moment, His
favor is for life; Weeping may endure for
a night, But joy comes in the morning.

6 Now in my prosperity I said, "I shall
never be moved."
7 LORD, by Your favor You have made
my mountain stand strong; You hid Your
face, and I was troubled.
8 I cried out to You, O LORD; And to the
LORD I made supplication:
9 "What profit is there in my blood,
When I go down to the pit? Will the dust
praise You? Will it declare Your truth?
10 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on
me; LORD, be my helper!"
11 You have turned for me my mourning
into dancing; You have put off my
sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,
12 To the end that my glory may sing
praise to You and not be silent. O LORD
my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

31 1 “To the Chief Musician. A Psalm
of David.” In You, O LORD, I put
my trust; Let me never be ashamed;
Deliver me in Your righteousness.

2 Bow down Your ear to me, Deliver me
speedily; Be my rock of refuge, A fortress
of defense to save me.
3 For You are my rock and my fortress;
Therefore, for Your name's sake, Lead
me and guide me.
4 Pull me out of the net which they
have secretly laid for me, For You are my
strength.
5 Into Your hand I commit my spirit;
You have redeemed me, O LORD God of
truth.
6 I have hated those who regard useless
idols; But I trust in the LORD.
7 I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy,
For You have considered my trouble; You
have known my soul in adversities,
8 And have not shut me up into the
hand of the enemy; You have set my feet
in a wide place.

9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am
in trouble; My eye wastes away with
grief, Yes, my soul and my body!
10 For my life is spent with grief, And
my years with sighing; My strength fails
because of my iniquity, And my bones
waste away.
11 I am a reproach among all my
enemies, But especially among my
neighbors, And am repulsive to my
acquaintances; Those who see me
outside flee from me.
12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out
of mind; I am like a broken vessel.
13 For I hear the slander of many; Fear
is on every side; While they take counsel
together against me, They scheme to
take away my life.
14 But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD;
I say, "You are my God."

15 My times are in Your hand; Deliver
me from the hand of my enemies, And
from those who persecute me.
16 Make Your face shine upon Your
servant; Save me for Your mercies' sake.
17 Do not let me be ashamed, O LORD,
for I have called upon You; Let the wicked
be ashamed; Let them be silent in the
grave.
18 Let the lying lips be put to silence,
Which speak insolent things proudly and
contemptuously against the righteous.
19 Oh, how great is Your goodness,
Which You have laid up for those who
fear You, Which You have prepared for
those who trust in You In the presence
of the sons of men!
20 You shall hide them in the secret
place of Your presence From the plots of
man; You shall keep them secretly in a
pavilion From the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed be the LORD, For He has
shown me His marvelous kindness in a
strong city!
22 For I said in my haste, "I am cut off
from before Your eyes"; Nevertheless
You heard the voice of my supplications
When I cried out to You.
23 Oh, love the LORD, all you His saints!
For the LORD preserves the faithful, And
fully repays the proud person.
24 Be of good courage, And He shall
strengthen your heart, All you who hope
in the LORD.

32 1 “A Psalm of David. A
Contemplation.” Blessed is
he whose transgression is forgiven,
Whose sin is covered.
2 Blessed is the man to whom the LORD
does not impute iniquity, And in whose
spirit there is no deceit.
3 When I kept silent, my bones grew old
Through my groaning all the day long.

4 For day and night Your hand was
heavy upon me; My vitality was turned
into the drought of summer. Selah
5 I acknowledged my sin to You, And my
iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will
confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
Selah
6 For this cause everyone who is godly
shall pray to You In a time when You
may be found; Surely in a flood of great
waters They shall not come near him.
7 You are my hiding place; You shall
preserve me from trouble; You shall
surround me with songs of deliverance.
Selah
8 I will instruct you and teach you in the
way you should go; I will guide you with
My eye.
9 Do not be like the horse or like the
mule, Which have no understanding,

Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, Else they will not come near you.
10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him.
11 Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

33 1 Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful.
2 Praise the LORD with the harp; Make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings.
3 Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy.
4 For the word of the LORD is right, And all His work is done in truth.
5 He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

6 By the word of the LORD the heavens
were made, And all the host of them by
the breath of His mouth.
7 He gathers the waters of the sea
together as a heap; He lays up the deep
in storehouses.
8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let
all the inhabitants of the world stand in
awe of Him.
9 For He spoke, and it was done; He
commanded, and it stood fast.
10 The LORD brings the counsel of the
nations to nothing; He makes the plans
of the peoples of no effect.
11 The counsel of the LORD stands
forever, The plans of His heart to all
generations.
12 Blessed is the nation whose God is
the LORD, The people He has chosen as
His own inheritance.
13 The LORD looks from heaven; He
sees all the sons of men.

14 From the place of His dwelling He
looks On all the inhabitants of the earth;
15 He fashions their hearts individually;
He considers all their works.
16 No king is saved by the multitude of
an army; A mighty man is not delivered
by great strength.
17 A horse is a vain hope for safety;
Neither shall it deliver any by its great
strength.
18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is on
those who fear Him, On those who hope
in His mercy,
19 To deliver their soul from death, And
to keep them alive in famine.
20 Our soul waits for the LORD; He is
our help and our shield.
21 For our heart shall rejoice in Him,
Because we have trusted in His holy
name.
22 Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us,
Just as we hope in You.

34 1 “A Psalm of David when he
pretended madness before
Abimelech, who drove him away, and
he departed.” I will bless the LORD at all
times; His praise shall continually be in
my mouth.
2 My soul shall make its boast in the
LORD; The humble shall hear of it and be
glad.
3 Oh, magnify the LORD with me, And
let us exalt His name together.
4 I sought the LORD, and He heard me,
And delivered me from all my fears.
5 They looked to Him and were radiant,
And their faces were not ashamed.
6 This poor man cried out, and the
LORD heard him, And saved him out of
all his troubles.
7 The angel of the LORD encamps all
around those who fear Him, And delivers
them.

8 Oh, taste and see that the LORD is
good; Blessed is the man who trusts in
Him!
9 Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints!
There is no want to those who fear Him.
10 The young lions lack and suffer
hunger; But those who seek the LORD
shall not lack any good thing.
11 Come, you children, listen to me; I
will teach you the fear of the LORD.
12 Who is the man who desires life, And
loves many days, that he may see good?
13 Keep your tongue from evil, And your
lips from speaking deceit.
14 Depart from evil and do good; Seek
peace and pursue it.
15 The eyes of the LORD are on the
righteous, And His ears are open to their
cry.
16 The face of the LORD is against those
who do evil, To cut off the remembrance
of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry out, and the LORD
hears, And delivers them out of all their
troubles.
18 The LORD is near to those who have
a broken heart, And saves such as have a
contrite spirit.
19 Many are the afflictions of the
righteous, But the LORD delivers him out
of them all.
20 He guards all his bones; Not one of
them is broken.
21 Evil shall slay the wicked, And
those who hate the righteous shall be
condemned.
22 The LORD redeems the soul of His
servants, And none of those who trust in
Him shall be condemned.

35 1 “A Psalm of David.” Plead my
cause, O LORD, with those who
strive with me; Fight against those who
fight against me.

2 Take hold of shield and buckler, And
stand up for my help.
3 Also draw out the spear, And stop
those who pursue me. Say to my soul, "I
am your salvation."
4 Let those be put to shame and
brought to dishonor Who seek after
my life; Let those be turned back and
brought to confusion Who plot my hurt.
5 Let them be like chaff before the wind,
And let the angel of the LORD chase
them.
6 Let their way be dark and slippery,
And let the angel of the LORD pursue
them.
7 For without cause they have hidden
their net for me in a pit, Which they have
dug without cause for my life.
8 Let destruction come upon him
unexpectedly, And let his net that he
has hidden catch himself; Into that very
destruction let him fall.

9 And my soul shall be joyful in the
LORD; It shall rejoice in His salvation.
10 All my bones shall say, "LORD, who is
like You, Delivering the poor from him
who is too strong for him, Yes, the poor
and the needy from him who plunders
him?"
11 Fierce witnesses rise up; They ask me
things that I do not know.
12 They reward me evil for good, To the
sorrow of my soul.
13 But as for me, when they were sick,
My clothing was sackcloth; I humbled
myself with fasting; And my prayer
would return to my own heart.
14 I paced about as though he were my
friend or brother; I bowed down heavily,
as one who mourns for his mother.
15 But in my adversity they rejoiced And
gathered together; Attackers gathered
against me, And I did not know it; They
tore at me and did not cease;

16 With ungodly mockers at feasts They
gnashed at me with their teeth.
17 Lord, how long will You look on?
Rescue me from their destructions, My
precious life from the lions.
18 I will give You thanks in the great
assembly; I will praise You among many
people.
19 Let them not rejoice over me who are
wrongfully my enemies; Nor let them
wink with the eye who hate me without
a cause.
20 For they do not speak peace, But
they devise deceitful matters Against the
quiet ones in the land.
21 They also opened their mouth wide
against me, And said, "Aha, aha! Our
eyes have seen it."
22 This You have seen, O LORD; Do not
keep silence. O Lord, do not be far from
me.

23 Stir up Yourself, and awake to my
vindication, To my cause, my God and
my Lord.
24 Vindicate me, O LORD my God,
according to Your righteousness; And let
them not rejoice over me.
25 Let them not say in their hearts, "Ah,
so we would have it!" Let them not say,
"We have swallowed him up."
26 Let them be ashamed and brought
to mutual confusion Who rejoice at my
hurt; Let them be clothed with shame
and dishonor Who exalt themselves
against me.
27 Let them shout for joy and be glad,
Who favor my righteous cause; And let
them say continually, "Let the LORD
be magnified, Who has pleasure in the
prosperity of His servant."
28 And my tongue shall speak of Your
righteousness And of Your praise all the
day long.

36 1 “To the Chief Musician. A Psalm
of David the servant of the LORD.”
An oracle within my heart concerning
the transgression of the wicked: There is
no fear of God before his eyes.
2 For he flatters himself in his own eyes,
When he finds out his iniquity and when
he hates.
3 The words of his mouth are
wickedness and deceit; He has ceased to
be wise and to do good.
4 He devises wickedness on his bed; He
sets himself in a way that is not good; He
does not abhor evil.
5 Your mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens;
Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
6 Your righteousness is like the great
mountains; Your judgments are a great
deep; O LORD, You preserve man and
beast.
7 How precious is Your lovingkindness,
O God! Therefore the children of men

put their trust under the shadow of Your
wings.
8 They are abundantly satisfied with
the fullness of Your house, And You
give them drink from the river of Your
pleasures.
9 For with You is the fountain of life; In
Your light we see light.
10 Oh, continue Your lovingkindness
to those who know You, And Your
righteousness to the upright in heart.
11 Let not the foot of pride come against
me, And let not the hand of the wicked
drive me away.
12 There the workers of iniquity have
fallen; They have been cast down and
are not able to rise.
37 1 "A Psalm of David." Do not fret
because of evildoers, Nor be
envious of the workers of iniquity.
2 For they shall soon be cut down like
the grass, And wither as the green herb.

3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell
in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.
4 Delight yourself also in the LORD, And
He shall give you the desires of your
heart.
5 Commit your way to the LORD, Trust
also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.
6 He shall bring forth your righteousness
as the light, And your justice as the
noonday.
7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently
for Him; Do not fret because of him who
prospers in his way, Because of the man
who brings wicked schemes to pass.
8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath;
Do not fret—it only causes harm.
9 For evildoers shall be cut off; But
those who wait on the LORD, They shall
inherit the earth.
10 For yet a little while and the wicked
shall be no more; Indeed, you will look

carefully for his place, But it shall be no
more.
11 But the meek shall inherit the earth,
And shall delight themselves in the
abundance of peace.
12 The wicked plots against the just,
And gnashes at him with his teeth.
13 The Lord laughs at him, For He sees
that his day is coming.
14 The wicked have drawn the sword
And have bent their bow, To cast down
the poor and needy, To slay those who
are of upright conduct.
15 Their sword shall enter their own
heart, And their bows shall be broken.
16 A little that a righteous man has Is
better than the riches of many wicked.
17 For the arms of the wicked shall
be broken, But the LORD upholds the
righteous.

18 The LORD knows the days of the
upright, And their inheritance shall be
forever.
19 They shall not be ashamed in the
evil time, And in the days of famine they
shall be satisfied.
20 But the wicked shall perish; And the
enemies of the LORD, Like the splendor
of the meadows, shall vanish. Into smoke
they shall vanish away.
21 The wicked borrows and does not
repay, But the righteous shows mercy
and gives.
22 For those blessed by Him shall inherit
the earth, But those cursed by Him shall
be cut off.
23 The steps of a good man are ordered
by the LORD, And He delights in his way.
24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly
cast down; For the LORD upholds him
with His hand.

25 I have been young, and now am
old; Yet I have not seen the righteous
forsaken, Nor his descendants begging
bread.
26 He is ever merciful, and lends; And
his descendants are blessed.
27 Depart from evil, and do good; And
dwell forevermore.
28 For the LORD loves justice, And
does not forsake His saints; They are
preserved forever, But the descendants
of the wicked shall be cut off.
29 The righteous shall inherit the land,
And dwell in it forever.
30 The mouth of the righteous speaks
wisdom, And his tongue talks of justice.
31 The law of his God is in his heart;
None of his steps shall slide.
32 The wicked watches the righteous,
And seeks to slay him.

33 The LORD will not leave him in his
hand, Nor condemn him when he is
judged.
34 Wait on the LORD, And keep His way,
And He shall exalt you to inherit the
land; When the wicked are cut off, you
shall see it.
35 I have seen the wicked in great
power, And spreading himself like a
native green tree.
36 Yet he passed away, and behold, he
was no more; Indeed I sought him, but
he could not be found.
37 Mark the blameless man, and
observe the upright; For the future of
that man is peace.
38 But the transgressors shall be
destroyed together; The future of the
wicked shall be cut off.
39 But the salvation of the righteous is
from the LORD; He is their strength in
the time of trouble.

40 And the LORD shall help them and
deliver them; He shall deliver them from
the wicked, And save them, Because
they trust in Him.

38 1 “A Psalm of David. To bring to
remembrance.” O LORD, do not
rebuke me in Your wrath, Nor chasten
me in Your hot displeasure!
2 For Your arrows pierce me deeply, And
Your hand presses me down.
3 There is no soundness in my flesh
Because of Your anger, Nor any health in
my bones Because of my sin.
4 For my iniquities have gone over my
head; Like a heavy burden they are too
heavy for me.
5 My wounds are foul and festering
Because of my foolishness.
6 I am troubled, I am bowed down
greatly; I go mourning all the day long.
7 For my loins are full of inflammation,
And there is no soundness in my flesh.

8 I am feeble and severely broken; I
groan because of the turmoil of my
heart.
9 Lord, all my desire is before You; And
my sighing is not hidden from You.
10 My heart pants, my strength fails me;
As for the light of my eyes, it also has
gone from me.
11 My loved ones and my friends stand
aloof from my plague, And my relatives
stand afar off.
12 Those also who seek my life lay
snares for me; Those who seek my hurt
speak of destruction, And plan deception
all the day long.
13 But I, like a deaf man, do not hear;
And I am like a mute who does not open
his mouth.
14 Thus I am like a man who does
not hear, And in whose mouth is no
response.

15 For in You, O LORD, I hope; You will
hear, O Lord my God.
16 For I said, "Hear me, lest they rejoice
over me, Lest, when my foot slips, they
exalt themselves against me."
17 For I am ready to fall, And my sorrow
is continually before me.
18 For I will declare my iniquity; I will be
in anguish over my sin.
19 But my enemies are vigorous, and
they are strong; And those who hate me
wrongfully have multiplied.
20 Those also who render evil for good,
They are my adversaries, because I
follow what is good.
21 Do not forsake me, O LORD; O my
God, be not far from me!
22 Make haste to help me, O Lord, my
salvation!
39 1 “To the Chief Musician. To
Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.” I
said, "I will guard my ways, Lest I sin with

my tongue; I will restrain my mouth with
a muzzle, While the wicked are before
me."
2 I was mute with silence, I held my
peace even from good; And my sorrow
was stirred up.
3 My heart was hot within me; While
I was musing, the fire burned. Then I
spoke with my tongue:
4 "LORD, make me to know my end, And
what is the measure of my days, That I
may know how frail I am.
5 Indeed, You have made my days as
handbreadths, And my age is as nothing
before You; Certainly every man at his
best state is but vapor. Selah
6 Surely every man walks about like a
shadow; Surely they busy themselves in
vain; He heaps up riches, And does not
know who will gather them.
7 "And now, Lord, what do I wait for?
My hope is in You.

8 Deliver me from all my transgressions;
Do not make me the reproach of the
foolish.
9 I was mute, I did not open my mouth,
Because it was You who did it.
10 Remove Your plague from me; I am
consumed by the blow of Your hand.
11 When with rebukes You correct man
for iniquity, You make his beauty melt
away like a moth; Surely every man is
vapor. Selah
12 "Hear my prayer, O LORD, And give
ear to my cry; Do not be silent at my
tears; For I am a stranger with You, A
sojourner, as all my fathers were.
13 Remove Your gaze from me, that I
may regain strength, Before I go away
and am no more."

40 1 “To the Chief Musician. A Psalm
of David.” I waited patiently for
the LORD; And He inclined to me, And
heard my cry.

2 He also brought me up out of a
horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set
my feet upon a rock, And established my
steps.
3 He has put a new song in my mouth—
Praise to our God; Many will see it and
fear, And will trust in the LORD.
4 Blessed is that man who makes the
LORD his trust, And does not respect the
proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.
5 Many, O LORD my God, are Your
wonderful works Which You have done;
And Your thoughts toward us Cannot
be recounted to You in order; If I would
declare and speak of them, They are
more than can be numbered.
6 Sacrifice and offering You did not
desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt
offering and sin offering You did not
require.
7 Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the
scroll of the book it is written of me.

8 I delight to do Your will, O my God,
And Your law is within my heart."
9 I have proclaimed the good news of
righteousness In the great assembly;
Indeed, I do not restrain my lips, O LORD,
You Yourself know.
10 I have not hidden Your righteousness
within my heart; I have declared Your
faithfulness and Your salvation; I have
not concealed Your lovingkindness and
Your truth From the great assembly.
11 Do not withhold Your tender
mercies from me, O LORD; Let
Your lovingkindness and Your truth
continually preserve me.
12 For innumerable evils have
surrounded me; My iniquities have
overtaken me, so that I am not able to
look up; They are more than the hairs of
my head; Therefore my heart fails me.
13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; O
LORD, make haste to help me!

[14] Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion Who seek to destroy my life; Let them be driven backward and brought to dishonor Who wish me evil.
[15] Let them be confounded because of their shame, Who say to me, "Aha, aha!"
[16] Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; Let such as love Your salvation say continually, "The LORD be magnified!"
[17] But I am poor and needy; Yet the Lord thinks upon me. You are my help and my deliverer; Do not delay, O my God.

41 [1] "To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David." Blessed is he who considers the poor; The LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.
[2] The LORD will preserve him and keep him alive, And he will be blessed on the

earth; You will not deliver him to the will
of his enemies.
3 The LORD will strengthen him on his
bed of illness; You will sustain him on his
sickbed.
4 I said, "LORD, be merciful to me; Heal
my soul, for I have sinned against You."
5 My enemies speak evil of me: "When
will he die, and his name perish?"
6 And if he comes to see me, he speaks
lies; His heart gathers iniquity to itself;
When he goes out, he tells it.
7 All who hate me whisper together
against me; Against me they devise my
hurt.
8 "An evil disease," they say, "clings to
him. And now that he lies down, he will
rise up no more."
9 Even my own familiar friend in whom
I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted
up his heel against me.

10 But You, O LORD, be merciful to me,
and raise me up, That I may repay them.
11 By this I know that You are well
pleased with me, Because my enemy
does not triumph over me.
12 As for me, You uphold me in my
integrity, And set me before Your face
forever.
13 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel
From everlasting to everlasting! Amen
and Amen.

42 1 "To the Chief Musician. A
Contemplation of the sons of
Korah." As the deer pants for the water
brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God.
2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living
God. When shall I come and appear
before God?
3 My tears have been my food day and
night, While they continually say to me,
"Where is your God?"

4 When I remember these things, I pour
out my soul within me. For I used to go
with the multitude; I went with them to
the house of God, With the voice of joy
and praise, With a multitude that kept a
pilgrim feast.
5 Why are you cast down, O my soul?
And why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him
For the help of His countenance.
6 O my God, my soul is cast down within
me; Therefore I will remember You from
the land of the Jordan, And from the
heights of Hermon, From the Hill Mizar.
7 Deep calls unto deep at the noise
of Your waterfalls; All Your waves and
billows have gone over me.
8 The LORD will command His
lovingkindness in the daytime, And in
the night His song shall be with me—A
prayer to the God of my life.

9 I will say to God my Rock, "Why
have You forgotten me? Why do I go
mourning because of the oppression of
the enemy?"
10 As with a breaking of my bones, My
enemies reproach me, While they say to
me all day long, "Where is your God?"
11 Why are you cast down, O my soul?
And why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him,
The help of my countenance and my
God.

43 1 Vindicate me, O God, And plead
my cause against an ungodly
nation; Oh, deliver me from the deceitful
and unjust man!
2 For You are the God of my strength;
Why do You cast me off? Why do I go
mourning because of the oppression of
the enemy?

3 Oh, send out Your light and Your truth!
Let them lead me; Let them bring me to
Your holy hill And to Your tabernacle.
4 Then I will go to the altar of God, To
God my exceeding joy; And on the harp I
will praise You, O God, my God.
5 Why are you cast down, O my soul?
And why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him,
The help of my countenance and my
God.
44 1 “To the Chief Musician. A
Contemplation of the sons of
Korah.” We have heard with our ears, O
God, Our fathers have told us, The deeds
You did in their days, In days of old:
2 You drove out the nations with
Your hand, But them You planted; You
afflicted the peoples, and cast them out.
3 For they did not gain possession of the
land by their own sword, Nor did their
own arm save them; But it was Your

right hand, Your arm, and the light of
Your countenance, Because You favored
them.
4 You are my King, O God; Command
victories for Jacob.
5 Through You we will push down our
enemies; Through Your name we will
trample those who rise up against us.
6 For I will not trust in my bow, Nor shall
my sword save me.
7 But You have saved us from our
enemies, And have put to shame those
who hated us.
8 In God we boast all day long, And
praise Your name forever. Selah
9 But You have cast us off and put us to
shame, And You do not go out with our
armies.
10 You make us turn back from the
enemy, And those who hate us have
taken spoil for themselves.

11 You have given us up like sheep
intended for food, And have scattered us
among the nations.
12 You sell Your people for next to
nothing, And are not enriched by selling
them.
13 You make us a reproach to our
neighbors, A scorn and a derision to
those all around us.
14 You make us a byword among the
nations, A shaking of the head among
the peoples.
15 My dishonor is continually before
me, And the shame of my face has
covered me,
16 Because of the voice of him who
reproaches and reviles, Because of the
enemy and the avenger.
17 All this has come upon us; But we
have not forgotten You, Nor have we
dealt falsely with Your covenant.

18 Our heart has not turned back, Nor have our steps departed from Your way;
19 But You have severely broken us in the place of jackals, And covered us with the shadow of death.
20 If we had forgotten the name of our God, Or stretched out our hands to a foreign god,
21 Would not God search this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart.
22 Yet for Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
23 Awake! Why do You sleep, O Lord? Arise! Do not cast us off forever.
24 Why do You hide Your face, And forget our affliction and our oppression?
25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust; Our body clings to the ground.
26 Arise for our help, And redeem us for Your mercies' sake.

45 1 “To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Lillies." A Contemplation of the sons of Korah. A Song of Love.” My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the King; My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

2 You are fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Your lips; Therefore God has blessed You forever.

3 Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One, With Your glory and Your majesty.

4 And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness; And Your right hand shall teach You awesome things.

5 Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King’s enemies; The peoples fall under You.

[6] Your throne, O God, is forever and
ever; A scepter of righteousness is the
scepter of Your kingdom.
[7] You love righteousness and hate
wickedness; Therefore God, Your God,
has anointed You With the oil of gladness
more than Your companions.
[8] All Your garments are scented with
myrrh and aloes and cassia, Out of the
ivory palaces, by which they have made
You glad.
[9] Kings' daughters are among Your
honorable women; At Your right hand
stands the queen in gold from Ophir.
[10] Listen, O daughter, Consider and
incline your ear; Forget your own people
also, and your father's house;
[11] So the King will greatly desire your
beauty; Because He is your Lord, worship
Him.

12 And the daughter of Tyre will come
with a gift; The rich among the people
will seek your favor.
13 The royal daughter is all glorious
within the palace; Her clothing is woven
with gold.
14 She shall be brought to the King in
robes of many colors; The virgins, her
companions who follow her, shall be
brought to You.
15 With gladness and rejoicing they
shall be brought; They shall enter the
King's palace.
16 Instead of Your fathers shall be Your
sons, Whom You shall make princes in all
the earth.
17 I will make Your name to be
remembered in all generations;
Therefore the people shall praise You
forever and ever.

46 1 "To the Chief Musician. A Psalm
of the sons of Korah. A Song

for Alamoth." God is our refuge and
strength, A very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear, Even
though the earth be removed, And
though the mountains be carried into
the midst of the sea;
3 Though its waters roar and be
troubled, Though the mountains shake
with its swelling. Selah
4 There is a river whose streams shall
make glad the city of God, The holy place
of the tabernacle of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of her, she shall
not be moved; God shall help her, just at
the break of dawn.
6 The nations raged, the kingdoms were
moved; He uttered His voice, the earth
melted.
7 The LORD of hosts is with us; The God
of Jacob is our refuge. Selah
8 Come, behold the works of the LORD,
Who has made desolations in the earth.

9 He makes wars cease to the end of
the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts
the spear in two; He burns the chariot in
the fire.
10 Be still, and know that I am God; I will
be exalted among the nations, I will be
exalted in the earth!
11 The LORD of hosts is with us; The
God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah
47 1 "To the Chief Musician. A Psalm
of the sons of Korah." Oh, clap
your hands, all you peoples! Shout to
God with the voice of triumph!
2 For the LORD Most High is awesome;
He is a great King over all the earth.
3 He will subdue the peoples under us,
And the nations under our feet.
4 He will choose our inheritance for us,
The excellence of Jacob whom He loves.
Selah
5 God has gone up with a shout, The
LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing
praises to our King, sing praises!
7 For God is the King of all the earth;
Sing praises with understanding.
8 God reigns over the nations; God sits
on His holy throne.
9 The princes of the people have
gathered together, The people of the
God of Abraham. For the shields of
the earth belong to God; He is greatly
exalted.
48 1 "A Song. A Psalm of the sons of
Korah." Great is the LORD, and
greatly to be praised In the city of our
God, In His holy mountain.
2 Beautiful in elevation, The joy of the
whole earth, Is Mount Zion on the sides
of the north, The city of the great King.
3 God is in her palaces; He is known as
her refuge.
4 For behold, the kings assembled, They
passed by together.

5 They saw it, and so they marveled;
They were troubled, they hastened
away.
6 Fear took hold of them there, And
pain, as of a woman in birth pangs,
7 As when You break the ships of
Tarshish With an east wind.
8 As we have heard, So we have seen In
the city of the LORD of hosts, In the city
of our God: God will establish it forever.
Selah
9 We have thought, O God, on Your
lovingkindness, In the midst of Your
temple.
10 According to Your name, O God, So
is Your praise to the ends of the earth;
Your right hand is full of righteousness.
11 Let Mount Zion rejoice, Let the
daughters of Judah be glad, Because of
Your judgments.
12 Walk about Zion, And go all around
her. Count her towers;

13 Mark well her bulwarks; Consider
her palaces; That you may tell it to the
generation following.
14 For this is God, Our God forever and
ever; He will be our guide Even to death.
49 1 “To the Chief Musician. A Psalm
of the sons of Korah.” Hear this,
all peoples; Give ear, all inhabitants of
the world,
2 Both low and high, Rich and poor
together.
3 My mouth shall speak wisdom, And
the meditation of my heart shall give
understanding.
4 I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will
disclose my dark saying on the harp.
5 Why should I fear in the days of evil,
When the iniquity at my heels surrounds
me?
6 Those who trust in their wealth And
boast in the multitude of their riches,

7 None of them can by any means
redeem his brother, Nor give to God a
ransom for him—
8 For the redemption of their souls is
costly, And it shall cease forever—
9 That he should continue to live
eternally, And not see the Pit.
10 For he sees wise men die; Likewise
the fool and the senseless person perish,
And leave their wealth to others.
11 Their inner thought is that their
houses will last forever, Their dwelling
places to all generations; They call their
lands after their own names.
12 Nevertheless man, though in honor,
does not remain; He is like the beasts
that perish.
13 This is the way of those who are
foolish, And of their posterity who
approve their sayings. Selah
14 Like sheep they are laid in the grave;
Death shall feed on them; The upright

shall have dominion over them in the
morning; And their beauty shall be
consumed in the grave, far from their
dwelling.
15 But God will redeem my soul from
the power of the grave, For He shall
receive me. Selah
16 Do not be afraid when one becomes
rich, When the glory of his house is
increased;
17 For when he dies he shall carry
nothing away; His glory shall not
descend after him.
18 Though while he lives he blesses
himself (For men will praise you when
you do well for yourself),
19 He shall go to the generation of his
fathers; They shall never see light.
20 A man who is in honor, yet does not
understand, Is like the beasts that perish.

50 1 “A Psalm of Asaph.” The Mighty
One, God the LORD, Has spoken

and called the earth From the rising of
the sun to its going down.
2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God will shine forth.
3 Our God shall come, and shall not
keep silent; A fire shall devour before
Him, And it shall be very tempestuous all
around Him.
4 He shall call to the heavens from
above, And to the earth, that He may
judge His people:
5 "Gather My saints together to Me,
Those who have made a covenant with
Me by sacrifice."
6 Let the heavens declare His
righteousness, For God Himself is Judge.
Selah
7 "Hear, O My people, and I will speak,
O Israel, and I will testify against you; I
am God, your God!

8 I will not rebuke you for your sacrifices
Or your burnt offerings, Which are
continually before Me.
9 I will not take a bull from your house,
Nor goats out of your folds.
10 For every beast of the forest is Mine,
And the cattle on a thousand hills.
11 I know all the birds of the mountains,
And the wild beasts of the field are Mine.
12 "If I were hungry, I would not tell you;
For the world is Mine, and all its fullness.
13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, Or drink
the blood of goats?
14 Offer to God thanksgiving, And pay
your vows to the Most High.
15 Call upon Me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify
Me."
16 But to the wicked God says: "What
right have you to declare My statutes, Or
take My covenant in your mouth,

17 Seeing you hate instruction And cast
My words behind you?
18 When you saw a thief, you consented
with him, And have been a partaker with
adulterers.
19 You give your mouth to evil, And your
tongue frames deceit.
20 You sit and speak against your
brother; You slander your own mother’s
son.
21 These things you have done, and
I kept silent; You thought that I was
altogether like you; But I will rebuke you,
And set them in order before your eyes.
22 "Now consider this, you who forget
God, Lest I tear you in pieces, And there
be none to deliver:
23 Whoever offers praise glorifies Me;
And to him who orders his conduct
aright I will show the salvation of God."

51 1 “To the Chief Musician. A
Psalm of David when Nathan

the prophet went to him, after he
had gone in to Bathsheba.” Have
mercy upon me, O God, According to
Your lovingkindness; According to the
multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot
out my transgressions.
2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.
3 For I acknowledge my transgressions,
And my sin is always before me.
4 Against You, You only, have I sinned,
And done this evil in Your sight—That
You may be found just when You speak,
And blameless when You judge.
5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
And in sin my mother conceived me.
6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward
parts, And in the hidden part You will
make me to know wisdom.
7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be
clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter
than snow.

8 Make me hear joy and gladness, That
the bones You have broken may rejoice.
9 Hide Your face from my sins, And blot
out all my iniquities.
10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
11 Do not cast me away from Your
presence, And do not take Your Holy
Spirit from me.
12 Restore to me the joy of Your
salvation, And uphold me by Your
generous Spirit.
13 Then I will teach transgressors Your
ways, And sinners shall be converted to
You.
14 Deliver me from the guilt of
bloodshed, O God, The God of my
salvation, And my tongue shall sing
aloud of Your righteousness.
15 O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth
shall show forth Your praise.

16 For You do not desire sacrifice, or
else I would give it; You do not delight in
burnt offering.
17 The sacrifices of God are a broken
spirit, A broken and a contrite heart—
These, O God, You will not despise.
18 Do good in Your good pleasure to
Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem.
19 Then You shall be pleased with the
sacrifices of righteousness, With burnt
offering and whole burnt offering; Then
they shall offer bulls on Your altar.

52 1 “To the Chief Musician. A
Contemplation of David when
Doeg the Edomite went and told Saul,
and said to him, "David has gone to the
house of Ahimelech."” Why do you boast
in evil, O mighty man? The goodness of
God endures continually.
2 Your tongue devises destruction, Like
a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

3 You love evil more than good, Lying
rather than speaking righteousness.
Selah
4 You love all devouring words, You
deceitful tongue.
5 God shall likewise destroy you forever;
He shall take you away, and pluck you
out of your dwelling place, And uproot
you from the land of the living. Selah
6 The righteous also shall see and fear,
And shall laugh at him, saying,
7 "Here is the man who did not
make God his strength, But trusted
in the abundance of his riches, And
strengthened himself in his wickedness."
8 But I am like a green olive tree in the
house of God; I trust in the mercy of God
forever and ever.
9 I will praise You forever, Because You
have done it; And in the presence of
Your saints I will wait on Your name, for
it is good.

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[1] “To the Chief Musician. Set to
"Mahalath." A Contemplation of
David.” The fool has said in his heart,
"There is no God." They are corrupt, and
have done abominable iniquity; There is
none who does good.
[2] God looks down from heaven upon
the children of men, To see if there are
any who understand, who seek God.
[3] Every one of them has turned aside;
They have together become corrupt;
There is none who does good, No, not
one.
[4] Have the workers of iniquity no
knowledge, Who eat up my people as
they eat bread, And do not call upon
God?
[5] There they are in great fear Where
no fear was, For God has scattered the
bones of him who encamps against you;
You have put them to shame, Because
God has despised them.

6 Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When God brings back the captivity of His people, Let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

54 1 “To the Chief Musician. With stringed instruments. A Contemplation of David when the Ziphites went and said to Saul, "Is David not hiding with us?"” Save me, O God, by Your name, And vindicate me by Your strength.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; Give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For strangers have risen up against me, And oppressors have sought after my life; They have not set God before them. Selah

4 Behold, God is my helper; The Lord is with those who uphold my life.

5 He will repay my enemies for their evil. Cut them off in Your truth.

6 I will freely sacrifice to You; I will
praise Your name, O LORD, for it is good.
7 For He has delivered me out of all
trouble; And my eye has seen its desire
upon my enemies.
55 1 “To the Chief Musician.
With stringed instruments. A
Contemplation of David.” Give ear to my
prayer, O God, And do not hide Yourself
from my supplication.
2 Attend to me, and hear me; I am
restless in my complaint, and moan
noisily,
3 Because of the voice of the enemy,
Because of the oppression of the wicked;
For they bring down trouble upon me,
And in wrath they hate me.
4 My heart is severely pained within
me, And the terrors of death have fallen
upon me.

5 Fearfulness and trembling have come
upon me, And horror has overwhelmed
me.
6 So I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a
dove! I would fly away and be at rest.
7 Indeed, I would wander far off, And
remain in the wilderness. Selah
8 I would hasten my escape From the
windy storm and tempest."
9 Destroy, O Lord, and divide their
tongues, For I have seen violence and
strife in the city.
10 Day and night they go around it on its
walls; Iniquity and trouble are also in the
midst of it.
11 Destruction is in its midst; Oppression
and deceit do not depart from its streets.
12 For it is not an enemy who reproaches
me; Then I could bear it. Nor is it one
who hates me who has exalted himself
against me; Then I could hide from him.

13 But it was you, a man my equal, My
companion and my acquaintance.
14 We took sweet counsel together,
And walked to the house of God in the
throng.
15 Let death seize them; Let them go
down alive into hell, For wickedness is in
their dwellings and among them.
16 As for me, I will call upon God, And
the LORD shall save me.
17 Evening and morning and at noon
I will pray, and cry aloud, And He shall
hear my voice.
18 He has redeemed my soul in peace
from the battle that was against me, For
there were many against me.
19 God will hear, and afflict them,
Even He who abides from of old. Selah
Because they do not change, Therefore
they do not fear God.

20 He has put forth his hands against
those who were at peace with him; He
has broken his covenant.
21 The words of his mouth were
smoother than butter, But war was in his
heart; His words were softer than oil, Yet
they were drawn swords.
22 Cast your burden on the LORD, And
He shall sustain you; He shall never
permit the righteous to be moved.
23 But You, O God, shall bring them
down to the pit of destruction;
Bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not
live out half their days; But I will trust in
You.

56 1 “To the Chief Musician. Set
to "The Silent Dove in Distant
Lands." A Michtam of David when the
Philistines captured him in Gath.” Be
merciful to me, O God, for man would
swallow me up; Fighting all day he
oppresses me.

[2] My enemies would hound me all day,
For there are many who fight against
me, O Most High.
[3] Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in
You.
[4] In God (I will praise His word), In God
I have put my trust; I will not fear. What
can flesh do to me?
[5] All day they twist my words; All their
thoughts are against me for evil.
[6] They gather together, They hide, they
mark my steps, When they lie in wait for
my life.
[7] Shall they escape by iniquity? In anger
cast down the peoples, O God!
[8] You number my wanderings; Put my
tears into Your bottle; Are they not in
Your book?
[9] When I cry out to You, Then my
enemies will turn back; This I know,
because God is for me.

10 In God (I will praise His word), In the
LORD (I will praise His word),
11 In God I have put my trust; I will not
be afraid. What can man do to me?
12 Vows made to You are binding upon
me, O God; I will render praises to You,
13 For You have delivered my soul from
death. Have You not kept my feet from
falling, That I may walk before God In
the light of the living?
57 1 “To the Chief Musician. Set to
"Do Not Destroy." A Michtam of
David when he fled from Saul into the
cave.” Be merciful to me, O God, be
merciful to me! For my soul trusts in You;
And in the shadow of Your wings I will
make my refuge, Until these calamities
have passed by.
2 I will cry out to God Most High, To God
who performs all things for me.
3 He shall send from heaven and save
me; He reproaches the one who would

swallow me up. Selah God shall send
forth His mercy and His truth.
4 My soul is among lions; I lie among
the sons of men Who are set on fire,
Whose teeth are spears and arrows, And
their tongue a sharp sword.
5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
Let Your glory be above all the earth.
6 They have prepared a net for my
steps; My soul is bowed down; They
have dug a pit before me; Into the midst
of it they themselves have fallen. Selah
7 My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart
is steadfast; I will sing and give praise.
8 Awake, my glory! Awake, lute and
harp! I will awaken the dawn.
9 I will praise You, O Lord, among the
peoples; I will sing to You among the
nations.
10 For Your mercy reaches unto the
heavens, And Your truth unto the clouds.

11 Be exalted, O God, above the
heavens; Let Your glory be above all the
earth.

58 1 “To the Chief Musician. Set to
"Do Not Destroy." A Michtam
of David.” Do you indeed speak
righteousness, you silent ones? Do you
judge uprightly, you sons of men?
2 No, in heart you work wickedness; You
weigh out the violence of your hands in
the earth.
3 The wicked are estranged from the
womb; They go astray as soon as they
are born, speaking lies.
4 Their poison is like the poison of a
serpent; They are like the deaf cobra
that stops its ear,
5 Which will not heed the voice of
charmers, Charming ever so skillfully.
6 Break their teeth in their mouth, O
God! Break out the fangs of the young
lions, O LORD!

7 Let them flow away as waters which
run continually; When he bends his bow,
Let his arrows be as if cut in pieces.
8 Let them be like a snail which melts
away as it goes, Like a stillborn child of a
woman, that they may not see the sun.
9 Before your pots can feel the burning
thorns, He shall take them away as with
a whirlwind, As in His living and burning
wrath.
10 The righteous shall rejoice when he
sees the vengeance; He shall wash his
feet in the blood of the wicked,
11 So that men will say, "Surely there is
a reward for the righteous; Surely He is
God who judges in the earth."
59 1 “To the Chief Musician. Set to
"Do Not Destroy." A Michtam of
David when Saul sent men, and they
watched the house in order to kill him.”
Deliver me from my enemies, O my

God; Defend me from those who rise up
against me.
2 Deliver me from the workers of
iniquity, And save me from bloodthirsty
men.
3 For look, they lie in wait for my life;
The mighty gather against me, Not for
my transgression nor for my sin, O LORD.
4 They run and prepare themselves
through no fault of mine. Awake to help
me, and behold!
5 You therefore, O LORD God of hosts,
the God of Israel, Awake to punish all
the nations; Do not be merciful to any
wicked transgressors. Selah
6 At evening they return, They growl
like a dog, And go all around the city.
7 Indeed, they belch with their mouth;
Swords are in their lips; For they say,
"Who hears?"
8 But You, O LORD, shall laugh at them;
You shall have all the nations in derision.

9 I will wait for You, O You his Strength;
For God is my defense;
10 My God of mercy shall come to meet
me; God shall let me see my desire on
my enemies.
11 Do not slay them, lest my people
forget; Scatter them by Your power, And
bring them down, O Lord our shield.
12 For the sin of their mouth and the
words of their lips, Let them even be
taken in their pride, And for the cursing
and lying which they speak.
13 Consume them in wrath, consume
them, That they may not be; And let
them know that God rules in Jacob To
the ends of the earth. Selah
14 And at evening they return, They
growl like a dog, And go all around the
city.
15 They wander up and down for food,
And howl if they are not satisfied.

16 But I will sing of Your power; Yes,
I will sing aloud of Your mercy in the
morning; For You have been my defense
And refuge in the day of my trouble.
17 To You, O my Strength, I will sing
praises; For God is my defense, My God
of mercy.

60 1 "To the Chief Musician. Set
to "Lily of the Testimony." A
Michtam of David. For teaching. When
he fought against Mesopotamia and
Syria of Zobah, and Joab returned and
killed twelve thousand Edomites in the
Valley of Salt." O God, You have cast us
off; You have broken us down; You have
been displeased; Oh, restore us again!
2 You have made the earth tremble; You
have broken it; Heal its breaches, for it is
shaking.
3 You have shown Your people hard
things; You have made us drink the wine
of confusion.

4 You have given a banner to those
who fear You, That it may be displayed
because of the truth. Selah
5 That Your beloved may be delivered,
Save with Your right hand, and hear me.
6 God has spoken in His holiness: "I
will rejoice; I will divide Shechem And
measure out the Valley of Succoth.
7 Gilead is Mine, and Manasseh is Mine;
Ephraim also is the helmet for My head;
Judah is My lawgiver.
8 Moab is My washpot; Over Edom I will
cast My shoe; Philistia, shout in triumph
because of Me."
9 Who will bring me to the strong city?
Who will lead me to Edom?
10 Is it not You, O God, who cast us off?
And You, O God, who did not go out with
our armies?
11 Give us help from trouble, For the
help of man is useless.

12 Through God we will do valiantly,
For it is He who shall tread down our
enemies.

61 1 "To the Chief Musician. On a
stringed instrument. A Psalm of
David." Hear my cry, O God; Attend to
my prayer.
2 From the end of the earth I will cry to
You, When my heart is overwhelmed;
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
3 For You have been a shelter for me, A
strong tower from the enemy.
4 I will abide in Your tabernacle forever;
I will trust in the shelter of Your wings.
Selah
5 For You, O God, have heard my vows;
You have given me the heritage of those
who fear Your name.
6 You will prolong the king's life, His
years as many generations.

7 He shall abide before God forever. Oh, prepare mercy and truth, which may preserve him!
8 So I will sing praise to Your name forever, That I may daily perform my vows.

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1 “To the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.” Truly my soul silently waits for God; From Him comes my salvation.
2 He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.
3 How long will you attack a man? You shall be slain, all of you, Like a leaning wall and a tottering fence.
4 They only consult to cast him down from his high position; They delight in lies; They bless with their mouth, But they curse inwardly. Selah
5 My soul, wait silently for God alone, For my expectation is from Him.

6 He only is my rock and my salvation;
He is my defense; I shall not be moved.
7 In God is my salvation and my glory;
The rock of my strength, And my refuge,
is in God.
8 Trust in Him at all times, you people;
Pour out your heart before Him; God is a
refuge for us. Selah
9 Surely men of low degree are a vapor,
Men of high degree are a lie; If they
are weighed on the scales, They are
altogether lighter than vapor.
10 Do not trust in oppression, Nor vainly
hope in robbery; If riches increase, Do
not set your heart on them.
11 God has spoken once, Twice I have
heard this: That power belongs to God.
12 Also to You, O Lord, belongs mercy;
For You render to each one according to
his work.

63 1 "A Psalm of David when he was
in the wilderness of Judah." O

God, You are my God; Early will I seek
You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh
longs for You In a dry and thirsty land
Where there is no water.
2 So I have looked for You in the
sanctuary, To see Your power and Your
glory.
3 Because Your lovingkindness is better
than life, My lips shall praise You.
4 Thus I will bless You while I live; I will
lift up my hands in Your name.
5 My soul shall be satisfied as with
marrow and fatness, And my mouth
shall praise You with joyful lips.
6 When I remember You on my bed, I
meditate on You in the night watches.
7 Because You have been my help,
Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I
will rejoice.
8 My soul follows close behind You;
Your right hand upholds me.

9 But those who seek my life, to destroy
it, Shall go into the lower parts of the
earth.
10 They shall fall by the sword; They
shall be a portion for jackals.
11 But the king shall rejoice in God;
Everyone who swears by Him shall glory;
But the mouth of those who speak lies
shall be stopped.

64 1 “To the Chief Musician. A Psalm
of David.” Hear my voice, O God,
in my meditation; Preserve my life from
fear of the enemy.
2 Hide me from the secret plots of
the wicked, From the rebellion of the
workers of iniquity,
3 Who sharpen their tongue like a
sword, And bend their bows to shoot
their arrows—bitter words,
4 That they may shoot in secret at the
blameless; Suddenly they shoot at him
and do not fear.

5 They encourage themselves in an
evil matter; They talk of laying snares
secretly; They say, "Who will see them?"
6 They devise iniquities: "We have
perfected a shrewd scheme." Both the
inward thought and the heart of man
are deep.
7 But God shall shoot at them with an
arrow; Suddenly they shall be wounded.
8 So He will make them stumble over
their own tongue; All who see them shall
flee away.
9 All men shall fear, And shall declare
the work of God; For they shall wisely
consider His doing.
10 The righteous shall be glad in the
LORD, and trust in Him. And all the
upright in heart shall glory.

65 1 “To the Chief Musician. A Psalm
of David. A Song.” Praise is
awaiting You, O God, in Zion; And to You
the vow shall be performed.

2 O You who hear prayer, To You all flesh
will come.
3 Iniquities prevail against me; As for
our transgressions, You will provide
atonement for them.
4 Blessed is the man You choose, And
cause to approach You, That he may
dwell in Your courts. We shall be satisfied
with the goodness of Your house, Of
Your holy temple.
5 By awesome deeds in righteousness
You will answer us, O God of our
salvation, You who are the confidence
of all the ends of the earth, And of the
far–off seas;
6 Who established the mountains by His
strength, Being clothed with power;
7 You who still the noise of the seas,
The noise of their waves, And the tumult
of the peoples.
8 They also who dwell in the farthest
parts are afraid of Your signs; You make

the outgoings of the morning and
evening rejoice.
9 You visit the earth and water it, You
greatly enrich it; The river of God is full
of water; You provide their grain, For so
You have prepared it.
10 You water its ridges abundantly, You
settle its furrows; You make it soft with
showers, You bless its growth.
11 You crown the year with Your
goodness, And Your paths drip with
abundance.
12 They drop on the pastures of the
wilderness, And the little hills rejoice on
every side.
13 The pastures are clothed with flocks;
The valleys also are covered with grain;
They shout for joy, they also sing.

66 1 “To the Chief Musician. A Song.
A Psalm.” Make a joyful shout to
God, all the earth!

2 Sing out the honor of His name; Make
His praise glorious.
3 Say to God, "How awesome are
Your works! Through the greatness of
Your power Your enemies shall submit
themselves to You.
4 All the earth shall worship You And
sing praises to You; They shall sing
praises to Your name." Selah
5 Come and see the works of God; He is
awesome in His doing toward the sons
of men.
6 He turned the sea into dry land; They
went through the river on foot. There
we will rejoice in Him.
7 He rules by His power forever; His
eyes observe the nations; Do not let the
rebellious exalt themselves. Selah
8 Oh, bless our God, you peoples! And
make the voice of His praise to be heard,

9 Who keeps our soul among the living,
And does not allow our feet to be
moved.
10 For You, O God, have tested us; You
have refined us as silver is refined.
11 You brought us into the net; You laid
affliction on our backs.
12 You have caused men to ride over
our heads; We went through fire and
through water; But You brought us out
to rich fulfillment.
13 I will go into Your house with burnt
offerings; I will pay You my vows,
14 Which my lips have uttered And my
mouth has spoken when I was in trouble.
15 I will offer You burnt sacrifices of fat
animals, With the sweet aroma of rams;
I will offer bulls with goats. Selah
16 Come and hear, all you who fear God,
And I will declare what He has done for
my soul.

17 I cried to Him with my mouth, And
He was extolled with my tongue.
18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, The
Lord will not hear.
19 But certainly God has heard me; He
has attended to the voice of my prayer.
20 Blessed be God, Who has not turned
away my prayer, Nor His mercy from me!

67 1 "To the Chief Musician. On
stringed instruments. A Psalm. A
Song." God be merciful to us and bless
us, And cause His face to shine upon us.
Selah
2 That Your way may be known on
earth, Your salvation among all nations.
3 Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let
all the peoples praise You.
4 Oh, let the nations be glad and sing
for joy! For You shall judge the people
righteously, And govern the nations on
earth. Selah

5 Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let
all the peoples praise You.
6 Then the earth shall yield her increase;
God, our own God, shall bless us.
7 God shall bless us, And all the ends of
the earth shall fear Him.

68 1 “To the Chief Musician. A Psalm
of David. A Song.” Let God arise,
Let His enemies be scattered; Let those
also who hate Him flee before Him.
2 As smoke is driven away, So drive
them away; As wax melts before the fire,
So let the wicked perish at the presence
of God.
3 But let the righteous be glad; Let them
rejoice before God; Yes, let them rejoice
exceedingly.
4 Sing to God, sing praises to His name;
Extol Him who rides on the clouds, By
His name YAH, And rejoice before Him.
5 A father of the fatherless, a defender
of widows, Is God in His holy habitation.

6 God sets the solitary in families; He
brings out those who are bound into
prosperity; But the rebellious dwell in a
dry land.
7 O God, when You went out before Your
people, When You marched through the
wilderness, Selah
8 The earth shook; The heavens also
dropped rain at the presence of God;
Sinai itself was moved at the presence of
God, the God of Israel.
9 You, O God, sent a plentiful
rain, Whereby You confirmed Your
inheritance, When it was weary.
10 Your congregation dwelt in it; You, O
God, provided from Your goodness for
the poor.
11 The Lord gave the word; Great was
the company of those who proclaimed
it:

12 "Kings of armies flee, they flee, And
she who remains at home divides the
spoil.
13 Though you lie down among the
sheepfolds, You will be like the wings
of a dove covered with silver, And her
feathers with yellow gold."
14 When the Almighty scattered kings in
it, It was white as snow in Zalmon.
15 A mountain of God is the mountain
of Bashan; A mountain of many peaks is
the mountain of Bashan.
16 Why do you fume with envy, you
mountains of many peaks? This is the
mountain which God desires to dwell in;
Yes, the LORD will dwell in it forever.
17 The chariots of God are twenty
thousand, Even thousands of thousands;
The Lord is among them as in Sinai, in
the Holy Place.
18 You have ascended on high, You
have led captivity captive; You have

received gifts among men, Even from
the rebellious, That the LORD God might
dwell there.
19 Blessed be the Lord, Who daily
loads us with benefits, The God of our
salvation! Selah
20 Our God is the God of salvation; And
to GOD the Lord belong escapes from
death.
21 But God will wound the head of His
enemies, The hairy scalp of the one who
still goes on in His trespasses.
22 The Lord said, "I will bring back from
Bashan, I will bring them back from the
depths of the sea,
23 That your foot may crush them in
blood, And the tongues of your dogs may
have their portion from your enemies."
24 They have seen Your procession, O
God, The procession of my God, my King,
into the sanctuary.

25 The singers went before, the players
on instruments followed after; Among
them were the maidens playing timbrels.
26 Bless God in the congregations, The
Lord, from the fountain of Israel.
27 There is little Benjamin, their leader,
The princes of Judah and their company,
The princes of Zebulun and the princes
of Naphtali.
28 Your God has commanded your
strength; Strengthen, O God, what You
have done for us.
29 Because of Your temple at Jerusalem,
Kings will bring presents to You.
30 Rebuke the beasts of the reeds, The
herd of bulls with the calves of the
peoples, Till everyone submits himself
with pieces of silver. Scatter the peoples
who delight in war.
31 Envoys will come out of Egypt;
Ethiopia will quickly stretch out her
hands to God.

32 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the
earth; Oh, sing praises to the Lord, Selah
33 To Him who rides on the heaven of
heavens, which were of old! Indeed, He
sends out His voice, a mighty voice.
34 Ascribe strength to God; His
excellence is over Israel, And His
strength is in the clouds.
35 O God, You are more awesome than
Your holy places. The God of Israel is He
who gives strength and power to His
people. Blessed be God!

69 1 "To the Chief Musician. Set to
"The Lilies." A Psalm of David."
Save me, O God! For the waters have
come up to my neck.
2 I sink in deep mire, Where there is no
standing; I have come into deep waters,
Where the floods overflow me.
3 I am weary with my crying; My throat
is dry; My eyes fail while I wait for my
God.

4 Those who hate me without a cause
Are more than the hairs of my head;
They are mighty who would destroy me,
Being my enemies wrongfully; Though I
have stolen nothing, I still must restore
it.
5 O God, You know my foolishness; And
my sins are not hidden from You.
6 Let not those who wait for You, O
Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed because
of me; Let not those who seek You be
confounded because of me, O God of
Israel.
7 Because for Your sake I have borne
reproach; Shame has covered my face.
8 I have become a stranger to my
brothers, And an alien to my mother's
children;
9 Because zeal for Your house has eaten
me up, And the reproaches of those who
reproach You have fallen on me.

10 When I wept and chastened my soul
with fasting, That became my reproach.
11 I also made sackcloth my garment; I
became a byword to them.
12 Those who sit in the gate speak
against me, And I am the song of the
drunkards.
13 But as for me, my prayer is to You, O
LORD, in the acceptable time; O God, in
the multitude of Your mercy, Hear me in
the truth of Your salvation.
14 Deliver me out of the mire, And let
me not sink; Let me be delivered from
those who hate me, And out of the deep
waters.
15 Let not the floodwater overflow me,
Nor let the deep swallow me up; And let
not the pit shut its mouth on me.
16 Hear me, O LORD, for Your
lovingkindness is good; Turn to me
according to the multitude of Your
tender mercies.

17 And do not hide Your face from Your
servant, For I am in trouble; Hear me
speedily.
18 Draw near to my soul, and redeem it;
Deliver me because of my enemies.
19 You know my reproach, my shame,
and my dishonor; My adversaries are all
before You.
20 Reproach has broken my heart,
And I am full of heaviness; I looked for
someone to take pity, but there was
none; And for comforters, but I found
none.
21 They also gave me gall for my food,
And for my thirst they gave me vinegar
to drink.
22 Let their table become a snare before
them, And their well–being a trap.
23 Let their eyes be darkened, so that
they do not see; And make their loins
shake continually.

24 Pour out Your indignation upon
them, And let Your wrathful anger take
hold of them.
25 Let their dwelling place be desolate;
Let no one live in their tents.
26 For they persecute the ones You have
struck, And talk of the grief of those You
have wounded.
27 Add iniquity to their iniquity, And let
them not come into Your righteousness.
28 Let them be blotted out of the book
of the living, And not be written with the
righteous.
29 But I am poor and sorrowful; Let Your
salvation, O God, set me up on high.
30 I will praise the name of God with
a song, And will magnify Him with
thanksgiving.
31 This also shall please the LORD better
than an ox or bull, Which has horns and
hooves.

32 The humble shall see this and be
glad; And you who seek God, your hearts
shall live.
33 For the LORD hears the poor, And
does not despise His prisoners.
34 Let heaven and earth praise Him, The
seas and everything that moves in them.
35 For God will save Zion And build the
cities of Judah, That they may dwell
there and possess it.
36 Also, the descendants of His servants
shall inherit it, And those who love His
name shall dwell in it.

70 1 "To the Chief Musician. A
Psalm of David. To bring to
remembrance." Make haste, O God, to
deliver me! Make haste to help me, O
LORD!
2 Let them be ashamed and confounded
Who seek my life; Let them be turned
back and confused Who desire my hurt.

3 Let them be turned back because of
their shame, Who say, "Aha, aha!"
4 Let all those who seek You rejoice and
be glad in You; And let those who love
Your salvation say continually, "Let God
be magnified!"
5 But I am poor and needy; Make haste
to me, O God! You are my help and my
deliverer; O LORD, do not delay.
71 1 In You, O LORD, I put my trust;
Let me never be put to shame.
2 Deliver me in Your righteousness, and
cause me to escape; Incline Your ear to
me, and save me.
3 Be my strong refuge, To which I may
resort continually; You have given the
commandment to save me, For You are
my rock and my fortress.
4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand
of the wicked, Out of the hand of the
unrighteous and cruel man.

5 For You are my hope, O Lord GOD; You
are my trust from my youth.
6 By You I have been upheld from
birth; You are He who took me out of
my mother’s womb. My praise shall be
continually of You.
7 I have become as a wonder to many,
But You are my strong refuge.
8 Let my mouth be filled with Your
praise And with Your glory all the day.
9 Do not cast me off in the time of
old age; Do not forsake me when my
strength fails.
10 For my enemies speak against me;
And those who lie in wait for my life take
counsel together,
11 Saying, "God has forsaken him;
Pursue and take him, for there is none to
deliver him."
12 O God, do not be far from me; O my
God, make haste to help me!

[13] Let them be confounded and
consumed Who are adversaries of my
life; Let them be covered with reproach
and dishonor Who seek my hurt.
[14] But I will hope continually, And will
praise You yet more and more.
[15] My mouth shall tell of Your
righteousness And Your salvation all the
day, For I do not know their limits.
[16] I will go in the strength of the Lord
GOD; I will make mention of Your
righteousness, of Yours only.
[17] O God, You have taught me from my
youth; And to this day I declare Your
wondrous works.
[18] Now also when I am old and
grayheaded, O God, do not forsake me,
Until I declare Your strength to this
generation, Your power to everyone who
is to come.

19 Also Your righteousness, O God, is
very high, You who have done great
things; O God, who is like You?
20 You, who have shown me great and
severe troubles, Shall revive me again,
And bring me up again from the depths
of the earth.
21 You shall increase my greatness, And
comfort me on every side.
22 Also with the lute I will praise
you—And Your faithfulness, O my God!
To You I will sing with the harp, O Holy
One of Israel.
23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I
sing to You, And my soul, which You have
redeemed.
24 My tongue also shall talk of Your
righteousness all the day long; For they
are confounded, For they are brought to
shame Who seek my hurt.

72 1 “A Psalm of Solomon.” Give the
king Your judgments, O God, And
Your righteousness to the king’s Son.
2 He will judge Your people with
righteousness, And Your poor with
justice.
3 The mountains will bring peace
to the people, And the little hills, by
righteousness.
4 He will bring justice to the poor of
the people; He will save the children of
the needy, And will break in pieces the
oppressor.
5 They shall fear You As long as the
sun and moon endure, Throughout all
generations.
6 He shall come down like rain upon the
grass before mowing, Like showers that
water the earth.
7 In His days the righteous shall flourish,
And abundance of peace, Until the moon
is no more.

8 He shall have dominion also from sea
to sea, And from the River to the ends of
the earth.
9 Those who dwell in the wilderness will
bow before Him, And His enemies will
lick the dust.
10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles
Will bring presents; The kings of Sheba
and Seba Will offer gifts.
11 Yes, all kings shall fall down before
Him; All nations shall serve Him.
12 For He will deliver the needy when
he cries, The poor also, and him who has
no helper.
13 He will spare the poor and needy,
And will save the souls of the needy.
14 He will redeem their life from
oppression and violence; And precious
shall be their blood in His sight.
15 And He shall live; And the gold of
Sheba will be given to Him; Prayer also

will be made for Him continually, And
daily He shall be praised.
16 There will be an abundance of
grain in the earth, On the top of the
mountains; Its fruit shall wave like
Lebanon; And those of the city shall
flourish like grass of the earth.
17 His name shall endure forever; His
name shall continue as long as the sun.
And men shall be blessed in Him; All
nations shall call Him blessed.
18 Blessed be the LORD God, the God of
Israel, Who only does wondrous things!
19 And blessed be His glorious name
forever! And let the whole earth be filled
with His glory. Amen and Amen.
20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse
are ended.

73 1 “A Psalm of Asaph.” Truly God is
good to Israel, To such as are pure
in heart.

2 But as for me, my feet had almost
stumbled; My steps had nearly slipped.
3 For I was envious of the boastful,
When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
4 For there are no pangs in their death,
But their strength is firm.
5 They are not in trouble as other men,
Nor are they plagued like other men.
6 Therefore pride serves as their
necklace; Violence covers them like a
garment.
7 Their eyes bulge with abundance;
They have more than heart could wish.
8 They scoff and speak wickedly
concerning oppression; They speak
loftily.
9 They set their mouth against the
heavens, And their tongue walks through
the earth.
10 Therefore his people return here,
And waters of a full cup are drained by
them.

11 And they say, "How does God know?
And is there knowledge in the Most
High?"
12 Behold, these are the ungodly, Who
are always at ease; They increase in
riches.
13 Surely I have cleansed my heart
in vain, And washed my hands in
innocence.
14 For all day long I have been plagued,
And chastened every morning.
15 If I had said, "I will speak thus,"
Behold, I would have been untrue to the
generation of Your children.
16 When I thought how to understand
this, It was too painful for me—
17 Until I went into the sanctuary of
God; Then I understood their end.
18 Surely You set them in slippery places;
You cast them down to destruction.

19 Oh, how they are brought to
desolation, as in a moment! They are
utterly consumed with terrors.
20 As a dream when one awakes, So,
Lord, when You awake, You shall despise
their image.
21 Thus my heart was grieved, And I was
vexed in my mind.
22 I was so foolish and ignorant; I was
like a beast before You.
23 Nevertheless I am continually with
You; You hold me by my right hand.
24 You will guide me with Your counsel,
And afterward receive me to glory.
25 Whom have I in heaven but You? And
there is none upon earth that I desire
besides You.
26 My flesh and my heart fail; But God is
the strength of my heart and my portion
forever.

27 For indeed, those who are far from
You shall perish; You have destroyed all
those who desert You for harlotry.
28 But it is good for me to draw near
to God; I have put my trust in the Lord
GOD, That I may declare all Your works.

74 1 "A Contemplation of Asaph."
O God, why have You cast us off
forever? Why does Your anger smoke
against the sheep of Your pasture?
2 Remember Your congregation, which
You have purchased of old, The tribe
of Your inheritance, which You have
redeemed—This Mount Zion where You
have dwelt.
3 Lift up Your feet to the perpetual
desolations. The enemy has damaged
everything in the sanctuary.
4 Your enemies roar in the midst of Your
meeting place; They set up their banners
for signs.

5 They seem like men who lift up Axes
among the thick trees.
6 And now they break down its carved
work, all at once, With axes and
hammers.
7 They have set fire to Your sanctuary;
They have defiled the dwelling place of
Your name to the ground.
8 They said in their hearts, "Let us
destroy them altogether." They have
burned up all the meeting places of God
in the land.
9 We do not see our signs; There is no
longer any prophet; Nor is there any
among us who knows how long.
10 O God, how long will the adversary
reproach? Will the enemy blaspheme
Your name forever?
11 Why do You withdraw Your hand,
even Your right hand? Take it out of Your
bosom and destroy them.

12 For God is my King from of old,
Working salvation in the midst of the
earth.
13 You divided the sea by Your strength;
You broke the heads of the sea serpents
in the waters.
14 You broke the heads of Leviathan
in pieces, And gave him as food to the
people inhabiting the wilderness.
15 You broke open the fountain and the
flood; You dried up mighty rivers.
16 The day is Yours, the night also is
Yours; You have prepared the light and
the sun.
17 You have set all the borders of the
earth; You have made summer and
winter.
18 Remember this, that the enemy has
reproached, O LORD, And that a foolish
people has blasphemed Your name.

19 Oh, do not deliver the life of Your
turtledove to the wild beast! Do not
forget the life of Your poor forever.
20 Have respect to the covenant; For
the dark places of the earth are full of
the haunts of cruelty.
21 Oh, do not let the oppressed return
ashamed! Let the poor and needy praise
Your name.
22 Arise, O God, plead Your own
cause; Remember how the foolish man
reproaches You daily.
23 Do not forget the voice of Your
enemies; The tumult of those who rise
up against You increases continually.
75 1 “To the Chief Musician. Set to
"Do Not Destroy." A Psalm of
Asaph. A Song.” We give thanks to You, O
God, we give thanks! For Your wondrous
works declare that Your name is near.
2 "When I choose the proper time, I will
judge uprightly.

3 The earth and all its inhabitants are
dissolved; I set up its pillars firmly. Selah
4 ‘I said to the boastful, ‘Do not deal
boastfully,’ And to the wicked, ‘Do not
lift up the horn.
5 Do not lift up your horn on high; Do
not speak with a stiff neck.’"
6 For exaltation comes neither from the
east Nor from the west nor from the
south.
7 But God is the Judge: He puts down
one, And exalts another.
8 For in the hand of the LORD there is a
cup, And the wine is red; It is fully mixed,
and He pours it out; Surely its dregs shall
all the wicked of the earth Drain and
drink down.
9 But I will declare forever, I will sing
praises to the God of Jacob.
10 ‘All the horns of the wicked I will also
cut off, But the horns of the righteous
shall be exalted."

76 [1] “To the Chief Musician. On stringed instruments. A Psalm of Asaph. A Song.” In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.
[2] In Salem also is His tabernacle, And His dwelling place in Zion.
[3] There He broke the arrows of the bow, The shield and sword of battle. Selah
[4] You are more glorious and excellent Than the mountains of prey.
[5] The stouthearted were plundered; They have sunk into their sleep; And none of the mighty men have found the use of their hands.
[6] At Your rebuke, O God of Jacob, Both the chariot and horse were cast into a dead sleep.
[7] You, Yourself, are to be feared; And who may stand in Your presence When once You are angry?

8 You caused judgment to be heard
from heaven; The earth feared and was
still,
9 When God arose to judgment, To
deliver all the oppressed of the earth.
Selah
10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise
You; With the remainder of wrath You
shall gird Yourself.
11 Make vows to the LORD your God,
and pay them; Let all who are around
Him bring presents to Him who ought to
be feared.
12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes;
He is awesome to the kings of the earth.

77 1 “To the Chief Musician. To
Jeduthun. A Psalm of Asaph.” I
cried out to God with my voice—To God
with my voice; And He gave ear to me.
2 In the day of my trouble I sought the
Lord; My hand was stretched out in the

night without ceasing; My soul refused
to be comforted.
3 I remembered God, and was troubled;
I complained, and my spirit was
overwhelmed. Selah
4 You hold my eyelids open; I am so
troubled that I cannot speak.
5 I have considered the days of old, The
years of ancient times.
6 I call to remembrance my song in the
night; I meditate within my heart, And
my spirit makes diligent search.
7 Will the Lord cast off forever? And will
He be favorable no more?
8 Has His mercy ceased forever? Has His
promise failed forevermore?
9 Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has
He in anger shut up His tender mercies?
Selah
10 And I said, "This is my anguish; But
I will remember the years of the right
hand of the Most High."

11 I will remember the works of the
LORD; Surely I will remember Your
wonders of old.
12 I will also meditate on all Your work,
And talk of Your deeds.
13 Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary;
Who is so great a God as our God?
14 You are the God who does wonders;
You have declared Your strength among
the peoples.
15 You have with Your arm redeemed
Your people, The sons of Jacob and
Joseph. Selah
16 The waters saw You, O God; The
waters saw You, they were afraid; The
depths also trembled.
17 The clouds poured out water; The
skies sent out a sound; Your arrows also
flashed about.
18 The voice of Your thunder was in
the whirlwind; The lightnings lit up the
world; The earth trembled and shook.

19 Your way was in the sea, Your path
in the great waters, And Your footsteps
were not known.
20 You led Your people like a flock By
the hand of Moses and Aaron.
78 1 "A Contemplation of Asaph."
Give ear, O my people, to my law;
Incline your ears to the words of my
mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I
will utter dark sayings of old,
3 Which we have heard and known, And
our fathers have told us.
4 We will not hide them from their
children, Telling to the generation to
come the praises of the LORD, And His
strength and His wonderful works that
He has done.
5 For He established a testimony in
Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel,
Which He commanded our fathers, That

they should make them known to their
children;
6 That the generation to come might
know them, The children who would be
born, That they may arise and declare
them to their children,
7 That they may set their hope in God,
And not forget the works of God, But
keep His commandments;
8 And may not be like their fathers, A
stubborn and rebellious generation, A
generation that did not set its heart
aright, And whose spirit was not faithful
to God.
9 The children of Ephraim, being armed
and carrying bows, Turned back in the
day of battle.
10 They did not keep the covenant of
God; They refused to walk in His law,
11 And forgot His works And His
wonders that He had shown them.

[12] Marvelous things He did in the sight
of their fathers, In the land of Egypt, in
the field of Zoan.
[13] He divided the sea and caused them
to pass through; And He made the
waters stand up like a heap.
[14] In the daytime also He led them with
the cloud, And all the night with a light
of fire.
[15] He split the rocks in the wilderness,
And gave them drink in abundance like
the depths.
[16] He also brought streams out of the
rock, And caused waters to run down
like rivers.
[17] But they sinned even more against
Him By rebelling against the Most High
in the wilderness.
[18] And they tested God in their heart By
asking for the food of their fancy.

19 Yes, they spoke against God: They
said, "Can God prepare a table in the
wilderness?
20 Behold, He struck the rock, So that
the waters gushed out, And the streams
overflowed. Can He give bread also? Can
He provide meat for His people?"
21 Therefore the LORD heard this and
was furious; So a fire was kindled against
Jacob, And anger also came up against
Israel,
22 Because they did not believe in God,
And did not trust in His salvation.
23 Yet He had commanded the clouds
above, And opened the doors of heaven,
24 Had rained down manna on them
to eat, And given them of the bread of
heaven.
25 Men ate angels’ food; He sent them
food to the full.

26 He caused an east wind to blow
in the heavens; And by His power He
brought in the south wind.
27 He also rained meat on them like the
dust, Feathered fowl like the sand of the
seas;
28 And He let them fall in the midst of
their camp, All around their dwellings.
29 So they ate and were well filled, For
He gave them their own desire.
30 They were not deprived of their
craving; But while their food was still in
their mouths,
31 The wrath of God came against them,
And slew the stoutest of them, And
struck down the choice men of Israel.
32 In spite of this they still sinned, And
did not believe in His wondrous works.
33 Therefore their days He consumed in
futility, And their years in fear.

34 When He slew them, then they
sought Him; And they returned and
sought earnestly for God.
35 Then they remembered that God was
their rock, And the Most High God their
Redeemer.
36 Nevertheless they flattered Him with
their mouth, And they lied to Him with
their tongue;
37 For their heart was not steadfast
with Him, Nor were they faithful in His
covenant.
38 But He, being full of compassion,
forgave their iniquity, And did not
destroy them. Yes, many a time He
turned His anger away, And did not stir
up all His wrath;
39 For He remembered that they were
but flesh, A breath that passes away and
does not come again.

40 How often they provoked Him in
the wilderness, And grieved Him in the
desert!
41 Yes, again and again they tempted
God, And limited the Holy One of Israel.
42 They did not remember His power:
The day when He redeemed them from
the enemy,
43 When He worked His signs in Egypt,
And His wonders in the field of Zoan;
44 Turned their rivers into blood, And
their streams, that they could not drink.
45 He sent swarms of flies among them,
which devoured them, And frogs, which
destroyed them.
46 He also gave their crops to the
caterpillar, And their labor to the locust.
47 He destroyed their vines with hail,
And their sycamore trees with frost.
48 He also gave up their cattle to the
hail, And their flocks to fiery lightning.

49 He cast on them the fierceness of His
anger, Wrath, indignation, and trouble,
By sending angels of destruction among
them.
50 He made a path for His anger; He did
not spare their soul from death, But gave
their life over to the plague,
51 And destroyed all the firstborn in
Egypt, The first of their strength in the
tents of Ham.
52 But He made His own people go
forth like sheep, And guided them in the
wilderness like a flock;
53 And He led them on safely, so
that they did not fear; But the sea
overwhelmed their enemies.
54 And He brought them to His holy
border, This mountain which His right
hand had acquired.
55 He also drove out the nations before
them, Allotted them an inheritance by

survey, And made the tribes of Israel
dwell in their tents.
56 Yet they tested and provoked the
Most High God, And did not keep His
testimonies,
57 But turned back and acted
unfaithfully like their fathers; They were
turned aside like a deceitful bow.
58 For they provoked Him to anger with
their high places, And moved Him to
jealousy with their carved images.
59 When God heard this, He was furious,
And greatly abhorred Israel,
60 So that He forsook the tabernacle of
Shiloh, The tent He had placed among
men,
61 And delivered His strength into
captivity, And His glory into the enemy's
hand.
62 He also gave His people over to
the sword, And was furious with His
inheritance.

63 The fire consumed their young men,
And their maidens were not given in
marriage.
64 Their priests fell by the sword, And
their widows made no lamentation.
65 Then the Lord awoke as from sleep,
Like a mighty man who shouts because
of wine.
66 And He beat back His enemies; He
put them to a perpetual reproach.
67 Moreover He rejected the tent of
Joseph, And did not choose the tribe of
Ephraim,
68 But chose the tribe of Judah, Mount
Zion which He loved.
69 And He built His sanctuary like the
heights, Like the earth which He has
established forever.
70 He also chose David His servant, And
took him from the sheepfolds;
71 From following the ewes that had
young He brought him, To shepherd

Jacob His people, And Israel His
inheritance.
72 So he shepherded them according
to the integrity of his heart, And guided
them by the skillfulness of his hands.

79 1 “A Psalm of Asaph.” O God,
the nations have come into Your
inheritance; Your holy temple they have
defiled; They have laid Jerusalem in
heaps.
2 The dead bodies of Your servants They
have given as food for the birds of the
heavens, The flesh of Your saints to the
beasts of the earth.
3 Their blood they have shed like water
all around Jerusalem, And there was no
one to bury them.
4 We have become a reproach to our
neighbors, A scorn and derision to those
who are around us.
5 How long, LORD? Will You be angry
forever? Will Your jealousy burn like fire?

6 Pour out Your wrath on the nations
that do not know You, And on the
kingdoms that do not call on Your name.
7 For they have devoured Jacob, And
laid waste his dwelling place.
8 Oh, do not remember former
iniquities against us! Let Your tender
mercies come speedily to meet us, For
we have been brought very low.
9 Help us, O God of our salvation, For
the glory of Your name; And deliver us,
and provide atonement for our sins, For
Your name's sake!
10 Why should the nations say, "Where
is their God?" Let there be known among
the nations in our sight The avenging of
the blood of Your servants which has
been shed.
11 Let the groaning of the prisoner
come before You; According to the
greatness of Your power Preserve those
who are appointed to die;

12 And return to our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom Their reproach with which they have reproached You, O Lord.

13 So we, Your people and sheep of Your pasture, Will give You thanks forever; We will show forth Your praise to all generations.

80 1 “To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Lillies." A Testimony of Asaph. A Psalm.” Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth!

2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, Stir up Your strength, And come and save us!

3 Restore us, O God; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!

4 O LORD God of hosts, How long will You be angry Against the prayer of Your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of
tears, And given them tears to drink in
great measure.
6 You have made us a strife to our
neighbors, And our enemies laugh
among themselves.
7 Restore us, O God of hosts; Cause Your
face to shine, And we shall be saved!
8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
You have cast out the nations, and
planted it.
9 You prepared room for it, And caused
it to take deep root, And it filled the
land.
10 The hills were covered with its
shadow, And the mighty cedars with its
boughs.
11 She sent out her boughs to the Sea,
And her branches to the River.
12 Why have You broken down her
hedges, So that all who pass by the way
pluck her fruit?

13 The boar out of the woods uproots it,
And the wild beast of the field devours
it.
14 Return, we beseech You, O God of
hosts; Look down from heaven and see,
And visit this vine
15 And the vineyard which Your right
hand has planted, And the branch that
You made strong for Yourself.
16 It is burned with fire, it is cut down;
They perish at the rebuke of Your
countenance.
17 Let Your hand be upon the man of
Your right hand, Upon the son of man
whom You made strong for Yourself.
18 Then we will not turn back from You;
Revive us, and we will call upon Your
name.
19 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
Cause Your face to shine, And we shall
be saved!

81 1 “To the Chief Musician. On an
instrument of Gath. A Psalm of
Asaph.” Sing aloud to God our strength;
Make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob.
2 Raise a song and strike the timbrel,
The pleasant harp with the lute.
3 Blow the trumpet at the time of the
New Moon, At the full moon, on our
solemn feast day.
4 For this is a statute for Israel, A law of
the God of Jacob.
5 This He established in Joseph as a
testimony, When He went throughout
the land of Egypt, Where I heard a
language I did not understand.
6 "I removed his shoulder from the
burden; His hands were freed from the
baskets.
7 You called in trouble, and I delivered
you; I answered you in the secret place
of thunder; I tested you at the waters of
Meribah. Selah

8 "Hear, O My people, and I will
admonish you! O Israel, if you will listen
to Me!
9 There shall be no foreign god among
you; Nor shall you worship any foreign
god.
10 I am the LORD your God, Who
brought you out of the land of Egypt;
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.
11 "But My people would not heed My
voice, And Israel would have none of
Me.
12 So I gave them over to their own
stubborn heart, To walk in their own
counsels.
13 "Oh, that My people would listen to
Me, That Israel would walk in My ways!
14 I would soon subdue their enemies,
And turn My hand against their
adversaries.

15 The haters of the LORD would
pretend submission to Him, But their
fate would endure forever.
16 He would have fed them also with
the finest of wheat; And with honey
from the rock I would have satisfied
you."

82 1 "A Psalm of Asaph." God stands
in the congregation of the mighty;
He judges among the gods.
2 How long will you judge unjustly, And
show partiality to the wicked? Selah
3 Defend the poor and fatherless; Do
justice to the afflicted and needy.
4 Deliver the poor and needy; Free
them from the hand of the wicked.
5 They do not know, nor do they
understand; They walk about in
darkness; All the foundations of the
earth are unstable.
6 I said, "You are gods, And all of you
are children of the Most High.

[7] But you shall die like men, And fall like
one of the princes."
[8] Arise, O God, judge the earth; For You
shall inherit all nations.

83 [1] “A Song. A Psalm of Asaph.” Do
not keep silent, O God! Do not
hold Your peace, And do not be still, O
God!
[2] For behold, Your enemies make a
tumult; And those who hate You have
lifted up their head.
[3] They have taken crafty counsel against
Your people, And consulted together
against Your sheltered ones.
[4] They have said, "Come, and let us cut
them off from being a nation, That the
name of Israel may be remembered no
more."
[5] For they have consulted together with
one consent; They form a confederacy
against You:

6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites;
Moab and the Hagrites;
7 Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia
with the inhabitants of Tyre;
8 Assyria also has joined with them;
They have helped the children of Lot.
Selah
9 Deal with them as with Midian, As
with Sisera, As with Jabin at the Brook
Kishon,
10 Who perished at En Dor, Who
became as refuse on the earth.
11 Make their nobles like Oreb and like
Zeeb, Yes, all their princes like Zebah and
Zalmunna,
12 Who said, "Let us take for ourselves
The pastures of God for a possession."
13 O my God, make them like the
whirling dust, Like the chaff before the
wind!
14 As the fire burns the woods, And as
the flame sets the mountains on fire,

15 So pursue them with Your tempest,
And frighten them with Your storm.
16 Fill their faces with shame, That they
may seek Your name, O LORD.
17 Let them be confounded and
dismayed forever; Yes, let them be put
to shame and perish,
18 That they may know that You, whose
name alone is the LORD, Are the Most
High over all the earth.
84 1 “To the Chief Musician. On an
instrument of Gath. A Psalm of
the sons of Korah.” How lovely is Your
tabernacle, O LORD of hosts!
2 My soul longs, yes, even faints For the
courts of the LORD; My heart and my
flesh cry out for the living God.
3 Even the sparrow has found a home,
And the swallow a nest for herself,
Where she may lay her young—Even
Your altars, O LORD of hosts, My King
and my God.

4 Blessed are those who dwell in Your
house; They will still be praising You.
Selah
5 Blessed is the man whose strength is
in You, Whose heart is set on pilgrimage.
6 As they pass through the Valley of
Baca, They make it a spring; The rain also
covers it with pools.
7 They go from strength to strength;
Each one appears before God in Zion.
8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
Give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah
9 O God, behold our shield, And look
upon the face of Your anointed.
10 For a day in Your courts is better
than a thousand. I would rather be a
doorkeeper in the house of my God Than
dwell in the tents of wickedness.
11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
The LORD will give grace and glory; No
good thing will He withhold From those
who walk uprightly.

12 O LORD of hosts, Blessed is the man
who trusts in You!
85 1 “To the Chief Musician. A Psalm
of the sons of Korah.” LORD, You
have been favorable to Your land; You
have brought back the captivity of Jacob.
2 You have forgiven the iniquity of Your
people; You have covered all their sin.
Selah
3 You have taken away all Your wrath;
You have turned from the fierceness of
Your anger.
4 Restore us, O God of our salvation,
And cause Your anger toward us to
cease.
5 Will You be angry with us forever?
Will You prolong Your anger to all
generations?
6 Will You not revive us again, That Your
people may rejoice in You?
7 Show us Your mercy, LORD, And grant
us Your salvation.

8 I will hear what God the LORD will
speak, For He will speak peace To His
people and to His saints; But let them
not turn back to folly.
9 Surely His salvation is near to those
who fear Him, That glory may dwell in
our land.
10 Mercy and truth have met together;
Righteousness and peace have kissed.
11 Truth shall spring out of the earth,
And righteousness shall look down from
heaven.
12 Yes, the LORD will give what is good;
And our land will yield its increase.
13 Righteousness will go before Him,
And shall make His footsteps our
pathway.

86 1 “A Prayer of David” Bow down
Your ear, O LORD, hear me; For I
am poor and needy.

2 Preserve my life, for I am holy; You are
my God; Save Your servant who trusts in
You!
3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, For I cry to
You all day long.
4 Rejoice the soul of Your servant, For
to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
5 For You, Lord, are good, and ready to
forgive, And abundant in mercy to all
those who call upon You.
6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; And
attend to the voice of my supplications.
7 In the day of my trouble I will call
upon You, For You will answer me.
8 Among the gods there is none like
You, O Lord; Nor are there any works like
Your works.
9 All nations whom You have made Shall
come and worship before You, O Lord,
And shall glorify Your name.
10 For You are great, and do wondrous
things; You alone are God.

11 Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will
walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to
fear Your name.
12 I will praise You, O Lord my God, with
all my heart, And I will glorify Your name
forevermore.
13 For great is Your mercy toward me,
And You have delivered my soul from the
depths of Sheol.
14 O God, the proud have risen against
me, And a mob of violent men have
sought my life, And have not set You
before them.
15 But You, O Lord, are a God full of
compassion, and gracious, Longsuffering
and abundant in mercy and truth.
16 Oh, turn to me, and have mercy on
me! Give Your strength to Your servant,
And save the son of Your maidservant.
17 Show me a sign for good, That
those who hate me may see it and be

ashamed, Because You, LORD, have
helped me and comforted me.

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1 “A Psalm of the sons of Korah.
A Song.” His foundation is in the
holy mountains.
2 The LORD loves the gates of Zion More
than all the dwellings of Jacob.
3 Glorious things are spoken of you, O
city of God! Selah
4 "I will make mention of Rahab and
Babylon to those who know Me; Behold,
O Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia: ‘This
one was born there.’"
5 And of Zion it will be said, "This one
and that one were born in her; And the
Most High Himself shall establish her."
6 The LORD will record, When He
registers the peoples: "This one was
born there." Selah
7 Both the singers and the players on
instruments say, "All my springs are in
you."

88 1 “A Song. A Psalm of the
sons of Korah. To the Chief
Musician. Set to "Mahalath Leannoth." A
Contemplation of Heman the Ezrahite.”
O LORD, God of my salvation, I have
cried out day and night before You.
2 Let my prayer come before You;
Incline Your ear to my cry.
3 For my soul is full of troubles, And my
life draws near to the grave.
4 I am counted with those who go down
to the pit; I am like a man who has no
strength,
5 Adrift among the dead, Like the
slain who lie in the grave, Whom You
remember no more, And who are cut off
from Your hand.
6 You have laid me in the lowest pit, In
darkness, in the depths.
7 Your wrath lies heavy upon me, And
You have afflicted me with all Your
waves. Selah

8 You have put away my acquaintances
far from me; You have made me an
abomination to them; I am shut up, and
I cannot get out;
9 My eye wastes away because of
affliction. LORD, I have called daily upon
You; I have stretched out my hands to
You.
10 Will You work wonders for the dead?
Shall the dead arise and praise You?
Selah
11 Shall Your lovingkindness be declared
in the grave? Or Your faithfulness in the
place of destruction?
12 Shall Your wonders be known in the
dark? And Your righteousness in the land
of forgetfulness?
13 But to You I have cried out, O LORD,
And in the morning my prayer comes
before You.
14 LORD, why do You cast off my soul?
Why do You hide Your face from me?

15 I have been afflicted and ready to die
from my youth; I suffer Your terrors; I am
distraught.
16 Your fierce wrath has gone over me;
Your terrors have cut me off.
17 They came around me all day long
like water; They engulfed me altogether.
18 Loved one and friend You have put
far from me, And my acquaintances into
darkness.

89 1 “A Contemplation of Ethan the
Ezrahite.” I will sing of the mercies
of the LORD forever; With my mouth
will I make known Your faithfulness to all
generations.
2 For I have said, "Mercy shall be built
up forever; Your faithfulness You shall
establish in the very heavens."
3 "I have made a covenant with My
chosen, I have sworn to My servant
David:

4 ‘Your seed I will establish forever, And
build up your throne to all generations.’"
Selah
5 And the heavens will praise Your
wonders, O LORD; Your faithfulness also
in the assembly of the saints.
6 For who in the heavens can be
compared to the LORD? Who among the
sons of the mighty can be likened to the
LORD?
7 God is greatly to be feared in the
assembly of the saints, And to be held in
reverence by all those around Him.
8 O LORD God of hosts, Who is mighty
like You, O LORD? Your faithfulness also
surrounds You.
9 You rule the raging of the sea; When
its waves rise, You still them.
10 You have broken Rahab in pieces, as
one who is slain; You have scattered Your
enemies with Your mighty arm.

11 The heavens are Yours, the earth also
is Yours; The world and all its fullness,
You have founded them.
12 The north and the south, You have
created them; Tabor and Hermon rejoice
in Your name.
13 You have a mighty arm; Strong is Your
hand, and high is Your right hand.
14 Righteousness and justice are the
foundation of Your throne; Mercy and
truth go before Your face.
15 Blessed are the people who know
the joyful sound! They walk, O LORD, in
the light of Your countenance.
16 In Your name they rejoice all day
long, And in Your righteousness they are
exalted.
17 For You are the glory of their
strength, And in Your favor our horn is
exalted.
18 For our shield belongs to the LORD,
And our king to the Holy One of Israel.

[19] Then You spoke in a vision to Your
holy one, And said: "I have given help to
one who is mighty; I have exalted one
chosen from the people.
[20] I have found My servant David; With
My holy oil I have anointed him,
[21] With whom My hand shall be
established; Also My arm shall
strengthen him.
[22] The enemy shall not outwit him, Nor
the son of wickedness afflict him.
[23] I will beat down his foes before his
face, And plague those who hate him.
[24] "But My faithfulness and My mercy
shall be with him, And in My name his
horn shall be exalted.
[25] Also I will set his hand over the sea,
And his right hand over the rivers.
[26] He shall cry to Me, ‘You are my
Father, My God, and the rock of my
salvation.’

27 Also I will make him My firstborn,
The highest of the kings of the earth.
28 My mercy I will keep for him forever,
And My covenant shall stand firm with
him.
29 His seed also I will make to endure
forever, And his throne as the days of
heaven.
30 "If his sons forsake My law And do
not walk in My judgments,
31 If they break My statutes And do not
keep My commandments,
32 Then I will punish their transgression
with the rod, And their iniquity with
stripes.
33 Nevertheless My lovingkindness I will
not utterly take from him, Nor allow My
faithfulness to fail.
34 My covenant I will not break, Nor
alter the word that has gone out of My
lips.

35 Once I have sworn by My holiness; I
will not lie to David:
36 His seed shall endure forever, And his
throne as the sun before Me;
37 It shall be established forever like the
moon, Even like the faithful witness in
the sky." Selah
38 But You have cast off and abhorred,
You have been furious with Your
anointed.
39 You have renounced the covenant
of Your servant; You have profaned his
crown by casting it to the ground.
40 You have broken down all his hedges;
You have brought his strongholds to ruin.
41 All who pass by the way plunder him;
He is a reproach to his neighbors.
42 You have exalted the right hand of
his adversaries; You have made all his
enemies rejoice.

43 You have also turned back the edge
of his sword, And have not sustained
him in the battle.
44 You have made his glory cease, And
cast his throne down to the ground.
45 The days of his youth You have
shortened; You have covered him with
shame. Selah
46 How long, LORD? Will You hide
Yourself forever? Will Your wrath burn
like fire?
47 Remember how short my time is; For
what futility have You created all the
children of men?
48 What man can live and not see
death? Can he deliver his life from the
power of the grave? Selah
49 Lord, where are Your former
lovingkindnesses, Which You swore to
David in Your truth?

50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of
Your servants—How I bear in my bosom
the reproach of all the many peoples,
51 With which Your enemies have
reproached, O LORD, With which they
have reproached the footsteps of Your
anointed.
52 Blessed be the LORD forevermore!
Amen and Amen.

90 1 “A Prayer of Moses the man of
God.” Lord, You have been our
dwelling place in all generations.
2 Before the mountains were brought
forth, Or ever You had formed the earth
and the world, Even from everlasting to
everlasting, You are God.
3 You turn man to destruction, And say,
"Return, O children of men."
4 For a thousand years in Your sight Are
like yesterday when it is past, And like a
watch in the night.

5 You carry them away like a flood; They
are like a sleep. In the morning they are
like grass which grows up:
6 In the morning it flourishes and grows
up; In the evening it is cut down and
withers.
7 For we have been consumed by
Your anger, And by Your wrath we are
terrified.
8 You have set our iniquities before
You, Our secret sins in the light of Your
countenance.
9 For all our days have passed away in
Your wrath; We finish our years like a
sigh.
10 The days of our lives are seventy
years; And if by reason of strength they
are eighty years, Yet their boast is only
labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off,
and we fly away.
11 Who knows the power of Your anger?
For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath.

12 So teach us to number our days, That
we may gain a heart of wisdom.
13 Return, O LORD! How long? And have
compassion on Your servants.
14 Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy,
That we may rejoice and be glad all our
days!
15 Make us glad according to the days in
which You have afflicted us, The years in
which we have seen evil.
16 Let Your work appear to Your
servants, And Your glory to their
children.
17 And let the beauty of the LORD our
God be upon us, And establish the work
of our hands for us; Yes, establish the
work of our hands.

91 1 He who dwells in the secret
place of the Most High Shall abide
under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge
and my fortress; My God, in Him I will
trust."
3 Surely He shall deliver you from
the snare of the fowler And from the
perilous pestilence.
4 He shall cover you with His feathers,
And under His wings you shall take
refuge; His truth shall be your shield and
buckler.
5 You shall not be afraid of the terror by
night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day,
6 Nor of the pestilence that walks in
darkness, Nor of the destruction that
lays waste at noonday.
7 A thousand may fall at your side, And
ten thousand at your right hand; But it
shall not come near you.
8 Only with your eyes shall you look,
And see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the LORD,
who is my refuge, Even the Most High,
your dwelling place,
10 No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any
plague come near your dwelling;
11 For He shall give His angels charge
over you, To keep you in all your ways.
12 In their hands they shall bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.
13 You shall tread upon the lion and the
cobra, The young lion and the serpent
you shall trample underfoot.
14 "Because he has set his love upon
Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set
him on high, because he has known My
name.
15 He shall call upon Me, and I will
answer him; I will be with him in trouble;
I will deliver him and honor him.
16 With long life I will satisfy him, And
show him My salvation."

92 1 “A Psalm. A Song for the Sabbath
day.” It is good to give thanks to
the LORD, And to sing praises to Your
name, O Most High;
2 To declare Your lovingkindness in the
morning, And Your faithfulness every
night,
3 On an instrument of ten strings,
On the lute, And on the harp, With
harmonious sound.
4 For You, LORD, have made me glad
through Your work; I will triumph in the
works of Your hands.
5 O LORD, how great are Your works!
Your thoughts are very deep.
6 A senseless man does not know, Nor
does a fool understand this.
7 When the wicked spring up like grass,
And when all the workers of iniquity
flourish, It is that they may be destroyed
forever.

8 But You, LORD, are on high forevermore.

9 For behold, Your enemies, O LORD, For behold, Your enemies shall perish; All the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

10 But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh oil.

11 My eye also has seen my desire on my enemies; My ears hear my desire on the wicked Who rise up against me.

12 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD Shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14 They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing,

15 To declare that the LORD is
upright; He is my rock, and there is no
unrighteousness in Him.

93 1 The LORD reigns, He is clothed
with majesty; The LORD is
clothed, He has girded Himself with
strength. Surely the world is established,
so that it cannot be moved.
2 Your throne is established from of old;
You are from everlasting.
3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD, The
floods have lifted up their voice; The
floods lift up their waves.
4 The LORD on high is mightier Than the
noise of many waters, Than the mighty
waves of the sea.
5 Your testimonies are very sure;
Holiness adorns Your house, O LORD,
forever.

94 1 O LORD God, to whom
vengeance belongs—O God, to
whom vengeance belongs, shine forth!

2 Rise up, O Judge of the earth; Render
punishment to the proud.
3 LORD, how long will the wicked, How
long will the wicked triumph?
4 They utter speech, and speak insolent
things; All the workers of iniquity boast
in themselves.
5 They break in pieces Your people, O
LORD, And afflict Your heritage.
6 They slay the widow and the stranger,
And murder the fatherless.
7 Yet they say, "The LORD does not see,
Nor does the God of Jacob understand."
8 Understand, you senseless among the
people; And you fools, when will you be
wise?
9 He who planted the ear, shall He not
hear? He who formed the eye, shall He
not see?
10 He who instructs the nations, shall
He not correct, He who teaches man
knowledge?

11 The LORD knows the thoughts of
man, That they are futile.
12 Blessed is the man whom You
instruct, O LORD, And teach out of Your
law,
13 That You may give him rest from the
days of adversity, Until the pit is dug for
the wicked.
14 For the LORD will not cast off
His people, Nor will He forsake His
inheritance.
15 But judgment will return to
righteousness, And all the upright in
heart will follow it.
16 Who will rise up for me against the
evildoers? Who will stand up for me
against the workers of iniquity?
17 Unless the LORD had been my help,
My soul would soon have settled in
silence.
18 If I say, "My foot slips," Your mercy, O
LORD, will hold me up.

[19] In the multitude of my anxieties
within me, Your comforts delight my
soul.
[20] Shall the throne of iniquity, which
devises evil by law, Have fellowship with
You?
[21] They gather together against the life
of the righteous, And condemn innocent
blood.
[22] But the LORD has been my defense,
And my God the rock of my refuge.
[23] He has brought on them their own
iniquity, And shall cut them off in their
own wickedness; The LORD our God
shall cut them off.

95 [1] Oh come, let us sing to the
LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the
Rock of our salvation.
[2] Let us come before His presence with
thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to
Him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is the great God, And
the great King above all gods.
4 In His hand are the deep places of the
earth; The heights of the hills are His
also.
5 The sea is His, for He made it; And His
hands formed the dry land.
6 Oh come, let us worship and bow
down; Let us kneel before the LORD our
Maker.
7 For He is our God, And we are the
people of His pasture, And the sheep
of His hand. Today, if you will hear His
voice:
8 "Do not harden your hearts, as in the
rebellion, As in the day of trial in the
wilderness,
9 When your fathers tested Me; They
tried Me, though they saw My work.
10 For forty years I was grieved with
that generation, And said, ‘It is a people

who go astray in their hearts, And they
do not know My ways.’
11 So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall
not enter My rest.’"

96 1 Oh, sing to the LORD a new
song! Sing to the LORD, all the
earth.
2 Sing to the LORD, bless His name;
Proclaim the good news of His salvation
from day to day.
3 Declare His glory among the nations,
His wonders among all peoples.
4 For the LORD is great and greatly to
be praised; He is to be feared above all
gods.
5 For all the gods of the peoples are
idols, But the LORD made the heavens.
6 Honor and majesty are before Him;
Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.
7 Give to the LORD, O families of the
peoples, Give to the LORD glory and
strength.

8 Give to the LORD the glory due His
name; Bring an offering, and come into
His courts.
9 Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty
of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the
earth.
10 Say among the nations, "The
LORD reigns; The world also is firmly
established, It shall not be moved; He
shall judge the peoples righteously."
11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the
earth be glad; Let the sea roar, and all its
fullness;
12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is
in it. Then all the trees of the woods will
rejoice
13 before the LORD. (96:13) For He is
coming, for He is coming to judge the
earth. He shall judge the world with
righteousness, And the peoples with His
truth.

97 1 The LORD reigns; Let the earth
rejoice; Let the multitude of isles
be glad!
2 Clouds and darkness surround Him;
Righteousness and justice are the
foundation of His throne.
3 A fire goes before Him, And burns up
His enemies round about.
4 His lightnings light the world; The
earth sees and trembles.
5 The mountains melt like wax at the
presence of the LORD, At the presence
of the Lord of the whole earth.
6 The heavens declare His
righteousness, And all the peoples
see His glory.
7 Let all be put to shame who serve
carved images, Who boast of idols.
Worship Him, all you gods.
8 Zion hears and is glad, And the
daughters of Judah rejoice Because of
Your judgments, O LORD.

9 For You, LORD, are most high above all
the earth; You are exalted far above all
gods.
10 You who love the LORD, hate evil!
He preserves the souls of His saints; He
delivers them out of the hand of the
wicked.
11 Light is sown for the righteous, And
gladness for the upright in heart.
12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,
And give thanks at the remembrance of
His holy name.

98 1 "A Psalm." Oh, sing to the LORD
a new song! For He has done
marvelous things; His right hand and His
holy arm have gained Him the victory.
2 The LORD has made known His
salvation; His righteousness He has
revealed in the sight of the nations.
3 He has remembered His mercy and
His faithfulness to the house of Israel;

All the ends of the earth have seen the
salvation of our God.
4 Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the
earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and
sing praises.
5 Sing to the LORD with the harp, With
the harp and the sound of a psalm,
6 With trumpets and the sound of a
horn; Shout joyfully before the LORD,
the King.
7 Let the sea roar, and all its fullness,
The world and those who dwell in it;
8 Let the rivers clap their hands; Let the
hills be joyful together
9 before the LORD, (98:9) For He
is coming to judge the earth. With
righteousness He shall judge the world,
And the peoples with equity.

99

1 The LORD reigns; Let the
peoples tremble! He dwells
between the cherubim; Let the earth be
moved!

2 The LORD is great in Zion, And He is
high above all the peoples.
3 Let them praise Your great and
awesome name—He is holy.
4 The King's strength also loves justice;
You have established equity; You have
executed justice and righteousness in
Jacob.
5 Exalt the LORD our God, And worship
at His footstool—He is holy.
6 Moses and Aaron were among His
priests, And Samuel was among those
who called upon His name; They called
upon the LORD, and He answered them.
7 He spoke to them in the cloudy
pillar; They kept His testimonies and the
ordinance He gave them.
8 You answered them, O LORD our God;
You were to them God–Who–Forgives,
Though You took vengeance on their
deeds.

9 Exalt the LORD our God, And worship
at His holy hill; For the LORD our God is
holy.
100 1 "A Psalm of Thanksgiving."
Make a joyful shout to the
LORD, all you lands!
2 Serve the LORD with gladness; Come
before His presence with singing.
3 Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He
who has made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His
pasture.
4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise. Be
thankful to Him, and bless His name.
5 For the LORD is good; His mercy is
everlasting, And His truth endures to all
generations.
101 1 "A Psalm of David." I will sing
of mercy and justice; To You, O
LORD, I will sing praises.

2 I will behave wisely in a perfect way. Oh, when will You come to me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.
3 I will set nothing wicked before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not cling to me.
4 A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will not know wickedness.
5 Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, Him I will destroy; The one who has a haughty look and a proud heart, Him I will not endure.
6 My eyes shall be on the faithful of the land, That they may dwell with me; He who walks in a perfect way, He shall serve me.
7 He who works deceit shall not dwell within my house; He who tells lies shall not continue in my presence.

8 Early I will destroy all the wicked
of the land, That I may cut off all the
evildoers from the city of the LORD.

102

1 “A Prayer of the afflicted
when he is overwhelmed
and pours out his complaint before the
LORD.” Hear my prayer, O LORD, And let
my cry come to You.
2 Do not hide Your face from me in the
day of my trouble; Incline Your ear to
me; In the day that I call, answer me
speedily.
3 For my days are consumed like smoke,
And my bones are burned like a hearth.
4 My heart is stricken and withered like
grass, So that I forget to eat my bread.
5 Because of the sound of my groaning
My bones cling to my skin.
6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness; I
am like an owl of the desert.
7 I lie awake, And am like a sparrow
alone on the housetop.

8 My enemies reproach me all day long,
Those who deride me swear an oath
against me.
9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, And
mingled my drink with weeping,
10 Because of Your indignation and Your
wrath; For You have lifted me up and
cast me away.
11 My days are like a shadow that
lengthens, And I wither away like grass.
12 But You, O LORD, shall endure
forever, And the remembrance of Your
name to all generations.
13 You will arise and have mercy on
Zion; For the time to favor her, Yes, the
set time, has come.
14 For Your servants take pleasure in her
stones, And show favor to her dust.
15 So the nations shall fear the name of
the LORD, And all the kings of the earth
Your glory.

16 For the LORD shall build up Zion; He
shall appear in His glory.
17 He shall regard the prayer of the
destitute, And shall not despise their
prayer.
18 This will be written for the generation
to come, That a people yet to be created
may praise the LORD.
19 For He looked down from the height
of His sanctuary; From heaven the LORD
viewed the earth,
20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner,
To release those appointed to death,
21 To declare the name of the LORD in
Zion, And His praise in Jerusalem,
22 When the peoples are gathered
together, And the kingdoms, to serve the
LORD.
23 He weakened my strength in the way;
He shortened my days.

24 I said, "O my God, Do not take me
away in the midst of my days; Your years
are throughout all generations.
25 Of old You laid the foundation of the
earth, And the heavens are the work of
Your hands.
26 They will perish, but You will endure;
Yes, they will all grow old like a garment;
Like a cloak You will change them, And
they will be changed.
27 But You are the same, And Your years
will have no end.
28 The children of Your servants will
continue, And their descendants will be
established before You."

103

1 “A Psalm of David.” Bless the
LORD, O my soul; And all that
is within me, bless His holy name!
2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget
not all His benefits:
3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who
heals all your diseases,

4 Who redeems your life from
destruction, Who crowns you with
lovingkindness and tender mercies,
5 Who satisfies your mouth with good
things, So that your youth is renewed
like the eagle's.
6 The LORD executes righteousness And
justice for all who are oppressed.
7 He made known His ways to Moses,
His acts to the children of Israel.
8 The LORD is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.
9 He will not always strive with us, Nor
will He keep His anger forever.
10 He has not dealt with us according to
our sins, Nor punished us according to
our iniquities.
11 For as the heavens are high above
the earth, So great is His mercy toward
those who fear Him;

12 As far as the east is from the west, So
far has He removed our transgressions
from us.
13 As a father pities his children, So the
LORD pities those who fear Him.
14 For He knows our frame; He
remembers that we are dust.
15 As for man, his days are like grass; As
a flower of the field, so he flourishes.
16 For the wind passes over it, and it
is gone, And its place remembers it no
more.
17 But the mercy of the LORD is from
everlasting to everlasting On those
who fear Him, And His righteousness to
children's children,
18 To such as keep His covenant,
And to those who remember His
commandments to do them.
19 The LORD has established His throne
in heaven, And His kingdom rules over
all.

20 Bless the LORD, you His angels, Who
excel in strength, who do His word,
Heeding the voice of His word.
21 Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, You
ministers of His, who do His pleasure.
22 Bless the LORD, all His works, In all
places of His dominion. Bless the LORD,
O my soul!

104

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, You are very
great: You are clothed with honor and
majesty,
2 Who cover Yourself with light as with
a garment, Who stretch out the heavens
like a curtain.
3 He lays the beams of His upper
chambers in the waters, Who makes the
clouds His chariot, Who walks on the
wings of the wind,
4 Who makes His angels spirits, His
ministers a flame of fire.

5 You who laid the foundations of the
earth, So that it should not be moved
forever,
6 You covered it with the deep as with
a garment; The waters stood above the
mountains.
7 At Your rebuke they fled; At the voice
of Your thunder they hastened away.
8 They went up over the mountains;
They went down into the valleys, To the
place which You founded for them.
9 You have set a boundary that they
may not pass over, That they may not
return to cover the earth.
10 He sends the springs into the valleys,
They flow among the hills.
11 They give drink to every beast of the
field; The wild donkeys quench their
thirst.
12 By them the birds of the heavens
have their home; They sing among the
branches.

13 He waters the hills from His upper
chambers; The earth is satisfied with the
fruit of Your works.
14 He causes the grass to grow for the
cattle, And vegetation for the service of
man, That he may bring forth food from
the earth,
15 And wine that makes glad the heart
of man, Oil to make his face shine, And
bread which strengthens man's heart.
16 The trees of the LORD are full of
sap, The cedars of Lebanon which He
planted,
17 Where the birds make their nests;
The stork has her home in the fir trees.
18 The high hills are for the wild goats;
The cliffs are a refuge for the rock
badgers.
19 He appointed the moon for seasons;
The sun knows its going down.

20 You make darkness, and it is night, In
which all the beasts of the forest creep
about.
21 The young lions roar after their prey,
And seek their food from God.
22 When the sun rises, they gather
together And lie down in their dens.
23 Man goes out to his work And to his
labor until the evening.
24 O LORD, how manifold are Your
works! In wisdom You have made them
all. The earth is full of Your possessions—
25 This great and wide sea, In which
are innumerable teeming things, Living
things both small and great.
26 There the ships sail about; There is
that Leviathan Which You have made to
play there.
27 These all wait for You, That You may
give them their food in due season.

28 What You give them they gather in;
You open Your hand, they are filled with
good.
29 You hide Your face, they are troubled;
You take away their breath, they die and
return to their dust.
30 You send forth Your Spirit, they are
created; And You renew the face of the
earth.
31 May the glory of the LORD endure
forever; May the LORD rejoice in His
works.
32 He looks on the earth, and it
trembles; He touches the hills, and they
smoke.
33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I
live; I will sing praise to my God while I
have my being.
34 May my meditation be sweet to Him;
I will be glad in the LORD.

35 May sinners be consumed from the
earth, And the wicked be no more. Bless
the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

105

1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD!
Call upon His name; Make
known His deeds among the peoples!
2 Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk
of all His wondrous works!
3 Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts
of those rejoice who seek the LORD!
4 Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek
His face evermore!
5 Remember His marvelous works
which He has done, His wonders, and
the judgments of His mouth,
6 O seed of Abraham His servant, You
children of Jacob, His chosen ones!
7 He is the LORD our God; His judgments
are in all the earth.
8 He remembers His covenant forever,
The word which He commanded, for a
thousand generations,

9 The covenant which He made with
Abraham, And His oath to Isaac,
10 And confirmed it to Jacob for a
statute, To Israel as an everlasting
covenant,
11 Saying, "To you I will give the land
of Canaan As the allotment of your
inheritance,"
12 When they were few in number,
Indeed very few, and strangers in it.
13 When they went from one nation to
another, From one kingdom to another
people,
14 He permitted no one to do them
wrong; Yes, He rebuked kings for their
sakes,
15 Saying, "Do not touch My anointed
ones, And do My prophets no harm."
16 Moreover He called for a famine in
the land; He destroyed all the provision
of bread.

17 He sent a man before them—
Joseph—who was sold as a slave.
18 They hurt his feet with fetters, He
was laid in irons.
19 Until the time that his word came to
pass, The word of the LORD tested him.
20 The king sent and released him, The
ruler of the people let him go free.
21 He made him lord of his house, And
ruler of all his possessions,
22 To bind his princes at his pleasure,
And teach his elders wisdom.
23 Israel also came into Egypt, And
Jacob dwelt in the land of Ham.
24 He increased His people greatly, And
made them stronger than their enemies.
25 He turned their heart to hate His
people, To deal craftily with His servants.
26 He sent Moses His servant, And
Aaron whom He had chosen.
27 They performed His signs among
them, And wonders in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkness, and made it dark;
And they did not rebel against His word.
29 He turned their waters into blood,
And killed their fish.
30 Their land abounded with frogs, Even
in the chambers of their kings.
31 He spoke, and there came swarms of
flies, And lice in all their territory.
32 He gave them hail for rain, And
flaming fire in their land.
33 He struck their vines also, and their
fig trees, And splintered the trees of
their territory.
34 He spoke, and locusts came, Young
locusts without number,
35 And ate up all the vegetation in their
land, And devoured the fruit of their
ground.
36 He also destroyed all the firstborn in
their land, The first of all their strength.

37 He also brought them out with silver
and gold, And there was none feeble
among His tribes.
38 Egypt was glad when they departed,
For the fear of them had fallen upon
them.
39 He spread a cloud for a covering, And
fire to give light in the night.
40 The people asked, and He brought
quail, And satisfied them with the bread
of heaven.
41 He opened the rock, and water
gushed out; It ran in the dry places like a
river.
42 For He remembered His holy
promise, And Abraham His servant.
43 He brought out His people with joy,
His chosen ones with gladness.
44 He gave them the lands of the
Gentiles, And they inherited the labor of
the nations,

45 That they might observe His statutes
And keep His laws. Praise the LORD!

106 1 Praise the LORD! Oh, give
thanks to the LORD, for He is
good! For His mercy endures forever.
2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the
LORD? Who can declare all His praise?
3 Blessed are those who keep justice,
And he who does righteousness at all
times!
4 Remember me, O LORD, with the
favor You have toward Your people; Oh,
visit me with Your salvation,
5 That I may see the benefit of Your
chosen ones, That I may rejoice in the
gladness of Your nation, That I may glory
with Your inheritance.
6 We have sinned with our fathers, We
have committed iniquity, We have done
wickedly.
7 Our fathers in Egypt did not
understand Your wonders; They did

not remember the multitude of Your
mercies, But rebelled by the sea—the
Red Sea.
8 Nevertheless He saved them for His
name's sake, That He might make His
mighty power known.
9 He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it
dried up; So He led them through the
depths, As through the wilderness.
10 He saved them from the hand of him
who hated them, And redeemed them
from the hand of the enemy.
11 The waters covered their enemies;
There was not one of them left.
12 Then they believed His words; They
sang His praise.
13 They soon forgot His works; They did
not wait for His counsel,
14 But lusted exceedingly in the
wilderness, And tested God in the
desert.

15 And He gave them their request, But
sent leanness into their soul.
16 When they envied Moses in the
camp, And Aaron the saint of the LORD,
17 The earth opened up and swallowed
Dathan, And covered the faction of
Abiram.
18 A fire was kindled in their company;
The flame burned up the wicked.
19 They made a calf in Horeb, And
worshiped the molded image.
20 Thus they changed their glory Into
the image of an ox that eats grass.
21 They forgot God their Savior, Who
had done great things in Egypt,
22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham,
Awesome things by the Red Sea.
23 Therefore He said that He would
destroy them, Had not Moses His chosen
one stood before Him in the breach, To
turn away His wrath, lest He destroy
them.

24 Then they despised the pleasant
land; They did not believe His word,
25 But complained in their tents, And
did not heed the voice of the LORD.
26 Therefore He raised up His hand in an
oath against them, To overthrow them
in the wilderness,
27 To overthrow their descendants
among the nations, And to scatter them
in the lands.
28 They joined themselves also to Baal
of Peor, And ate sacrifices made to the
dead.
29 Thus they provoked Him to anger
with their deeds, And the plague broke
out among them.
30 Then Phinehas stood up and
intervened, And the plague was stopped.
31 And that was accounted to him
for righteousness To all generations
forevermore.

32 They angered Him also at the waters
of strife, So that it went ill with Moses
on account of them;
33 Because they rebelled against His
Spirit, So that he spoke rashly with his
lips.
34 They did not destroy the peoples,
Concerning whom the LORD had
commanded them,
35 But they mingled with the Gentiles
And learned their works;
36 They served their idols, Which
became a snare to them.
37 They even sacrificed their sons And
their daughters to demons,
38 And shed innocent blood, The blood
of their sons and daughters, Whom they
sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And
the land was polluted with blood.
39 Thus they were defiled by their own
works, And played the harlot by their
own deeds.

40 Therefore the wrath of the LORD was
kindled against His people, So that He
abhorred His own inheritance.
41 And He gave them into the hand of
the Gentiles, And those who hated them
ruled over them.
42 Their enemies also oppressed them,
And they were brought into subjection
under their hand.
43 Many times He delivered them; But
they rebelled in their counsel, And were
brought low for their iniquity.
44 Nevertheless He regarded their
affliction, When He heard their cry;
45 And for their sake He remembered
His covenant, And relented according to
the multitude of His mercies.
46 He also made them to be pitied By all
those who carried them away captive.
47 Save us, O LORD our God, And gather
us from among the Gentiles, To give

thanks to Your holy name, To triumph in
Your praise.
48 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel
From everlasting to everlasting! And let
all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the
LORD!

107 1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD,
for He is good! For His mercy
endures forever.
2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
Whom He has redeemed from the hand
of the enemy,
3 And gathered out of the lands, From
the east and from the west, From the
north and from the south.
4 They wandered in the wilderness in
a desolate way; They found no city to
dwell in.
5 Hungry and thirsty, Their soul fainted
in them.

6 Then they cried out to the LORD in
their trouble, And He delivered them out
of their distresses.
7 And He led them forth by the right
way, That they might go to a city for a
dwelling place.
8 Oh, that men would give thanks to
the LORD for His goodness, And for His
wonderful works to the children of men!
9 For He satisfies the longing soul, And
fills the hungry soul with goodness.
10 Those who sat in darkness and in the
shadow of death, Bound in affliction and
irons—
11 Because they rebelled against the
words of God, And despised the counsel
of the Most High,
12 Therefore He brought down their
heart with labor; They fell down, and
there was none to help.

13 Then they cried out to the LORD in
their trouble, And He saved them out of
their distresses.
14 He brought them out of darkness and
the shadow of death, And broke their
chains in pieces.
15 Oh, that men would give thanks to
the LORD for His goodness, And for His
wonderful works to the children of men!
16 For He has broken the gates of
bronze, And cut the bars of iron in two.
17 Fools, because of their transgression,
And because of their iniquities, were
afflicted.
18 Their soul abhorred all manner of
food, And they drew near to the gates of
death.
19 Then they cried out to the LORD in
their trouble, And He saved them out of
their distresses.

20 He sent His word and healed
them, And delivered them from their
destructions.
21 Oh, that men would give thanks to
the LORD for His goodness, And for His
wonderful works to the children of men!
22 Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of
thanksgiving, And declare His works with
rejoicing.
23 Those who go down to the sea in
ships, Who do business on great waters,
24 They see the works of the LORD, And
His wonders in the deep.
25 For He commands and raises the
stormy wind, Which lifts up the waves of
the sea.
26 They mount up to the heavens, They
go down again to the depths; Their soul
melts because of trouble.
27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like
a drunken man, And are at their wits'
end.

28 Then they cry out to the LORD in
their trouble, And He brings them out of
their distresses.
29 He calms the storm, So that its waves
are still.
30 Then they are glad because they are
quiet; So He guides them to their desired
haven.
31 Oh, that men would give thanks to
the LORD for His goodness, And for His
wonderful works to the children of men!
32 Let them exalt Him also in the
assembly of the people, And praise Him
in the company of the elders.
33 He turns rivers into a wilderness, And
the watersprings into dry ground;
34 A fruitful land into barrenness, For
the wickedness of those who dwell in it.
35 He turns a wilderness into pools of
water, And dry land into watersprings.

36 There He makes the hungry dwell,
That they may establish a city for a
dwelling place,
37 And sow fields and plant vineyards,
That they may yield a fruitful harvest.
38 He also blesses them, and they
multiply greatly; And He does not let
their cattle decrease.
39 When they are diminished and
brought low Through oppression,
affliction, and sorrow,
40 He pours contempt on princes, And
causes them to wander in the wilderness
where there is no way;
41 Yet He sets the poor on high, far from
affliction, And makes their families like a
flock.
42 The righteous see it and rejoice, And
all iniquity stops its mouth.
43 Whoever is wise will observe these
things, And they will understand the
lovingkindness of the LORD.

108 1 “A Song. A Psalm of David.”
O God, my heart is steadfast;
I will sing and give praise, even with my
glory.
2 Awake, lute and harp! I will awaken
the dawn.
3 I will praise You, O LORD, among the
peoples, And I will sing praises to You
among the nations.
4 For Your mercy is great above the
heavens, And Your truth reaches to the
clouds.
5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,
And Your glory above all the earth;
6 That Your beloved may be delivered,
Save with Your right hand, and hear me.
7 God has spoken in His holiness: "I
will rejoice; I will divide Shechem And
measure out the Valley of Succoth.
8 Gilead is Mine; Manasseh is Mine;
Ephraim also is the helmet for My head;
Judah is My lawgiver.

9 Moab is My washpot; Over Edom I
will cast My shoe; Over Philistia I will
triumph."
10 Who will bring me into the strong
city? Who will lead me to Edom?
11 Is it not You, O God, who cast us off?
And You, O God, who did not go out with
our armies?
12 Give us help from trouble, For the
help of man is useless.
13 Through God we will do valiantly,
For it is He who shall tread down our
enemies.

109 1 “To the Chief Musician. A
Psalm of David.” Do not keep
silent, O God of my praise!
2 For the mouth of the wicked and the
mouth of the deceitful Have opened
against me; They have spoken against
me with a lying tongue.

3 They have also surrounded me with
words of hatred, And fought against me
without a cause.
4 In return for my love they are my
accusers, But I give myself to prayer.
5 Thus they have rewarded me evil for
good, And hatred for my love.
6 Set a wicked man over him, And let an
accuser stand at his right hand.
7 When he is judged, let him be found
guilty, And let his prayer become sin.
8 Let his days be few, And let another
take his office.
9 Let his children be fatherless, And his
wife a widow.
10 Let his children continually be
vagabonds, and beg; Let them seek their
bread also from their desolate places.
11 Let the creditor seize all that he has,
And let strangers plunder his labor.

12 Let there be none to extend mercy
to him, Nor let there be any to favor his
fatherless children.
13 Let his posterity be cut off, And in the
generation following let their name be
blotted out.
14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be
remembered before the LORD, And let
not the sin of his mother be blotted out.
15 Let them be continually before the
LORD, That He may cut off the memory
of them from the earth;
16 Because he did not remember to
show mercy, But persecuted the poor
and needy man, That he might even slay
the broken in heart.
17 As he loved cursing, so let it come to
him; As he did not delight in blessing, so
let it be far from him.
18 As he clothed himself with cursing as
with his garment, So let it enter his body
like water, And like oil into his bones.

19 Let it be to him like the garment
which covers him, And for a belt with
which he girds himself continually.
20 Let this be the LORD'S reward to my
accusers, And to those who speak evil
against my person.
21 But You, O GOD the Lord, Deal with
me for Your name's sake; Because Your
mercy is good, deliver me.
22 For I am poor and needy, And my
heart is wounded within me.
23 I am gone like a shadow when it
lengthens; I am shaken off like a locust.
24 My knees are weak through fasting,
And my flesh is feeble from lack of
fatness.
25 I also have become a reproach to
them; When they look at me, they shake
their heads.
26 Help me, O LORD my God! Oh, save
me according to Your mercy,

27 That they may know that this is Your
hand—That You, LORD, have done it!
28 Let them curse, but You bless; When
they arise, let them be ashamed, But let
Your servant rejoice.
29 Let my accusers be clothed with
shame, And let them cover themselves
with their own disgrace as with a mantle.
30 I will greatly praise the LORD with my
mouth; Yes, I will praise Him among the
multitude.
31 For He shall stand at the right hand
of the poor, To save him from those who
condemn him.

110 1 “A Psalm of David.” The LORD
said to my Lord, "Sit at My
right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your
footstool."
2 The LORD shall send the rod of Your
strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of
Your enemies!

3 Your people shall be volunteers In the
day of Your power; In the beauties of
holiness, from the womb of the morning,
You have the dew of Your youth.
4 The LORD has sworn And will
not relent, "You are a priest forever
According to the order of Melchizedek."
5 The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall
execute kings in the day of His wrath.
6 He shall judge among the nations, He
shall fill the places with dead bodies,
He shall execute the heads of many
countries.
7 He shall drink of the brook by the
wayside; Therefore He shall lift up the
head.

111 1 Praise the LORD! I will praise
the LORD with my whole
heart, In the assembly of the upright and
in the congregation.

2 The works of the LORD are great,
Studied by all who have pleasure in
them.
3 His work is honorable and glorious,
And His righteousness endures forever.
4 He has made His wonderful works to
be remembered; The LORD is gracious
and full of compassion.
5 He has given food to those who fear
Him; He will ever be mindful of His
covenant.
6 He has declared to His people the
power of His works, In giving them the
heritage of the nations.
7 The works of His hands are verity and
justice; All His precepts are sure.
8 They stand fast forever and ever, And
are done in truth and uprightness.
9 He has sent redemption to His people;
He has commanded His covenant
forever: Holy and awesome is His name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning
of wisdom; A good understanding have
all those who do His commandments.
His praise endures forever.

112

1 Praise the LORD! Blessed
is the man who fears the
LORD, Who delights greatly in His
commandments.
2 His descendants will be mighty on
earth; The generation of the upright will
be blessed.
3 Wealth and riches will be in his house,
And his righteousness endures forever.
4 Unto the upright there arises light in
the darkness; He is gracious, and full of
compassion, and righteous.
5 A good man deals graciously and
lends; He will guide his affairs with
discretion.
6 Surely he will never be shaken;
The righteous will be in everlasting
remembrance.

7 He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His
heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
8 His heart is established; He will not be
afraid, Until he sees his desire upon his
enemies.
9 He has dispersed abroad, He has given
to the poor; His righteousness endures
forever; His horn will be exalted with
honor.
10 The wicked will see it and be grieved;
He will gnash his teeth and melt away;
The desire of the wicked shall perish.

113 1 Praise the LORD! Praise, O
servants of the LORD, Praise
the name of the LORD!
2 Blessed be the name of the LORD
From this time forth and forevermore!
3 From the rising of the sun to its going
down The LORD'S name is to be praised.
4 The LORD is high above all nations, His
glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the LORD our God, Who
dwells on high,
6 Who humbles Himself to behold The
things that are in the heavens and in the
earth?
7 He raises the poor out of the dust,
And lifts the needy out of the ash heap,
8 That He may seat him with princes—
With the princes of His people.
9 He grants the barren woman a home,
Like a joyful mother of children. Praise
the LORD!

114 1 When Israel went out of
Egypt, The house of Jacob
from a people of strange language,
2 Judah became His sanctuary, And
Israel His dominion.
3 The sea saw it and fled; Jordan turned
back.
4 The mountains skipped like rams, The
little hills like lambs.

5 What ails you, O sea, that you fled? O
Jordan, that you turned back?
6 O mountains, that you skipped like
rams? O little hills, like lambs?
7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of
the Lord, At the presence of the God of
Jacob,
8 Who turned the rock into a pool of
water, The flint into a fountain of waters.
115 1 Not unto us, O LORD, not
unto us, But to Your name give
glory, Because of Your mercy, Because of
Your truth.
2 Why should the Gentiles say, "So
where is their God?"
3 But our God is in heaven; He does
whatever He pleases.
4 Their idols are silver and gold, The
work of men's hands.
5 They have mouths, but they do not
speak; Eyes they have, but they do not
see;

6 They have ears, but they do not hear;
Noses they have, but they do not smell;
7 They have hands, but they do not
handle; Feet they have, but they do not
walk; Nor do they mutter through their
throat.
8 Those who make them are like them;
So is everyone who trusts in them.
9 O Israel, trust in the LORD; He is their
help and their shield.
10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD;
He is their help and their shield.
11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the
LORD; He is their help and their shield.
12 The LORD has been mindful of us; He
will bless us; He will bless the house of
Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron.
13 He will bless those who fear the
LORD, Both small and great.
14 May the LORD give you increase
more and more, You and your children.

15 May you be blessed by the LORD,
Who made heaven and earth.
16 The heaven, even the heavens, are
the LORD'S; But the earth He has given
to the children of men.
17 The dead do not praise the LORD,
Nor any who go down into silence.
18 But we will bless the LORD From this
time forth and forevermore. Praise the
LORD!

116
1 I love the LORD, because He
has heard My voice and my
supplications.
2 Because He has inclined His ear to me,
Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I
live.
3 The pains of death surrounded me,
And the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me; I
found trouble and sorrow.
4 Then I called upon the name of the
LORD: "O LORD, I implore You, deliver
my soul!"

[5] Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
Yes, our God is merciful.
[6] The LORD preserves the simple; I was
brought low, and He saved me.
[7] Return to your rest, O my soul, For the
LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
[8] For You have delivered my soul from
death, My eyes from tears, And my feet
from falling.
[9] I will walk before the LORD In the land
of the living.
[10] I believed, therefore I spoke, "I am
greatly afflicted."
[11] I said in my haste, "All men are liars."
[12] What shall I render to the LORD For
all His benefits toward me?
[13] I will take up the cup of salvation,
And call upon the name of the LORD.
[14] I will pay my vows to the LORD Now
in the presence of all His people.
[15] Precious in the sight of the LORD Is
the death of His saints.

16 O LORD, truly I am Your servant;
I am Your servant, the son of Your
maidservant; You have loosed my bonds.
17 I will offer to You the sacrifice of
thanksgiving, And will call upon the
name of the LORD.
18 I will pay my vows to the LORD Now
in the presence of all His people,
19 In the courts of the LORD'S house, In
the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise the
LORD!

117 1 Praise the LORD, all you
Gentiles! Laud Him, all you
peoples!
2 For His merciful kindness is great
toward us, And the truth of the LORD
endures forever. Praise the LORD!

118 1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD,
for He is good! For His mercy
endures forever.
2 Let Israel now say, "His mercy endures
forever."

3 Let the house of Aaron now say, "His
mercy endures forever."
4 Let those who fear the LORD now say,
"His mercy endures forever."
5 I called on the LORD in distress; The
LORD answered me and set me in a
broad place.
6 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me?
7 The LORD is for me among those who
help me; Therefore I shall see my desire
on those who hate me.
8 It is better to trust in the LORD Than
to put confidence in man.
9 It is better to trust in the LORD Than
to put confidence in princes.
10 All nations surrounded me, But in the
name of the LORD I will destroy them.
11 They surrounded me, Yes, they
surrounded me; But in the name of the
LORD I will destroy them.

12 They surrounded me like bees; They
were quenched like a fire of thorns; For
in the name of the LORD I will destroy
them.
13 You pushed me violently, that I might
fall, But the LORD helped me.
14 The LORD is my strength and song,
And He has become my salvation.
15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation Is
in the tents of the righteous; The right
hand of the LORD does valiantly.
16 The right hand of the LORD is
exalted; The right hand of the LORD does
valiantly.
17 I shall not die, but live, And declare
the works of the LORD.
18 The LORD has chastened me severely,
But He has not given me over to death.
19 Open to me the gates of
righteousness; I will go through
them, And I will praise the LORD.

20 This is the gate of the LORD, Through
which the righteous shall enter.
21 I will praise You, For You have
answered me, And have become my
salvation.
22 The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone.
23 This was the LORD'S doing; It is
marvelous in our eyes.
24 This is the day the LORD has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
25 Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I
pray, send now prosperity.
26 Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the LORD! We have blessed you from
the house of the LORD.
27 God is the LORD, And He has given us
light; Bind the sacrifice with cords to the
horns of the altar.
28 You are my God, and I will praise You;
You are my God, I will exalt You.

29 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is
good! For His mercy endures forever.

119

1 ALEPH. Blessed are the
undefiled in the way, Who
walk in the law of the LORD!
2 Blessed are those who keep His
testimonies, Who seek Him with the
whole heart!
3 They also do no iniquity; They walk in
His ways.
4 You have commanded us To keep Your
precepts diligently.
5 Oh, that my ways were directed To
keep Your statutes!
6 Then I would not be ashamed, When I
look into all Your commandments.
7 I will praise You with uprightness
of heart, When I learn Your righteous
judgments.
8 I will keep Your statutes; Oh, do not
forsake me utterly!

9 BETH. How can a young man cleanse
his way? By taking heed according to
Your word.
10 With my whole heart I have sought
You; Oh, let me not wander from Your
commandments!
11 Your word I have hidden in my heart,
That I might not sin against You!
12 Blessed are You, O LORD! Teach me
Your statutes!
13 With my lips I have declared All the
judgments of Your mouth.
14 I have rejoiced in the way of Your
testimonies, As much as in all riches.
15 I will meditate on Your precepts, And
contemplate Your ways.
16 I will delight myself in Your statutes; I
will not forget Your word.
17 GIMEL. Deal bountifully with Your
servant, That I may live and keep Your
word.

18 Open my eyes, that I may see
Wondrous things from Your law.
19 I am a stranger in the earth; Do not
hide Your commandments from me.
20 My soul breaks with longing For Your
judgments at all times.
21 You rebuke the proud—the cursed,
Who stray from Your commandments.
22 Remove from me reproach and
contempt, For I have kept Your
testimonies.
23 Princes also sit and speak against
me, But Your servant meditates on Your
statutes.
24 Your testimonies also are my delight
And my counselors.
25 DALETH. My soul clings to the dust;
Revive me according to Your word.
26 I have declared my ways, and You
answered me; Teach me Your statutes.

27 Make me understand the way of Your
precepts; So shall I meditate on Your
wondrous works.
28 My soul melts from heaviness;
Strengthen me according to Your word.
29 Remove from me the way of lying,
And grant me Your law graciously.
30 I have chosen the way of truth; Your
judgments I have laid before me.
31 I cling to Your testimonies; O LORD,
do not put me to shame!
32 I will run the course of Your
commandments, For You shall enlarge
my heart.
33 HE. Teach me, O LORD, the way of
Your statutes, And I shall keep it to the
end.
34 Give me understanding, and I shall
keep Your law; Indeed, I shall observe it
with my whole heart.
35 Make me walk in the path of Your
commandments, For I delight in it.

36 Incline my heart to Your testimonies,
And not to covetousness.
37 Turn away my eyes from looking at
worthless things, And revive me in Your
way.
38 Establish Your word to Your servant,
Who is devoted to fearing You.
39 Turn away my reproach which I
dread, For Your judgments are good.
40 Behold, I long for Your precepts;
Revive me in Your righteousness.
41 WAW. Let Your mercies come also to
me, O LORD—Your salvation according
to Your word.
42 So shall I have an answer for him who
reproaches me, For I trust in Your word.
43 And take not the word of truth utterly
out of my mouth, For I have hoped in
Your ordinances.
44 So shall I keep Your law continually,
Forever and ever.

45 And I will walk at liberty, For I seek
Your precepts.
46 I will speak of Your testimonies also
before kings, And will not be ashamed.
47 And I will delight myself in Your
commandments, Which I love.
48 My hands also I will lift up to Your
commandments, Which I love, And I will
meditate on Your statutes.
49 ZAYIN. Remember the word to Your
servant, Upon which You have caused
me to hope.
50 This is my comfort in my affliction,
For Your word has given me life.
51 The proud have me in great derision,
Yet I do not turn aside from Your law.
52 I remembered Your judgments of old,
O LORD, And have comforted myself.
53 Indignation has taken hold of me
Because of the wicked, who forsake Your
law.

54 Your statutes have been my songs In
the house of my pilgrimage.
55 I remember Your name in the night,
O LORD, And I keep Your law.
56 This has become mine, Because I
kept Your precepts.
57 HETH. You are my portion, O LORD; I
have said that I would keep Your words.
58 I entreated Your favor with my whole
heart; Be merciful to me according to
Your word.
59 I thought about my ways, And turned
my feet to Your testimonies.
60 I made haste, and did not delay To
keep Your commandments.
61 The cords of the wicked have bound
me, But I have not forgotten Your law.
62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks
to You, Because of Your righteous
judgments.
63 I am a companion of all who fear You,
And of those who keep Your precepts.

64 The earth, O LORD, is full of Your
mercy; Teach me Your statutes.
65 TETH. You have dealt well with Your
servant, O LORD, according to Your word.
66 Teach me good judgment and
knowledge, For I believe Your
commandments.
67 Before I was afflicted I went astray,
But now I keep Your word.
68 You are good, and do good; Teach me
Your statutes.
69 The proud have forged a lie against
me, But I will keep Your precepts with
my whole heart.
70 Their heart is as fat as grease, But I
delight in Your law.
71 It is good for me that I have been
afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes.
72 The law of Your mouth is better to
me Than thousands of coins of gold and
silver.

73 YOD. Your hands have made me and
fashioned me; Give me understanding,
that I may learn Your commandments.
74 Those who fear You will be glad when
they see me, Because I have hoped in
Your word.
75 I know, O LORD, that Your judgments
are right, And that in faithfulness You
have afflicted me.
76 Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be
for my comfort, According to Your word
to Your servant.
77 Let Your tender mercies come to
me, that I may live; For Your law is my
delight.
78 Let the proud be ashamed, For they
treated me wrongfully with falsehood;
But I will meditate on Your precepts.
79 Let those who fear You turn to me,
Those who know Your testimonies.

80 Let my heart be blameless regarding
Your statutes, That I may not be
ashamed.
81 KAPH. My soul faints for Your
salvation, But I hope in Your word.
82 My eyes fail from searching Your
word, Saying, "When will You comfort
me?"
83 For I have become like a wineskin in
smoke, Yet I do not forget Your statutes.
84 How many are the days of Your
servant? When will You execute
judgment on those who persecute me?
85 The proud have dug pits for me,
Which is not according to Your law.
86 All Your commandments are faithful;
They persecute me wrongfully; Help me!
87 They almost made an end of me
on earth, But I did not forsake Your
precepts.

88 Revive me according to Your
lovingkindness, So that I may keep the
testimony of Your mouth.
89 LAMED. Forever, O LORD, Your word
is settled in heaven.
90 Your faithfulness endures to all
generations; You established the earth,
and it abides.
91 They continue this day according
to Your ordinances, For all are Your
servants.
92 Unless Your law had been my delight,
I would then have perished in my
affliction.
93 I will never forget Your precepts, For
by them You have given me life.
94 I am Yours, save me; For I have sought
Your precepts.
95 The wicked wait for me to destroy
me, But I will consider Your testimonies.

96 I have seen the consummation of all
perfection, But Your commandment is
exceedingly broad.
97 MEM. Oh, how I love Your law! It is
my meditation all the day.
98 You, through Your commandments,
make me wiser than my enemies; For
they are ever with me.
99 I have more understanding than all
my teachers, For Your testimonies are
my meditation.
100 I understand more than the
ancients, Because I keep Your precepts.
101 I have restrained my feet from every
evil way, That I may keep Your word.
102 I have not departed from Your
judgments, For You Yourself have taught
me.
103 How sweet are Your words to my
taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

104 Through Your precepts I get
understanding; Therefore I hate every
false way.
105 NUN. Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.
106 I have sworn and confirmed That I
will keep Your righteous judgments.
107 I am afflicted very much; Revive me,
O LORD, according to Your word.
108 Accept, I pray, the freewill offerings
of my mouth, O LORD, And teach me
Your judgments.
109 My life is continually in my hand, Yet
I do not forget Your law.
110 The wicked have laid a snare for
me, Yet I have not strayed from Your
precepts.
111 Your testimonies I have taken as
a heritage forever, For they are the
rejoicing of my heart.
112 I have inclined my heart to perform
Your statutes Forever, to the very end.

113 SAMEK. I hate the double–minded,
But I love Your law.
114 You are my hiding place and my
shield; I hope in Your word.
115 Depart from me, you evildoers, For
I will keep the commandments of my
God!
116 Uphold me according to Your word,
that I may live; And do not let me be
ashamed of my hope.
117 Hold me up, and I shall be safe, And
I shall observe Your statutes continually.
118 You reject all those who stray
from Your statutes, For their deceit is
falsehood.
119 You put away all the wicked of the
earth like dross; Therefore I love Your
testimonies.
120 My flesh trembles for fear of You,
And I am afraid of Your judgments.

121 AYIN. I have done justice and
righteousness; Do not leave me to my
oppressors.
122 Be surety for Your servant for good;
Do not let the proud oppress me.
123 My eyes fail from seeking Your
salvation And Your righteous word.
124 Deal with Your servant according to
Your mercy, And teach me Your statutes.
125 I am Your servant; Give me
understanding, That I may know Your
testimonies.
126 It is time for You to act, O LORD, For
they have regarded Your law as void.
127 Therefore I love Your
commandments More than gold,
yes, than fine gold!
128 Therefore all Your precepts
concerning all things I consider to be
right; I hate every false way.
129 PE. Your testimonies are wonderful;
Therefore my soul keeps them.

130 The entrance of Your words gives
light; It gives understanding to the
simple.
131 I opened my mouth and panted, For
I longed for Your commandments.
132 Look upon me and be merciful to
me, As Your custom is toward those who
love Your name.
133 Direct my steps by Your word, And
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
134 Redeem me from the oppression of
man, That I may keep Your precepts.
135 Make Your face shine upon Your
servant, And teach me Your statutes.
136 Rivers of water run down from my
eyes, Because men do not keep Your law.
137 TSADDE. Righteous are You, O LORD,
And upright are Your judgments.
138 Your testimonies, which You have
commanded, Are righteous and very
faithful.

139 My zeal has consumed me, Because
my enemies have forgotten Your words.
140 Your word is very pure; Therefore
Your servant loves it.
141 I am small and despised, Yet I do not
forget Your precepts.
142 Your righteousness is an everlasting
righteousness, And Your law is truth.
143 Trouble and anguish have overtaken
me, Yet Your commandments are my
delights.
144 The righteousness of Your
testimonies is everlasting; Give me
understanding, and I shall live.
145 QOPH. I cry out with my whole
heart; Hear me, O LORD! I will keep Your
statutes.
146 I cry out to You; Save me, and I will
keep Your testimonies.
147 I rise before the dawning of the
morning, And cry for help; I hope in Your
word.

148 My eyes are awake through the
night watches, That I may meditate on
Your word.
149 Hear my voice according to Your
lovingkindness; O LORD, revive me
according to Your justice.
150 They draw near who follow after
wickedness; They are far from Your law.
151 You are near, O LORD, And all Your
commandments are truth.
152 Concerning Your testimonies, I have
known of old that You have founded
them forever.
153 RESH. Consider my affliction and
deliver me, For I do not forget Your law.
154 Plead my cause and redeem me;
Revive me according to Your word.
155 Salvation is far from the wicked, For
they do not seek Your statutes.
156 Great are Your tender mercies, O
LORD; Revive me according to Your
judgments.

157 Many are my persecutors and my
enemies, Yet I do not turn from Your
testimonies.
158 I see the treacherous, and am
disgusted, Because they do not keep
Your word.
159 Consider how I love Your precepts;
Revive me, O LORD, according to Your
lovingkindness.
160 The entirety of Your word is truth,
And every one of Your righteous
judgments endures forever.
161 SHIN. Princes persecute me without
a cause, But my heart stands in awe of
Your word.
162 I rejoice at Your word As one who
finds great treasure.
163 I hate and abhor lying, But I love
Your law.
164 Seven times a day I praise You,
Because of Your righteous judgments.

165 Great peace have those who love
Your law, And nothing causes them to
stumble.
166 LORD, I hope for Your salvation, And
I do Your commandments.
167 My soul keeps Your testimonies,
And I love them exceedingly.
168 I keep Your precepts and Your
testimonies, For all my ways are before
You.
169 TAU. Let my cry come before You, O
LORD; Give me understanding according
to Your word.
170 Let my supplication come before
You; Deliver me according to Your word.
171 My lips shall utter praise, For You
teach me Your statutes.
172 My tongue shall speak of Your
word, For all Your commandments are
righteousness.
173 Let Your hand become my help, For
I have chosen Your precepts.

174 I long for Your salvation, O LORD,
And Your law is my delight.
175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise
You; And let Your judgments help me.
176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep;
Seek Your servant, For I do not forget
Your commandments.

120 1 “A Song of Ascents.” In my
distress I cried to the LORD,
And He heard me.
2 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying
lips And from a deceitful tongue.
3 What shall be given to you, Or what
shall be done to you, You false tongue?
4 Sharp arrows of the warrior, With
coals of the broom tree!
5 Woe is me, that I dwell in Meshech,
That I dwell among the tents of Kedar!
6 My soul has dwelt too long With one
who hates peace.
7 I am for peace; But when I speak, they
are for war.

121 [1] “A Song of Ascents.” I will lift up my eyes to the hills—From whence comes my help?
[2] My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.
[3] He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.
[4] Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep.
[5] The LORD is your keeper; The LORD is your shade at your right hand.
[6] The sun shall not strike you by day, Nor the moon by night.
[7] The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul.
[8] The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in From this time forth, and even forevermore.

122 [1] “A Song of Ascents. Of David.” I was glad when they

said to me, "Let us go into the house of
the LORD."
2 Our feet have been standing Within
your gates, O Jerusalem!
3 Jerusalem is built As a city that is
compact together,
4 Where the tribes go up, The tribes of
the LORD, To the Testimony of Israel, To
give thanks to the name of the LORD.
5 For thrones are set there for
judgment, The thrones of the house of
David.
6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May
they prosper who love you.
7 Peace be within your walls, Prosperity
within your palaces."
8 For the sake of my brethren and
companions, I will now say, "Peace be
within you."
9 Because of the house of the LORD our
God I will seek your good.

123 1 “A Song of Ascents.” Unto
You I lift up my eyes, O You
who dwell in the heavens.
2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look
to the hand of their masters, As the eyes
of a maid to the hand of her mistress, So
our eyes look to the LORD our God, Until
He has mercy on us.
3 Have mercy on us, O LORD, have
mercy on us! For we are exceedingly
filled with contempt.
4 Our soul is exceedingly filled With the
scorn of those who are at ease, With the
contempt of the proud.

124 1 “A Song of Ascents. Of
David.” "If it had not been the
LORD who was on our side," Let Israel
now say—
2 "If it had not been the LORD who was
on our side, When men rose up against
us,

3 Then they would have swallowed us
alive, When their wrath was kindled
against us;
4 Then the waters would have
overwhelmed us, The stream would
have gone over our soul;
5 Then the swollen waters Would have
gone over our soul."
6 Blessed be the LORD, Who has not
given us as prey to their teeth.
7 Our soul has escaped as a bird from
the snare of the fowlers; The snare is
broken, and we have escaped.
8 Our help is in the name of the LORD,
Who made heaven and earth.

125 1 “A Song of Ascents.” Those
who trust in the LORD Are like
Mount Zion, Which cannot be moved,
but abides forever.
2 As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
So the LORD surrounds His people From
this time forth and forever.

3 For the scepter of wickedness shall
not rest On the land allotted to the
righteous, Lest the righteous reach out
their hands to iniquity.
4 Do good, O LORD, to those who are
good, And to those who are upright in
their hearts.
5 As for such as turn aside to their
crooked ways, The LORD shall lead them
away With the workers of iniquity. Peace
be upon Israel!

126

1 “A Song of Ascents.” When
the LORD brought back the
captivity of Zion, We were like those
who dream.
2 Then our mouth was filled with
laughter, And our tongue with singing.
Then they said among the nations, "The
LORD has done great things for them."
3 The LORD has done great things for
us, And we are glad.

4 Bring back our captivity, O LORD, As
the streams in the South.
5 Those who sow in tears Shall reap in
joy.
6 He who continually goes forth
weeping, Bearing seed for sowing, Shall
doubtless come again with rejoicing,
Bringing his sheaves with him.

127 1 “A Song of Ascents. Of
Solomon.” Unless the LORD
builds the house, They labor in vain who
build it; Unless the LORD guards the city,
The watchman stays awake in vain.
2 It is vain for you to rise up early, To sit
up late, To eat the bread of sorrows; For
so He gives His beloved sleep.
3 Behold, children are a heritage from
the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a
reward.
4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,
So are the children of one’s youth.

5 Happy is the man who has his quiver
full of them; They shall not be ashamed,
But shall speak with their enemies in the
gate.

128 1 “A Song of Ascents.” Blessed
is every one who fears the
LORD, Who walks in His ways.
2 When you eat the labor of your hands,
You shall be happy, and it shall be well
with you.
3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
In the very heart of your house, Your
children like olive plants All around your
table.
4 Behold, thus shall the man be blessed
Who fears the LORD.
5 The LORD bless you out of Zion, And
may you see the good of Jerusalem All
the days of your life.
6 Yes, may you see your children’s
children. Peace be upon Israel!

129 [1] “A Song of Ascents.” "Many
a time they have afflicted me
from my youth," Let Israel now say—
[2] "Many a time they have afflicted
me from my youth; Yet they have not
prevailed against me.
[3] The plowers plowed on my back; They
made their furrows long."
[4] The LORD is righteous; He has cut in
pieces the cords of the wicked.
[5] Let all those who hate Zion Be put to
shame and turned back.
[6] Let them be as the grass on the
housetops, Which withers before it
grows up,
[7] With which the reaper does not fill
his hand, Nor he who binds sheaves, his
arms.
[8] Neither let those who pass by them
say, "The blessing of the LORD be upon
you; We bless you in the name of the
LORD!"

130 1 “A Song of Ascents.” Out of
the depths I have cried to You,
O LORD;
2 Lord, hear my voice! Let Your
ears be attentive To the voice of my
supplications.
3 If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O
Lord, who could stand?
4 But there is forgiveness with You, That
You may be feared.
5 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
And in His word I do hope.
6 My soul waits for the Lord More than
those who watch for the morning—Yes,
more than those who watch for the
morning.
7 O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with
the LORD there is mercy, And with Him
is abundant redemption.
8 And He shall redeem Israel From all
his iniquities.

131 [1] “A Song of Ascents. Of
David.” LORD, my heart is not
haughty, Nor my eyes lofty. Neither do I
concern myself with great matters, Nor
with things too profound for me.
[2] Surely I have calmed and quieted
my soul, Like a weaned child with his
mother; Like a weaned child is my soul
within me.
[3] O Israel, hope in the LORD From this
time forth and forever.

132 [1] “A Song of Ascents.” LORD,
remember David And all his
afflictions;
[2] How he swore to the LORD, And
vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob:
[3] "Surely I will not go into the chamber
of my house, Or go up to the comfort of
my bed;
[4] I will not give sleep to my eyes Or
slumber to my eyelids,

5 Until I find a place for the LORD, A dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."
6 Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah; We found it in the fields of the woods.
7 Let us go into His tabernacle; Let us worship at His footstool.
8 Arise, O LORD, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength.
9 Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, And let Your saints shout for joy.
10 For Your servant David’s sake, Do not turn away the face of Your Anointed.
11 The LORD has sworn in truth to David; He will not turn from it: "I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body.
12 If your sons will keep My covenant And My testimony which I shall teach them, Their sons also shall sit upon your throne forevermore."

13 For the LORD has chosen Zion; He
has desired it for His dwelling place:
14 "This is My resting place forever;
Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
15 I will abundantly bless her provision;
I will satisfy her poor with bread.
16 I will also clothe her priests with
salvation, And her saints shall shout
aloud for joy.
17 There I will make the horn of David
grow; I will prepare a lamp for My
Anointed.
18 His enemies I will clothe with shame,
But upon Himself His crown shall
flourish."

133

1 “A Song of Ascents. Of
David.” Behold, how good and
how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell
together in unity!
2 It is like the precious oil upon the
head, Running down on the beard, The

beard of Aaron, Running down on the
edge of his garments.
3 It is like the dew of Hermon,
Descending upon the mountains of Zion;
For there the LORD commanded the
blessing—Life forevermore.

134 1 “A Song of Ascents.” Behold,
bless the LORD, All you
servants of the LORD, Who by night
stand in the house of the LORD!
2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary,
And bless the LORD.
3 The LORD who made heaven and
earth Bless you from Zion!

135 1 Praise the LORD! Praise the
name of the LORD; Praise Him,
O you servants of the LORD!
2 You who stand in the house of the
LORD, In the courts of the house of our
God,

3 Praise the LORD, for the LORD is
good; Sing praises to His name, for it is
pleasant.
4 For the LORD has chosen Jacob for
Himself, Israel for His special treasure.
5 For I know that the LORD is great, And
our Lord is above all gods.
6 Whatever the LORD pleases He does,
In heaven and in earth, In the seas and
in all deep places.
7 He causes the vapors to ascend from
the ends of the earth; He makes lightning
for the rain; He brings the wind out of
His treasuries.
8 He destroyed the firstborn of Egypt,
Both of man and beast.
9 He sent signs and wonders into the
midst of you, O Egypt, Upon Pharaoh
and all his servants.
10 He defeated many nations And slew
mighty kings—

11 Sihon king of the Amorites, Og king
of Bashan, And all the kingdoms of
Canaan—
12 And gave their land as a heritage, A
heritage to Israel His people.
13 Your name, O LORD, endures forever,
Your fame, O LORD, throughout all
generations.
14 For the LORD will judge His people,
And He will have compassion on His
servants.
15 The idols of the nations are silver and
gold, The work of men's hands.
16 They have mouths, but they do not
speak; Eyes they have, but they do not
see;
17 They have ears, but they do not hear;
Nor is there any breath in their mouths.
18 Those who make them are like them;
So is everyone who trusts in them.
19 Bless the LORD, O house of Israel!
Bless the LORD, O house of Aaron!

20 Bless the LORD, O house of Levi! You
who fear the LORD, bless the LORD!
21 Blessed be the LORD out of Zion,
Who dwells in Jerusalem! Praise the
LORD!

136 1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD,
for He is good! For His mercy
endures forever.
2 Oh, give thanks to the God of gods!
For His mercy endures forever.
3 Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords!
For His mercy endures forever:
4 To Him who alone does great wonders,
For His mercy endures forever;
5 To Him who by wisdom made the
heavens, For His mercy endures forever;
6 To Him who laid out the earth above
the waters, For His mercy endures
forever;
7 To Him who made great lights, For His
mercy endures forever—

8 The sun to rule by day, For His mercy
endures forever;
9 The moon and stars to rule by night,
For His mercy endures forever.
10 To Him who struck Egypt in their
firstborn, For His mercy endures forever;
11 And brought out Israel from among
them, For His mercy endures forever;
12 With a strong hand, and with an
outstretched arm, For His mercy endures
forever;
13 To Him who divided the Red Sea in
two, For His mercy endures forever;
14 And made Israel pass through the
midst of it, For His mercy endures
forever;
15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his army
in the Red Sea, For His mercy endures
forever;
16 To Him who led His people through
the wilderness, For His mercy endures
forever;

17 To Him who struck down great kings,
For His mercy endures forever;
18 And slew famous kings, For His mercy
endures forever—
19 Sihon king of the Amorites, For His
mercy endures forever;
20 And Og king of Bashan, For His mercy
endures forever—
21 And gave their land as a heritage, For
His mercy endures forever;
22 A heritage to Israel His servant, For
His mercy endures forever.
23 Who remembered us in our lowly
state, For His mercy endures forever;
24 And rescued us from our enemies,
For His mercy endures forever;
25 Who gives food to all flesh, For His
mercy endures forever.
26 Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven!
For His mercy endures forever.

137 1 By the rivers of Babylon,
There we sat down, yea, we
wept When we remembered Zion.
2 We hung our harps Upon the willows
in the midst of it.
3 For there those who carried us away
captive asked of us a song, And those
who plundered us requested mirth,
Saying, "Sing us one of the songs of
Zion!"
4 How shall we sing the LORD’S song In
a foreign land?
5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, Let my
right hand forget its skill!
6 If I do not remember you, Let my
tongue cling to the roof of my mouth—If
I do not exalt Jerusalem Above my chief
joy.
7 Remember, O LORD, against the sons
of Edom The day of Jerusalem, Who said,
"Raze it, raze it, To its very foundation!"

8 O daughter of Babylon, who are to be
destroyed, Happy the one who repays
you as you have served us!
9 Happy the one who takes and dashes
Your little ones against the rock!

138 1 "A Psalm of David." I will
praise You with my whole
heart; Before the gods I will sing praises
to You.
2 I will worship toward Your holy
temple, And praise Your name For Your
lovingkindness and Your truth; For You
have magnified Your word above all Your
name.
3 In the day when I cried out, You
answered me, And made me bold with
strength in my soul.
4 All the kings of the earth shall praise
You, O LORD, When they hear the words
of Your mouth.
5 Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the
LORD, For great is the glory of the LORD.

6 Though the LORD is on high, Yet He
regards the lowly; But the proud He
knows from afar.
7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
You will revive me; You will stretch out
Your hand Against the wrath of my
enemies, And Your right hand will save
me.
8 The LORD will perfect that which
concerns me; Your mercy, O LORD,
endures forever; Do not forsake the
works of Your hands.

139 1 "For the Chief Musician. A
Psalm of David." O LORD, You
have searched me and known me.
2 You know my sitting down and my
rising up; You understand my thought
afar off.
3 You comprehend my path and my
lying down, And are acquainted with all
my ways.

4 For there is not a word on my tongue,
But behold, O LORD, You know it
altogether.
5 You have hedged me behind and
before, And laid Your hand upon me.
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for
me; It is high, I cannot attain it.
7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or
where can I flee from Your presence?
8 If I ascend into heaven, You are there;
If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are
there.
9 If I take the wings of the morning, And
dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
10 Even there Your hand shall lead me,
And Your right hand shall hold me.
11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall
fall on me," Even the night shall be light
about me;
12 Indeed, the darkness shall not hide
from You, But the night shines as the

day; The darkness and the light are both
alike to You.
13 For You formed my inward parts; You
covered me in my mother's womb.
14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully
and wonderfully made; Marvelous are
Your works, And that my soul knows very
well.
15 My frame was not hidden from You,
When I was made in secret, And skillfully
wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
16 Your eyes saw my substance, being
yet unformed. And in Your book they all
were written, The days fashioned for me,
When as yet there were none of them.
17 How precious also are Your thoughts
to me, O God! How great is the sum of
them!
18 If I should count them, they would be
more in number than the sand; When I
awake, I am still with You.

19 Oh, that You would slay the wicked,
O God! Depart from me, therefore, you
bloodthirsty men.
20 For they speak against You wickedly;
Your enemies take Your name in vain.
21 Do I not hate them, O LORD, who
hate You? And do I not loathe those who
rise up against You?
22 I hate them with perfect hatred; I
count them my enemies.
23 Search me, O God, and know my
heart; Try me, and know my anxieties;
24 And see if there is any wicked way in
me, And lead me in the way everlasting.
140 1 “To the Chief Musician. A
Psalm of David.” Deliver me, O
LORD, from evil men; Preserve me from
violent men,
2 Who plan evil things in their hearts;
They continually gather together for war.

3 They sharpen their tongues like a
serpent; The poison of asps is under
their lips. Selah
4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of
the wicked; Preserve me from violent
men, Who have purposed to make my
steps stumble.
5 The proud have hidden a snare for
me, and cords; They have spread a net
by the wayside; They have set traps for
me. Selah
6 I said to the LORD: "You are my God;
Hear the voice of my supplications, O
LORD.
7 O GOD the Lord, the strength of my
salvation, You have covered my head in
the day of battle.
8 Do not grant, O LORD, the desires of
the wicked; Do not further his wicked
scheme, Lest they be exalted. Selah

9 "As for the head of those who
surround me, Let the evil of their lips
cover them;
10 Let burning coals fall upon them; Let
them be cast into the fire, Into deep pits,
that they rise not up again.
11 Let not a slanderer be established in
the earth; Let evil hunt the violent man
to overthrow him."
12 I know that the LORD will maintain
The cause of the afflicted, And justice for
the poor.
13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks
to Your name; The upright shall dwell in
Your presence.

141 1 “A Psalm of David.” LORD, I
cry out to You; Make haste to
me! Give ear to my voice when I cry out
to You.
2 Let my prayer be set before You as
incense, The lifting up of my hands as
the evening sacrifice.

3 Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth;
Keep watch over the door of my lips.
4 Do not incline my heart to any evil
thing, To practice wicked works With
men who work iniquity; And do not let
me eat of their delicacies.
5 Let the righteous strike me; It shall be
a kindness. And let him rebuke me; It
shall be as excellent oil; Let my head not
refuse it. For still my prayer is against the
deeds of the wicked.
6 Their judges are overthrown by the
sides of the cliff, And they hear my
words, for they are sweet.
7 Our bones are scattered at the mouth
of the grave, As when one plows and
breaks up the earth.
8 But my eyes are upon You, O GOD the
Lord; In You I take refuge; Do not leave
my soul destitute.

9 Keep me from the snares they have
laid for me, And from the traps of the
workers of iniquity.
10 Let the wicked fall into their own
nets, While I escape safely.
142 1 "A Contemplation of David.
A Prayer when he was in the
cave." I cry out to the LORD with my
voice; With my voice to the LORD I make
my supplication.
2 I pour out my complaint before Him; I
declare before Him my trouble.
3 When my spirit was overwhelmed
within me, Then You knew my path.
In the way in which I walk They have
secretly set a snare for me.
4 Look on my right hand and see, For
there is no one who acknowledges me;
Refuge has failed me; No one cares for
my soul.

5 I cried out to You, O LORD: I said, "You
are my refuge, My portion in the land of
the living.
6 Attend to my cry, For I am brought very
low; Deliver me from my persecutors,
For they are stronger than I.
7 Bring my soul out of prison, That I
may praise Your name; The righteous
shall surround me, For You shall deal
bountifully with me."

143 1 “A Psalm of David.” Hear my
prayer, O LORD, Give ear to
my supplications! In Your faithfulness
answer me, And in Your righteousness.
2 Do not enter into judgment with Your
servant, For in Your sight no one living is
righteous.
3 For the enemy has persecuted my
soul; He has crushed my life to the
ground; He has made me dwell in
darkness, Like those who have long been
dead.

[4] Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed
within me; My heart within me is
distressed.
[5] I remember the days of old; I meditate
on all Your works; I muse on the work of
Your hands.
[6] I spread out my hands to You; My soul
longs for You like a thirsty land. Selah
[7] Answer me speedily, O LORD; My
spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from
me, Lest I be like those who go down
into the pit.
[8] Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness
in the morning, For in You do I trust;
Cause me to know the way in which I
should walk, For I lift up my soul to You.
[9] Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies;
In You I take shelter.
[10] Teach me to do Your will, For You are
my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in
the land of uprightness.

11 Revive me, O LORD, for Your name's
sake! For Your righteousness' sake bring
my soul out of trouble.
12 In Your mercy cut off my enemies,
And destroy all those who afflict my soul;
For I am Your servant.

144 1 "A Psalm of David." Blessed
be the LORD my Rock, Who
trains my hands for war, And my fingers
for battle—
2 My lovingkindness and my fortress,
My high tower and my deliverer, My
shield and the One in whom I take
refuge, Who subdues my people under
me.
3 LORD, what is man, that You take
knowledge of him? Or the son of man,
that You are mindful of him?
4 Man is like a breath; His days are like a
passing shadow.

5 Bow down Your heavens, O LORD, and
come down; Touch the mountains, and
they shall smoke.
6 Flash forth lightning and scatter them;
Shoot out Your arrows and destroy them.
7 Stretch out Your hand from above;
Rescue me and deliver me out of great
waters, From the hand of foreigners,
8 Whose mouth speaks vain words,
And whose right hand is a right hand of
falsehood.
9 I will sing a new song to You, O God;
On a harp of ten strings I will sing praises
to You,
10 The One who gives salvation to kings,
Who delivers David His servant From the
deadly sword.
11 Rescue me and deliver me from the
hand of foreigners, Whose mouth speaks
lying words, And whose right hand is a
right hand of falsehood—

[12] That our sons may be as plants grown
up in their youth; That our daughters
may be as pillars, Sculptured in palace
style;
[13] That our barns may be full, Supplying
all kinds of produce; That our sheep
may bring forth thousands And ten
thousands in our fields;
[14] That our oxen may be well–laden;
That there be no breaking in or going
out; That there be no outcry in our
streets.
[15] Happy are the people who are in
such a state; Happy are the people
whose God is the LORD!

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[1] "A Praise of David." I will
extol You, my God, O King; And
I will bless Your name forever and ever.
[2] Every day I will bless You, And I will
praise Your name forever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD, and greatly
to be praised; And His greatness is
unsearchable.
4 One generation shall praise Your
works to another, And shall declare Your
mighty acts.
5 I will meditate on the glorious
splendor of Your majesty, And on Your
wondrous works.
6 Men shall speak of the might of Your
awesome acts, And I will declare Your
greatness.
7 They shall utter the memory of Your
great goodness, And shall sing of Your
righteousness.
8 The LORD is gracious and full of
compassion, Slow to anger and great in
mercy.
9 The LORD is good to all, And His
tender mercies are over all His works.
10 All Your works shall praise You, O
LORD, And Your saints shall bless You.

11 They shall speak of the glory of Your
kingdom, And talk of Your power,
12 To make known to the sons of men
His mighty acts, And the glorious majesty
of His kingdom.
13 Your kingdom is an everlasting
kingdom, And Your dominion endures
throughout all generations.
14 The LORD upholds all who fall, And
raises up all who are bowed down.
15 The eyes of all look expectantly to
You, And You give them their food in due
season.
16 You open Your hand And satisfy the
desire of every living thing.
17 The LORD is righteous in all His ways,
Gracious in all His works.
18 The LORD is near to all who call upon
Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.
19 He will fulfill the desire of those who
fear Him; He also will hear their cry and
save them.

20 The LORD preserves all who love
Him, But all the wicked He will destroy.
21 My mouth shall speak the praise of
the LORD, And all flesh shall bless His
holy name Forever and ever.

146 1 Praise the LORD! Praise the
LORD, O my soul!
2 While I live I will praise the LORD; I
will sing praises to my God while I have
my being.
3 Do not put your trust in princes, Nor
in a son of man, in whom there is no
help.
4 His spirit departs, he returns to his
earth; In that very day his plans perish.
5 Happy is he who has the God of Jacob
for his help, Whose hope is in the LORD
his God,
6 Who made heaven and earth, The
sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps
truth forever,

7 Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry. The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners.

8 The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; The LORD raises those who are bowed down; The LORD loves the righteous.

9 The LORD watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow; But the way of the wicked He turns upside down.

10 The LORD shall reign forever—Your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

147 1 Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; For it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful.

2 The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars; He
calls them all by name.
5 Great is our Lord, and mighty in
power; His understanding is infinite.
6 The LORD lifts up the humble; He casts
the wicked down to the ground.
7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
Sing praises on the harp to our God,
8 Who covers the heavens with clouds,
Who prepares rain for the earth, Who
makes grass to grow on the mountains.
9 He gives to the beast its food, And to
the young ravens that cry.
10 He does not delight in the strength of
the horse; He takes no pleasure in the
legs of a man.
11 The LORD takes pleasure in those
who fear Him, In those who hope in His
mercy.
12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise
your God, O Zion!

13 For He has strengthened the bars of
your gates; He has blessed your children
within you.
14 He makes peace in your borders, And
fills you with the finest wheat.
15 He sends out His command to the
earth; His word runs very swiftly.
16 He gives snow like wool; He scatters
the frost like ashes;
17 He casts out His hail like morsels;
Who can stand before His cold?
18 He sends out His word and melts
them; He causes His wind to blow, and
the waters flow.
19 He declares His word to Jacob, His
statutes and His judgments to Israel.
20 He has not dealt thus with any
nation; And as for His judgments, they
have not known them. Praise the LORD!
148 1 Praise the LORD! Praise the
LORD from the heavens; Praise
Him in the heights!

[2] Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him,
all His hosts!
[3] Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise
Him, all you stars of light!
[4] Praise Him, you heavens of heavens,
And you waters above the heavens!
[5] Let them praise the name of the
LORD, For He commanded and they
were created.
[6] He also established them forever and
ever; He made a decree which shall not
pass away.
[7] Praise the LORD from the earth, You
great sea creatures and all the depths;
[8] Fire and hail, snow and clouds; Stormy
wind, fulfilling His word;
[9] Mountains and all hills; Fruitful trees
and all cedars;
[10] Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things
and flying fowl;
[11] Kings of the earth and all peoples;
Princes and all judges of the earth;

12 Both young men and maidens; Old
men and children.
13 Let them praise the name of the
LORD, For His name alone is exalted; His
glory is above the earth and heaven.
14 And He has exalted the horn of His
people, The praise of all His saints—Of
the children of Israel, A people near to
Him. Praise the LORD!

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1 Praise the LORD! Sing to the
LORD a new song, And His
praise in the assembly of saints.
2 Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; Let
the children of Zion be joyful in their
King.
3 Let them praise His name with the
dance; Let them sing praises to Him with
the timbrel and harp.
4 For the LORD takes pleasure in His
people; He will beautify the humble with
salvation.

5 Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let
them sing aloud on their beds.
6 Let the high praises of God be in their
mouth, And a two–edged sword in their
hand,
7 To execute vengeance on the nations,
And punishments on the peoples;
8 To bind their kings with chains, And
their nobles with fetters of iron;
9 To execute on them the written
judgment—This honor have all His
saints. Praise the LORD!

150 1 Praise the LORD! Praise God
in His sanctuary; Praise Him in
His mighty firmament!
2 Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise
Him according to His excellent greatness!
3 Praise Him with the sound of the
trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and
harp!

4 Praise Him with the timbrel and dance;
Praise Him with stringed instruments
and flutes!
5 Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise
Him with clashing cymbals!
6 Let everything that has breath praise
the LORD. Praise the LORD!

Proverbs

1 [1] The proverbs of Solomon the son
of David, king of Israel:
[2] To know wisdom and instruction, To
perceive the words of understanding,
[3] To receive the instruction of wisdom,
Justice, judgment, and equity;
[4] To give prudence to the simple, To the
young man knowledge and discretion—
[5] A wise man will hear and increase
learning, And a man of understanding
will attain wise counsel,
[6] To understand a proverb and an
enigma, The words of the wise and their
riddles.
[7] The fear of the LORD is the beginning
of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom
and instruction.

8 My son, hear the instruction of your
father, And do not forsake the law of
your mother;
9 For they will be a graceful ornament
on your head, And chains about your
neck.
10 My son, if sinners entice you, Do not
consent.
11 If they say, "Come with us, Let us lie
in wait to shed blood; Let us lurk secretly
for the innocent without cause;
12 Let us swallow them alive like Sheol,
And whole, like those who go down to
the Pit;
13 We shall find all kinds of precious
possessions, We shall fill our houses
with spoil;
14 Cast in your lot among us, Let us all
have one purse" —
15 My son, do not walk in the way with
them, Keep your foot from their path;

16 For their feet run to evil, And they
make haste to shed blood.
17 Surely, in vain the net is spread In the
sight of any bird;
18 But they lie in wait for their own
blood, They lurk secretly for their own
lives.
19 So are the ways of everyone who is
greedy for gain; It takes away the life of
its owners.
20 Wisdom calls aloud outside; She
raises her voice in the open squares.
21 She cries out in the chief concourses,
At the openings of the gates in the city
She speaks her words:
22 "How long, you simple ones, will
you love simplicity? For scorners
delight in their scorning, And fools hate
knowledge.
23 Turn at my rebuke; Surely I will pour
out my spirit on you; I will make my
words known to you.

24 Because I have called and you
refused, I have stretched out my hand
and no one regarded,
25 Because you disdained all my
counsel, And would have none of my
rebuke,
26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I
will mock when your terror comes,
27 When your terror comes like a storm,
And your destruction comes like a
whirlwind, When distress and anguish
come upon you.
28 "Then they will call on me, but I will
not answer; They will seek me diligently,
but they will not find me.
29 Because they hated knowledge And
did not choose the fear of the LORD,
30 They would have none of my counsel
And despised my every rebuke.
31 Therefore they shall eat the fruit of
their own way, And be filled to the full
with their own fancies.

32 For the turning away of the simple
will slay them, And the complacency of
fools will destroy them;
33 But whoever listens to me will dwell
safely, And will be secure, without fear
of evil."
2 1 My son, if you receive my words,
And treasure my commands within
you,
2 So that you incline your ear to wisdom,
And apply your heart to understanding;
3 Yes, if you cry out for discernment,
And lift up your voice for understanding,
4 If you seek her as silver, And search
for her as for hidden treasures;
5 Then you will understand the fear of
the LORD, And find the knowledge of
God.
6 For the LORD gives wisdom; From
His mouth come knowledge and
understanding;

7 He stores up sound wisdom for the
upright; He is a shield to those who walk
uprightly;
8 He guards the paths of justice, And
preserves the way of His saints.
9 Then you will understand
righteousness and justice, Equity
and every good path.
10 When wisdom enters your heart, And
knowledge is pleasant to your soul,
11 Discretion will preserve you;
Understanding will keep you,
12 To deliver you from the way of evil,
From the man who speaks perverse
things,
13 From those who leave the paths
of uprightness To walk in the ways of
darkness;
14 Who rejoice in doing evil, And delight
in the perversity of the wicked;
15 Whose ways are crooked, And who
are devious in their paths;

16 To deliver you from the immoral
woman, From the seductress who
flatters with her words,
17 Who forsakes the companion of her
youth, And forgets the covenant of her
God.
18 For her house leads down to death,
And her paths to the dead;
19 None who go to her return, Nor do
they regain the paths of life—
20 So you may walk in the way of
goodness, And keep to the paths of
righteousness.
21 For the upright will dwell in the land,
And the blameless will remain in it;
22 But the wicked will be cut off from
the earth, And the unfaithful will be
uprooted from it.

3 1 My son, do not forget my law, But
let your heart keep my commands;
2 For length of days and long life And
peace they will add to you.

3 Let not mercy and truth forsake you;
Bind them around your neck, Write them
on the tablet of your heart,
4 And so find favor and high esteem In
the sight of God and man.
5 Trust in the LORD with all your
heart, And lean not on your own
understanding;
6 In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.
7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear
the LORD and depart from evil.
8 It will be health to your flesh, And
strength to your bones.
9 Honor the LORD with your
possessions, And with the firstfruits of
all your increase;
10 So your barns will be filled with
plenty, And your vats will overflow with
new wine.

11 My son, do not despise the
chastening of the LORD, Nor detest His
correction;
12 For whom the LORD loves He
corrects, Just as a father the son in
whom he delights.
13 Happy is the man who finds wisdom,
And the man who gains understanding;
14 For her proceeds are better than the
profits of silver, And her gain than fine
gold.
15 She is more precious than rubies,
And all the things you may desire cannot
compare with her.
16 Length of days is in her right hand, In
her left hand riches and honor.
17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
And all her paths are peace.
18 She is a tree of life to those who take
hold of her, And happy are all who retain
her.

[19] The LORD by wisdom founded the
earth; By understanding He established
the heavens;
[20] By His knowledge the depths were
broken up, And clouds drop down the
dew.
[21] My son, let them not depart from
your eyes—Keep sound wisdom and
discretion;
[22] So they will be life to your soul And
grace to your neck.
[23] Then you will walk safely in your way,
And your foot will not stumble.
[24] When you lie down, you will not be
afraid; Yes, you will lie down and your
sleep will be sweet.
[25] Do not be afraid of sudden terror,
Nor of trouble from the wicked when it
comes;
[26] For the LORD will be your confidence,
And will keep your foot from being
caught.

27 Do not withhold good from those to
whom it is due, When it is in the power
of your hand to do so.
28 Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and
come back, And tomorrow I will give it,"
When you have it with you.
29 Do not devise evil against your
neighbor, For he dwells by you for
safety's sake.
30 Do not strive with a man without
cause, If he has done you no harm.
31 Do not envy the oppressor, And
choose none of his ways;
32 For the perverse person is an
abomination to the LORD, But His secret
counsel is with the upright.
33 The curse of the LORD is on the
house of the wicked, But He blesses the
home of the just.
34 Surely He scorns the scornful, But
gives grace to the humble.

35 The wise shall inherit glory, But
shame shall be the legacy of fools.

4 1 Hear, my children, the instruction
of a father, And give attention to
know understanding;
2 For I give you good doctrine: Do not
forsake my law.
3 When I was my father's son, Tender
and the only one in the sight of my
mother,
4 He also taught me, and said to me:
"Let your heart retain my words; Keep
my commands, and live.
5 Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do
not forget, nor turn away from the words
of my mouth.
6 Do not forsake her, and she will
preserve you; Love her, and she will keep
you.
7 Wisdom is the principal thing;
Therefore get wisdom. And in all your
getting, get understanding.

8 Exalt her, and she will promote you;
She will bring you honor, when you
embrace her.
9 She will place on your head an
ornament of grace; A crown of glory she
will deliver to you."
10 Hear, my son, and receive my sayings,
And the years of your life will be many.
11 I have taught you in the way of
wisdom; I have led you in right paths.
12 When you walk, your steps will not
be hindered, And when you run, you will
not stumble.
13 Take firm hold of instruction, do not
let go; Keep her, for she is your life.
14 Do not enter the path of the wicked,
And do not walk in the way of evil.
15 Avoid it, do not travel on it; Turn
away from it and pass on.
16 For they do not sleep unless they
have done evil; And their sleep is taken
away unless they make someone fall.

17 For they eat the bread of wickedness,
And drink the wine of violence.
18 But the path of the just is like the
shining sun, That shines ever brighter
unto the perfect day.
19 The way of the wicked is like
darkness; They do not know what makes
them stumble.
20 My son, give attention to my words;
Incline your ear to my sayings.
21 Do not let them depart from your
eyes; Keep them in the midst of your
heart;
22 For they are life to those who find
them, And health to all their flesh.
23 Keep your heart with all diligence,
For out of it spring the issues of life.
24 Put away from you a deceitful mouth,
And put perverse lips far from you.
25 Let your eyes look straight ahead,
And your eyelids look right before you.

26 Ponder the path of your feet, And let all your ways be established.
27 Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil.

5 1 My son, pay attention to my wisdom; Lend your ear to my understanding,
2 That you may preserve discretion, And your lips may keep knowledge.
3 For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey, And her mouth is smoother than oil;
4 But in the end she is bitter as wormwood, Sharp as a two–edged sword.
5 Her feet go down to death, Her steps lay hold of hell.
6 Lest you ponder her path of life—Her ways are unstable; You do not know them.

7 Therefore hear me now, my children,
And do not depart from the words of my
mouth.
8 Remove your way far from her, And
do not go near the door of her house,
9 Lest you give your honor to others,
And your years to the cruel one;
10 Lest aliens be filled with your wealth,
And your labors go to the house of a
foreigner;
11 And you mourn at last, When your
flesh and your body are consumed,
12 And say: "How I have hated
instruction, And my heart despised
correction!
13 I have not obeyed the voice of my
teachers, Nor inclined my ear to those
who instructed me!
14 I was on the verge of total ruin,
In the midst of the assembly and
congregation."

15 Drink water from your own cistern,
And running water from your own well.
16 Should your fountains be dispersed
abroad, Streams of water in the streets?
17 Let them be only your own, And not
for strangers with you.
18 Let your fountain be blessed, And
rejoice with the wife of your youth.
19 As a loving deer and a graceful doe,
Let her breasts satisfy you at all times;
And always be enraptured with her love.
20 For why should you, my son, be
enraptured by an immoral woman,
And be embraced in the arms of a
seductress?
21 For the ways of man are before the
eyes of the LORD, And He ponders all his
paths.
22 His own iniquities entrap the wicked
man, And he is caught in the cords of his
sin.

23 He shall die for lack of instruction,
And in the greatness of his folly he shall
go astray.

6 1 My son, if you become surety for
your friend, If you have shaken hands
in pledge for a stranger,
2 You are snared by the words of your
mouth; You are taken by the words of
your mouth.
3 So do this, my son, and deliver
yourself; For you have come into the
hand of your friend: Go and humble
yourself; Plead with your friend.
4 Give no sleep to your eyes, Nor
slumber to your eyelids.
5 Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the
hand of the hunter, And like a bird from
the hand of the fowler.
6 Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider
her ways and be wise,
7 Which, having no captain, Overseer or
ruler,

8 Provides her supplies in the summer,
And gathers her food in the harvest.
9 How long will you slumber, O
sluggard? When will you rise from your
sleep?
10 A little sleep, a little slumber, A little
folding of the hands to sleep—
11 So shall your poverty come on you
like a prowler, And your need like an
armed man.
12 A worthless person, a wicked man,
Walks with a perverse mouth;
13 He winks with his eyes, He shuffles
his feet, He points with his fingers;
14 Perversity is in his heart, He devises
evil continually, He sows discord.
15 Therefore his calamity shall come
suddenly; Suddenly he shall be broken
without remedy.
16 These six things the LORD hates, Yes,
seven are an abomination to Him:

17 A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands
that shed innocent blood,
18 A heart that devises wicked plans,
Feet that are swift in running to evil,
19 A false witness who speaks lies, And
one who sows discord among brethren.
20 My son, keep your father’s command,
And do not forsake the law of your
mother.
21 Bind them continually upon your
heart; Tie them around your neck.
22 When you roam, they will lead you;
When you sleep, they will keep you; And
when you awake, they will speak with
you.
23 For the commandment is a lamp, And
the law a light; Reproofs of instruction
are the way of life,
24 To keep you from the evil woman,
From the flattering tongue of a
seductress.

25 Do not lust after her beauty in your
heart, Nor let her allure you with her
eyelids.
26 For by means of a harlot A man is
reduced to a crust of bread; And an
adulteress will prey upon his precious
life.
27 Can a man take fire to his bosom,
And his clothes not be burned?
28 Can one walk on hot coals, And his
feet not be seared?
29 So is he who goes in to his neighbor’s
wife; Whoever touches her shall not be
innocent.
30 People do not despise a thief If
he steals to satisfy himself when he is
starving.
31 Yet when he is found, he must restore
sevenfold; He may have to give up all the
substance of his house.

32 Whoever commits adultery with a
woman lacks understanding; He who
does so destroys his own soul.
33 Wounds and dishonor he will get,
And his reproach will not be wiped away.
34 For jealousy is a husband's fury;
Therefore he will not spare in the day of
vengeance.
35 He will accept no recompense, Nor
will he be appeased though you give
many gifts.

7 1 My son, keep my words, And
treasure my commands within you.
2 Keep my commands and live, And my
law as the apple of your eye.
3 Bind them on your fingers; Write them
on the tablet of your heart.
4 Say to wisdom, "You are my sister,"
And call understanding your nearest kin,
5 That they may keep you from the
immoral woman, From the seductress
who flatters with her words.

6 For at the window of my house I
looked through my lattice,
7 And saw among the simple, I
perceived among the youths, A young
man devoid of understanding,
8 Passing along the street near her
corner; And he took the path to her
house
9 In the twilight, in the evening, In the
black and dark night.
10 And there a woman met him, With
the attire of a harlot, and a crafty heart.
11 She was loud and rebellious, Her feet
would not stay at home.
12 At times she was outside, at times in
the open square, Lurking at every corner.
13 So she caught him and kissed him;
With an impudent face she said to him:
14 "I have peace offerings with me;
Today I have paid my vows.
15 So I came out to meet you, Diligently
to seek your face, And I have found you.

16 I have spread my bed with tapestry,
Colored coverings of Egyptian linen.
17 I have perfumed my bed With myrrh,
aloes, and cinnamon.
18 Come, let us take our fill of love until
morning; Let us delight ourselves with
love.
19 For my husband is not at home; He
has gone on a long journey;
20 He has taken a bag of money with
him, And will come home on the
appointed day."
21 With her enticing speech she caused
him to yield, With her flattering lips she
seduced him.
22 Immediately he went after her, as an
ox goes to the slaughter, Or as a fool to
the correction of the stocks,
23 Till an arrow struck his liver. As a bird
hastens to the snare, He did not know it
would cost his life.

24 Now therefore, listen to me, my
children; Pay attention to the words of
my mouth:
25 Do not let your heart turn aside to
her ways, Do not stray into her paths;
26 For she has cast down many
wounded, And all who were slain by her
were strong men.
27 Her house is the way to hell,
Descending to the chambers of death.

8 1 Does not wisdom cry out, And
understanding lift up her voice?
2 She takes her stand on the top of
the high hill, Beside the way, where the
paths meet.
3 She cries out by the gates, at the entry
of the city, At the entrance of the doors:
4 "To you, O men, I call, And my voice is
to the sons of men.
5 O you simple ones, understand
prudence, And you fools, be of an
understanding heart.

[6] Listen, for I will speak of excellent things, And from the opening of my lips will come right things;
[7] For my mouth will speak truth; Wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
[8] All the words of my mouth are with righteousness; Nothing crooked or perverse is in them.
[9] They are all plain to him who understands, And right to those who find knowledge.
[10] Receive my instruction, and not silver, And knowledge rather than choice gold;
[11] For wisdom is better than rubies, And all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her.
[12] "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, And find out knowledge and discretion.
[13] The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.

14 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom;
I am understanding, I have strength.
15 By me kings reign, And rulers decree
justice.
16 By me princes rule, and nobles, All
the judges of the earth.
17 I love those who love me, And those
who seek me diligently will find me.
18 Riches and honor are with me,
Enduring riches and righteousness.
19 My fruit is better than gold, yes, than
fine gold, And my revenue than choice
silver.
20 I traverse the way of righteousness,
In the midst of the paths of justice,
21 That I may cause those who love me
to inherit wealth, That I may fill their
treasuries.
22 "The LORD possessed me at the
beginning of His way, Before His works
of old.

23 I have been established from
everlasting, From the beginning, before
there was ever an earth.
24 When there were no depths I was
brought forth, When there were no
fountains abounding with water.
25 Before the mountains were settled,
Before the hills, I was brought forth;
26 While as yet He had not made the
earth or the fields, Or the primeval dust
of the world.
27 When He prepared the heavens, I
was there, When He drew a circle on the
face of the deep,
28 When He established the clouds
above, When He strengthened the
fountains of the deep,
29 When He assigned to the sea its limit,
So that the waters would not transgress
His command, When He marked out the
foundations of the earth,

30 Then I was beside Him as a master
craftsman; And I was daily His delight,
Rejoicing always before Him,
31 Rejoicing in His inhabited world, And
my delight was with the sons of men.
32 "Now therefore, listen to me, my
children, For blessed are those who keep
my ways.
33 Hear instruction and be wise, And do
not disdain it.
34 Blessed is the man who listens to me,
Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at
the posts of my doors.
35 For whoever finds me finds life, And
obtains favor from the LORD;
36 But he who sins against me wrongs
his own soul; All those who hate me love
death."

9 1 Wisdom has built her house, She
has hewn out her seven pillars;

2 She has slaughtered her meat, She has
mixed her wine, She has also furnished
her table.
3 She has sent out her maidens, She
cries out from the highest places of the
city,
4 "Whoever is simple, let him turn
in here!" As for him who lacks
understanding, she says to him,
5 "Come, eat of my bread And drink of
the wine I have mixed.
6 Forsake foolishness and live, And go in
the way of understanding.
7 "He who corrects a scoffer gets shame
for himself, And he who rebukes a
wicked man only harms himself.
8 Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate
you; Rebuke a wise man, and he will love
you.
9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he
will be still wiser; Teach a just man, and
he will increase in learning.

10 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning
of wisdom, And the knowledge of the
Holy One is understanding.
11 For by me your days will be
multiplied, And years of life will be
added to you.
12 If you are wise, you are wise for
yourself, And if you scoff, you will bear it
alone."
13 A foolish woman is clamorous; She is
simple, and knows nothing.
14 For she sits at the door of her house,
On a seat by the highest places of the
city,
15 To call to those who pass by, Who go
straight on their way:
16 "Whoever is simple, let him turn
in here"; And as for him who lacks
understanding, she says to him,
17 "Stolen water is sweet, And bread
eaten in secret is pleasant."

18 But he does not know that the dead
are there, That her guests are in the
depths of hell.

10 1 The Proverbs of Solomon: A
wise son makes a glad father, But
a foolish son is the grief of his mother.
2 Treasures of wickedness profit
nothing, But righteousness delivers from
death.
3 The LORD will not allow the righteous
soul to famish, But He casts away the
desire of the wicked.
4 He who has a slack hand becomes
poor, But the hand of the diligent makes
rich.
5 He who gathers in summer is a wise
son; He who sleeps in harvest is a son
who causes shame.
6 Blessings are on the head of the
righteous, But violence covers the
mouth of the wicked.

7 The memory of the righteous is
blessed, But the name of the wicked will
rot.
8 The wise in heart will receive
commands, But a prating fool will fall.
9 He who walks with integrity walks
securely, But he who perverts his ways
will become known.
10 He who winks with the eye causes
trouble, But a prating fool will fall.
11 The mouth of the righteous is a well
of life, But violence covers the mouth of
the wicked.
12 Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers
all sins.
13 Wisdom is found on the lips of him
who has understanding, But a rod is
for the back of him who is devoid of
understanding.
14 Wise people store up knowledge,
But the mouth of the foolish is near
destruction.

15 The rich man's wealth is his strong
city; The destruction of the poor is their
poverty.
16 The labor of the righteous leads to
life, The wages of the wicked to sin.
17 He who keeps instruction is in the
way of life, But he who refuses correction
goes astray.
18 Whoever hides hatred has lying lips,
And whoever spreads slander is a fool.
19 In the multitude of words sin is not
lacking, But he who restrains his lips is
wise.
20 The tongue of the righteous is choice
silver; The heart of the wicked is worth
little.
21 The lips of the righteous feed many,
But fools die for lack of wisdom.
22 The blessing of the LORD makes one
rich, And He adds no sorrow with it.
23 To do evil is like sport to a fool, But a
man of understanding has wisdom.

24 The fear of the wicked will come upon
him, And the desire of the righteous will
be granted.
25 When the whirlwind passes by, the
wicked is no more, But the righteous has
an everlasting foundation.
26 As vinegar to the teeth and smoke
to the eyes, So is the lazy man to those
who send him.
27 The fear of the LORD prolongs days,
But the years of the wicked will be
shortened.
28 The hope of the righteous will be
gladness, But the expectation of the
wicked will perish.
29 The way of the LORD is strength for
the upright, But destruction will come to
the workers of iniquity.
30 The righteous will never be removed,
But the wicked will not inhabit the earth.

31 The mouth of the righteous brings
forth wisdom, But the perverse tongue
will be cut out.
32 The lips of the righteous know what
is acceptable, But the mouth of the
wicked what is perverse.

11 1 Dishonest scales are an
abomination to the LORD, But a
just weight is His delight.
2 When pride comes, then comes
shame; But with the humble is wisdom.
3 The integrity of the upright will guide
them, But the perversity of the unfaithful
will destroy them.
4 Riches do not profit in the day of
wrath, But righteousness delivers from
death.
5 The righteousness of the blameless
will direct his way aright, But the wicked
will fall by his own wickedness.

6 The righteousness of the upright will deliver them, But the unfaithful will be caught by their lust.
7 When a wicked man dies, his expectation will perish, And the hope of the unjust perishes.
8 The righteous is delivered from trouble, And it comes to the wicked instead.
9 The hypocrite with his mouth destroys his neighbor, But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered.
10 When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices; And when the wicked perish, there is jubilation.
11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted, But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.
12 He who is devoid of wisdom despises his neighbor, But a man of understanding holds his peace.

13 A talebearer reveals secrets, But
he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a
matter.
14 Where there is no counsel, the
people fall; But in the multitude of
counselors there is safety.
15 He who is surety for a stranger will
suffer, But one who hates being surety is
secure.
16 A gracious woman retains honor, But
ruthless men retain riches.
17 The merciful man does good for his
own soul, But he who is cruel troubles
his own flesh.
18 The wicked man does deceptive
work, But he who sows righteousness
will have a sure reward.
19 As righteousness leads to life, So he
who pursues evil pursues it to his own
death.

20 Those who are of a perverse heart
are an abomination to the LORD, But the
blameless in their ways are His delight.
21 Though they join forces, the wicked
will not go unpunished; But the posterity
of the righteous will be delivered.
22 As a ring of gold in a swine's snout, So
is a lovely woman who lacks discretion.
23 The desire of the righteous is only
good, But the expectation of the wicked
is wrath.
24 There is one who scatters, yet
increases more; And there is one who
withholds more than is right, But it leads
to poverty.
25 The generous soul will be made rich,
And he who waters will also be watered
himself.
26 The people will curse him who
withholds grain, But blessing will be on
the head of him who sells it.

27 He who earnestly seeks good finds favor, But trouble will come to him who seeks evil.
28 He who trusts in his riches will fall, But the righteous will flourish like foliage.
29 He who troubles his own house will inherit the wind, And the fool will be servant to the wise of heart.
30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise.
31 If the righteous will be recompensed on the earth, How much more the ungodly and the sinner.

12 1 Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, But he who hates correction is stupid.
2 A good man obtains favor from the LORD, But a man of wicked intentions He will condemn.

3 A man is not established by
wickedness, But the root of the
righteous cannot be moved.
4 An excellent wife is the crown of her
husband, But she who causes shame is
like rottenness in his bones.
5 The thoughts of the righteous are
right, But the counsels of the wicked are
deceitful.
6 The words of the wicked are, "Lie in
wait for blood," But the mouth of the
upright will deliver them.
7 The wicked are overthrown and are
no more, But the house of the righteous
will stand.
8 A man will be commended according
to his wisdom, But he who is of a
perverse heart will be despised.
9 Better is the one who is slighted but
has a servant, Than he who honors
himself but lacks bread.

10 A righteous man regards the life of
his animal, But the tender mercies of the
wicked are cruel.
11 He who tills his land will be satisfied
with bread, But he who follows frivolity
is devoid of understanding.
12 The wicked covet the catch of evil
men, But the root of the righteous yields
fruit.
13 The wicked is ensnared by the
transgression of his lips, But the
righteous will come through trouble.
14 A man will be satisfied with good
by the fruit of his mouth, And the
recompense of a man's hands will be
rendered to him.
15 The way of a fool is right in his own
eyes, But he who heeds counsel is wise.
16 A fool's wrath is known at once, But a
prudent man covers shame.

17 He who speaks truth declares righteousness, But a false witness, deceit.

18 There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, But the tongue of the wise promotes health.

19 The truthful lip shall be established forever, But a lying tongue is but for a moment.

20 Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, But counselors of peace have joy.

21 No grave trouble will overtake the righteous, But the wicked shall be filled with evil.

22 Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, But those who deal truthfully are His delight.

23 A prudent man conceals knowledge, But the heart of fools proclaims foolishness.

24 The hand of the diligent will rule, But
the lazy man will be put to forced labor.
25 Anxiety in the heart of man causes
depression, But a good word makes it
glad.
26 The righteous should choose his
friends carefully, For the way of the
wicked leads them astray.
27 The lazy man does not roast what he
took in hunting, But diligence is man's
precious possession.
28 In the way of righteousness is life,
And in its pathway there is no death.

13 1 A wise son heeds his father's
instruction, But a scoffer does not
listen to rebuke.
2 A man shall eat well by the fruit of his
mouth, But the soul of the unfaithful
feeds on violence.
3 He who guards his mouth preserves
his life, But he who opens wide his lips
shall have destruction.

4 The soul of a lazy man desires, and
has nothing; But the soul of the diligent
shall be made rich.
5 A righteous man hates lying, But a
wicked man is loathsome and comes to
shame.
6 Righteousness guards him whose way
is blameless, But wickedness overthrows
the sinner.
7 There is one who makes himself rich,
yet has nothing; And one who makes
himself poor, yet has great riches.
8 The ransom of a man's life is his riches,
But the poor does not hear rebuke.
9 The light of the righteous rejoices, But
the lamp of the wicked will be put out.
10 By pride comes nothing but strife,
But with the well–advised is wisdom.
11 Wealth gained by dishonesty will be
diminished, But he who gathers by labor
will increase.

[12] Hope deferred makes the heart sick,
But when the desire comes, it is a tree of
life.
[13] He who despises the word will
be destroyed, But he who fears the
commandment will be rewarded.
[14] The law of the wise is a fountain of
life, To turn one away from the snares of
death.
[15] Good understanding gains favor, But
the way of the unfaithful is hard.
[16] Every prudent man acts with
knowledge, But a fool lays open his folly.
[17] A wicked messenger falls into
trouble, But a faithful ambassador brings
health.
[18] Poverty and shame will come to him
who disdains correction, But he who
regards a rebuke will be honored.
[19] A desire accomplished is sweet to the
soul, But it is an abomination to fools to
depart from evil.

20 He who walks with wise men will be
wise, But the companion of fools will be
destroyed.
21 Evil pursues sinners, But to the
righteous, good shall be repaid.
22 A good man leaves an inheritance to
his children’s children, But the wealth of
the sinner is stored up for the righteous.
23 Much food is in the fallow ground of
the poor, And for lack of justice there is
waste.
24 He who spares his rod hates his son,
But he who loves him disciplines him
promptly.
25 The righteous eats to the satisfying of
his soul, But the stomach of the wicked
shall be in want.

14 1 The wise woman builds her
house, But the foolish pulls it
down with her hands.

2 He who walks in his uprightness fears
the LORD, But he who is perverse in his
ways despises Him.
3 In the mouth of a fool is a rod of pride,
But the lips of the wise will preserve
them.
4 Where no oxen are, the trough is
clean; But much increase comes by the
strength of an ox.
5 A faithful witness does not lie, But a
false witness will utter lies.
6 A scoffer seeks wisdom and does not
find it, But knowledge is easy to him who
understands.
7 Go from the presence of a foolish
man, When you do not perceive in him
the lips of knowledge.
8 The wisdom of the prudent is to
understand his way, But the folly of fools
is deceit.
9 Fools mock at sin, But among the
upright there is favor.

10 The heart knows its own bitterness,
And a stranger does not share its joy.
11 The house of the wicked will be
overthrown, But the tent of the upright
will flourish.
12 There is a way that seems right to a
man, But its end is the way of death.
13 Even in laughter the heart may
sorrow, And the end of mirth may be
grief.
14 The backslider in heart will be filled
with his own ways, But a good man will
be satisfied from above.
15 The simple believes every word, But
the prudent considers well his steps.
16 A wise man fears and departs
from evil, But a fool rages and is
self–confident.
17 A quick–tempered man acts foolishly,
And a man of wicked intentions is hated.
18 The simple inherit folly, But the
prudent are crowned with knowledge.

19 The evil will bow before the good,
And the wicked at the gates of the
righteous.
20 The poor man is hated even by his
own neighbor, But the rich has many
friends.
21 He who despises his neighbor sins;
But he who has mercy on the poor,
happy is he.
22 Do they not go astray who devise
evil? But mercy and truth belong to
those who devise good.
23 In all labor there is profit, But idle
chatter leads only to poverty.
24 The crown of the wise is their riches,
But the foolishness of fools is folly.
25 A true witness delivers souls, But a
deceitful witness speaks lies.
26 In the fear of the LORD there is strong
confidence, And His children will have a
place of refuge.

27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of
life, To turn one away from the snares of
death.
28 In a multitude of people is a king's
honor, But in the lack of people is the
downfall of a prince.
29 He who is slow to wrath has great
understanding, But he who is impulsive
exalts folly.
30 A sound heart is life to the body, But
envy is rottenness to the bones.
31 He who oppresses the poor
reproaches his Maker, But he who
honors Him has mercy on the needy.
32 The wicked is banished in his
wickedness, But the righteous has a
refuge in his death.
33 Wisdom rests in the heart of him
who has understanding, But what is in
the heart of fools is made known.
34 Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin
is a reproach to any people.

35 The king's favor is toward a wise servant, But his wrath is against him who causes shame.

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1 A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.
2 The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.
3 The eyes of the LORD are in every place, Keeping watch on the evil and the good.
4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, But perverseness in it breaks the spirit.
5 A fool despises his father's instruction, But he who receives correction is prudent.
6 In the house of the righteous there is much treasure, But in the revenue of the wicked is trouble.
7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge, But the heart of the fool does not do so.

8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an
abomination to the LORD, But the prayer
of the upright is His delight.
9 The way of the wicked is an
abomination to the LORD, But He loves
him who follows righteousness.
10 Harsh discipline is for him who
forsakes the way, And he who hates
correction will die.
11 Hell and Destruction are before the
LORD; So how much more the hearts of
the sons of men.
12 A scoffer does not love one who
corrects him, Nor will he go to the wise.
13 A merry heart makes a cheerful
countenance, But by sorrow of the heart
the spirit is broken.
14 The heart of him who has
understanding seeks knowledge,
But the mouth of fools feeds on
foolishness.

15 All the days of the afflicted are evil,
But he who is of a merry heart has a
continual feast.
16 Better is a little with the fear of the
LORD, Than great treasure with trouble.
17 Better is a dinner of herbs where love
is, Than a fatted calf with hatred.
18 A wrathful man stirs up strife, But he
who is slow to anger allays contention.
19 The way of the lazy man is like a
hedge of thorns, But the way of the
upright is a highway.
20 A wise son makes a father glad, But a
foolish man despises his mother.
21 Folly is joy to him who is destitute
of discernment, But a man of
understanding walks uprightly.
22 Without counsel, plans go awry, But
in the multitude of counselors they are
established.

23 A man has joy by the answer of
his mouth, And a word spoken in due
season, how good it is!
24 The way of life winds upward for the
wise, That he may turn away from hell
below.
25 The LORD will destroy the house
of the proud, But He will establish the
boundary of the widow.
26 The thoughts of the wicked are an
abomination to the LORD, But the words
of the pure are pleasant.
27 He who is greedy for gain troubles his
own house, But he who hates bribes will
live.
28 The heart of the righteous studies
how to answer, But the mouth of the
wicked pours forth evil.
29 The LORD is far from the wicked, But
He hears the prayer of the righteous.

30 The light of the eyes rejoices the
heart, And a good report makes the
bones healthy.
31 The ear that hears the rebukes of life
Will abide among the wise.
32 He who disdains instruction despises
his own soul, But he who heeds rebuke
gets understanding.
33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction
of wisdom, And before honor is humility.
16 1 The preparations of the heart
belong to man, But the answer of
the tongue is from the LORD.
2 All the ways of a man are pure in his
own eyes, But the LORD weighs the
spirits.
3 Commit your works to the LORD, And
your thoughts will be established.
4 The LORD has made all for Himself,
Yes, even the wicked for the day of
doom.

5 Everyone proud in heart is an
abomination to the LORD; Though they
join forces, none will go unpunished.
6 In mercy and truth Atonement is
provided for iniquity; And by the fear of
the LORD one departs from evil.
7 When a man's ways please the LORD,
He makes even his enemies to be at
peace with him.
8 Better is a little with righteousness,
Than vast revenues without justice.
9 A man's heart plans his way, But the
LORD directs his steps.
10 Divination is on the lips of the
king; His mouth must not transgress in
judgment.
11 Honest weights and scales are the
LORD'S; All the weights in the bag are
His work.
12 It is an abomination for kings to
commit wickedness, For a throne is
established by righteousness.

13 Righteous lips are the delight of
kings, And they love him who speaks
what is right.
14 As messengers of death is the king's
wrath, But a wise man will appease it.
15 In the light of the king's face is life,
And his favor is like a cloud of the latter
rain.
16 How much better to get wisdom than
gold! And to get understanding is to be
chosen rather than silver.
17 The highway of the upright is to
depart from evil; He who keeps his way
preserves his soul.
18 Pride goes before destruction, And a
haughty spirit before a fall.
19 Better to be of a humble spirit with
the lowly, Than to divide the spoil with
the proud.
20 He who heeds the word wisely will
find good, And whoever trusts in the
LORD, happy is he.

21 The wise in heart will be called
prudent, And sweetness of the lips
increases learning.
22 Understanding is a wellspring of life
to him who has it. But the correction of
fools is folly.
23 The heart of the wise teaches his
mouth, And adds learning to his lips.
24 Pleasant words are like a honeycomb,
Sweetness to the soul and health to the
bones.
25 There is a way that seems right to a
man, But its end is the way of death.
26 The person who labors, labors for
himself, For his hungry mouth drives him
on.
27 An ungodly man digs up evil, And it is
on his lips like a burning fire.
28 A perverse man sows strife, And a
whisperer separates the best of friends.
29 A violent man entices his neighbor,
And leads him in a way that is not good.

30 He winks his eye to devise perverse things; He purses his lips and brings about evil.
31 The silver–haired head is a crown of glory, If it is found in the way of righteousness.
32 He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.
33 The lot is cast into the lap, But its every decision is from the LORD.

17 1 Better is a dry morsel with quietness, Than a house full of feasting with strife.
2 A wise servant will rule over a son who causes shame, And will share an inheritance among the brothers.
3 The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, But the LORD tests the hearts.
4 An evildoer gives heed to false lips; A liar listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue.

5 He who mocks the poor reproaches
his Maker; He who is glad at calamity
will not go unpunished.
6 Children's children are the crown of
old men, And the glory of children is
their father.
7 Excellent speech is not becoming to a
fool, Much less lying lips to a prince.
8 A present is a precious stone in the
eyes of its possessor; Wherever he turns,
he prospers.
9 He who covers a transgression seeks
love, But he who repeats a matter
separates friends.
10 Rebuke is more effective for a wise
man Than a hundred blows on a fool.
11 An evil man seeks only rebellion;
Therefore a cruel messenger will be sent
against him.
12 Let a man meet a bear robbed of her
cubs, Rather than a fool in his folly.

13 Whoever rewards evil for good, Evil
will not depart from his house.
14 The beginning of strife is like releasing
water; Therefore stop contention before
a quarrel starts.
15 He who justifies the wicked, and he
who condemns the just, Both of them
alike are an abomination to the LORD.
16 Why is there in the hand of a fool the
purchase price of wisdom, Since he has
no heart for it?
17 A friend loves at all times, And a
brother is born for adversity.
18 A man devoid of understanding
shakes hands in a pledge, And becomes
surety for his friend.
19 He who loves transgression loves
strife, And he who exalts his gate seeks
destruction.
20 He who has a deceitful heart finds no
good, And he who has a perverse tongue
falls into evil.

21 He who begets a scoffer does so to
his sorrow, And the father of a fool has
no joy.
22 A merry heart does good, like
medicine, But a broken spirit dries the
bones.
23 A wicked man accepts a bribe behind
the back To pervert the ways of justice.
24 Wisdom is in the sight of him who
has understanding, But the eyes of a fool
are on the ends of the earth.
25 A foolish son is a grief to his father,
And bitterness to her who bore him.
26 Also, to punish the righteous is not
good, Nor to strike princes for their
uprightness.
27 He who has knowledge spares his
words, And a man of understanding is of
a calm spirit.
28 Even a fool is counted wise when he
holds his peace; When he shuts his lips,
he is considered perceptive.

18 1 A man who isolates himself
seeks his own desire; He rages
against all wise judgment.
2 A fool has no delight in understanding,
But in expressing his own heart.
3 When the wicked comes, contempt
comes also; And with dishonor comes
reproach.
4 The words of a man’s mouth are deep
waters; The wellspring of wisdom is a
flowing brook.
5 It is not good to show partiality to the
wicked, Or to overthrow the righteous in
judgment.
6 A fool’s lips enter into contention, And
his mouth calls for blows.
7 A fool’s mouth is his destruction, And
his lips are the snare of his soul.
8 The words of a talebearer are like
tasty trifles, And they go down into the
inmost body.

9 He who is slothful in his work Is a brother to him who is a great destroyer.
10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.
11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city, And like a high wall in his own esteem.
12 Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty, And before honor is humility.
13 He who answers a matter before he hears it, It is folly and shame to him.
14 The spirit of a man will sustain him in sickness, But who can bear a broken spirit?
15 The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge, And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.
16 A man's gift makes room for him, And brings him before great men.

17 The first one to plead his cause
seems right, Until his neighbor comes
and examines him.
18 Casting lots causes contentions to
cease, And keeps the mighty apart.
19 A brother offended is harder to win
than a strong city, And contentions are
like the bars of a castle.
20 A man's stomach shall be satisfied
from the fruit of his mouth, From the
produce of his lips he shall be filled.
21 Death and life are in the power of the
tongue, And those who love it will eat its
fruit.
22 He who finds a wife finds a good
thing, And obtains favor from the LORD.
23 The poor man uses entreaties, But
the rich answers roughly.
24 A man who has friends must himself
be friendly, But there is a friend who
sticks closer than a brother.

19 1 Better is the poor who walks
in his integrity Than one who is
perverse in his lips, and is a fool.
2 Also it is not good for a soul to be
without knowledge, And he sins who
hastens with his feet.
3 The foolishness of a man twists his
way, And his heart frets against the
LORD.
4 Wealth makes many friends, But the
poor is separated from his friend.
5 A false witness will not go unpunished,
And he who speaks lies will not escape.
6 Many entreat the favor of the nobility,
And every man is a friend to one who
gives gifts.
7 All the brothers of the poor hate him;
How much more do his friends go far
from him! He may pursue them with
words, yet they abandon him.

[8] He who gets wisdom loves his own
soul; He who keeps understanding will
find good.
[9] A false witness will not go unpunished,
And he who speaks lies shall perish.
[10] Luxury is not fitting for a fool, Much
less for a servant to rule over princes.
[11] The discretion of a man makes
him slow to anger, And his glory is to
overlook a transgression.
[12] The king's wrath is like the roaring of
a lion, But his favor is like dew on the
grass.
[13] A foolish son is the ruin of his father,
And the contentions of a wife are a
continual dripping.
[14] Houses and riches are an inheritance
from fathers, But a prudent wife is from
the LORD.
[15] Laziness casts one into a deep sleep,
And an idle person will suffer hunger.

16 He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul, But he who is careless of his ways will die.
17 He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, And He will pay back what he has given.
18 Chasten your son while there is hope, And do not set your heart on his destruction.
19 A man of great wrath will suffer punishment; For if you rescue him, you will have to do it again.
20 Listen to counsel and receive instruction, That you may be wise in your latter days.
21 There are many plans in a man's heart, Nevertheless the LORD'S counsel—that will stand.
22 What is desired in a man is kindness, And a poor man is better than a liar.

23 The fear of the LORD leads to life, And
he who has it will abide in satisfaction;
He will not be visited with evil.
24 A lazy man buries his hand in the
bowl, And will not so much as bring it to
his mouth again.
25 Strike a scoffer, and the simple will
become wary; Rebuke one who has
understanding, and he will discern
knowledge.
26 He who mistreats his father and
chases away his mother Is a son who
causes shame and brings reproach.
27 Cease listening to instruction, my
son, And you will stray from the words
of knowledge.
28 A disreputable witness scorns justice,
And the mouth of the wicked devours
iniquity.
29 Judgments are prepared for scoffers,
And beatings for the backs of fools.

20 [1] Wine is a mocker, Strong drink
is a brawler, And whoever is led
astray by it is not wise.
[2] The wrath of a king is like the roaring
of a lion; Whoever provokes him to
anger sins against his own life.
[3] It is honorable for a man to stop
striving, Since any fool can start a
quarrel.
[4] The lazy man will not plow because of
winter; He will beg during harvest and
have nothing.
[5] Counsel in the heart of man is like
deep water, But a man of understanding
will draw it out.
[6] Most men will proclaim each his own
goodness, But who can find a faithful
man?
[7] The righteous man walks in his
integrity; His children are blessed after
him.

8 A king who sits on the throne of
judgment Scatters all evil with his eyes.
9 Who can say, "I have made my heart
clean, I am pure from my sin"?
10 Diverse weights and diverse
measures, They are both alike, an
abomination to the LORD.
11 Even a child is known by his deeds,
Whether what he does is pure and right.
12 The hearing ear and the seeing eye,
The LORD has made them both.
13 Do not love sleep, lest you come to
poverty; Open your eyes, and you will be
satisfied with bread.
14 "It is good for nothing," cries the
buyer; But when he has gone his way,
then he boasts.
15 There is gold and a multitude of
rubies, But the lips of knowledge are a
precious jewel.

16 Take the garment of one who is
surety for a stranger, And hold it as a
pledge when it is for a seductress.
17 Bread gained by deceit is sweet to a
man, But afterward his mouth will be
filled with gravel.
18 Plans are established by counsel; By
wise counsel wage war.
19 He who goes about as a talebearer
reveals secrets; Therefore do not
associate with one who flatters with his
lips.
20 Whoever curses his father or his
mother, His lamp will be put out in deep
darkness.
21 An inheritance gained hastily at the
beginning Will not be blessed at the end.
22 Do not say, "I will recompense evil";
Wait for the LORD, and He will save you.
23 Diverse weights are an abomination
to the LORD, And dishonest scales are
not good.

24 A man's steps are of the LORD; How
then can a man understand his own
way?
25 It is a snare for a man to devote
rashly something as holy, And afterward
to reconsider his vows.
26 A wise king sifts out the wicked, And
brings the threshing wheel over them.
27 The spirit of a man is the lamp of the
LORD, Searching all the inner depths of
his heart.
28 Mercy and truth preserve the king,
And by lovingkindness he upholds his
throne.
29 The glory of young men is their
strength, And the splendor of old men is
their gray head.
30 Blows that hurt cleanse away evil, As
do stripes the inner depths of the heart.

21 1 The king's heart is in the hand of
the LORD, Like the rivers of water;
He turns it wherever He wishes.

2 Every way of a man is right in his own
eyes, But the LORD weighs the hearts.
3 To do righteousness and justice Is
more acceptable to the LORD than
sacrifice.
4 A haughty look, a proud heart, And
the plowing of the wicked are sin.
5 The plans of the diligent lead surely
to plenty, But those of everyone who is
hasty, surely to poverty.
6 Getting treasures by a lying tongue Is
the fleeting fantasy of those who seek
death.
7 The violence of the wicked will destroy
them, Because they refuse to do justice.
8 The way of a guilty man is perverse;
But as for the pure, his work is right.
9 Better to dwell in a corner of a
housetop, Than in a house shared with a
contentious woman.
10 The soul of the wicked desires evil;
His neighbor finds no favor in his eyes.

11 When the scoffer is punished, the
simple is made wise; But when the wise
is instructed, he receives knowledge.
12 The righteous God wisely considers
the house of the wicked, Overthrowing
the wicked for their wickedness.
13 Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of
the poor Will also cry himself and not be
heard.
14 A gift in secret pacifies anger, And a
bribe behind the back, strong wrath.
15 It is a joy for the just to do justice,
But destruction will come to the workers
of iniquity.
16 A man who wanders from the way of
understanding Will rest in the assembly
of the dead.
17 He who loves pleasure will be a poor
man; He who loves wine and oil will not
be rich.

18 The wicked shall be a ransom for the
righteous, And the unfaithful for the
upright.
19 Better to dwell in the wilderness,
Than with a contentious and angry
woman.
20 There is desirable treasure, And oil
in the dwelling of the wise, But a foolish
man squanders it.
21 He who follows righteousness and
mercy Finds life, righteousness, and
honor.
22 A wise man scales the city of the
mighty, And brings down the trusted
stronghold.
23 Whoever guards his mouth and
tongue Keeps his soul from troubles.
24 A proud and haughty man —"Scoffer"
is his name; He acts with arrogant pride.
25 The desire of the lazy man kills him,
For his hands refuse to labor.

[26] He covets greedily all day long, But
the righteous gives and does not spare.
[27] The sacrifice of the wicked is an
abomination; How much more when he
brings it with wicked intent!
[28] A false witness shall perish, But the
man who hears him will speak endlessly.
[29] A wicked man hardens his face, But
as for the upright, he establishes his way.
[30] There is no wisdom or understanding
Or counsel against the LORD.
[31] The horse is prepared for the day of
battle, But deliverance is of the LORD.

22 [1] A good name is to be chosen
rather than great riches, Loving
favor rather than silver and gold.
[2] The rich and the poor have this in
common, The LORD is the maker of them
all.
[3] A prudent man foresees evil and hides
himself, But the simple pass on and are
punished.

4 By humility and the fear of the LORD
Are riches and honor and life.
5 Thorns and snares are in the way of
the perverse; He who guards his soul will
be far from them.
6 Train up a child in the way he should
go, And when he is old he will not depart
from it.
7 The rich rules over the poor, And the
borrower is servant to the lender.
8 He who sows iniquity will reap sorrow,
And the rod of his anger will fail.
9 He who has a generous eye will be
blessed, For he gives of his bread to the
poor.
10 Cast out the scoffer, and contention
will leave; Yes, strife and reproach will
cease.
11 He who loves purity of heart And
has grace on his lips, The king will be his
friend.

12 The eyes of the LORD preserve
knowledge, But He overthrows the
words of the faithless.
13 The lazy man says, "There is a lion
outside! I shall be slain in the streets!"
14 The mouth of an immoral woman is
a deep pit; He who is abhorred by the
LORD will fall there.
15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart
of a child; The rod of correction will drive
it far from him.
16 He who oppresses the poor to
increase his riches, And he who gives to
the rich, will surely come to poverty.
17 Incline your ear and hear the words
of the wise, And apply your heart to my
knowledge;
18 For it is a pleasant thing if you keep
them within you; Let them all be fixed
upon your lips,

19 So that your trust may be in the
LORD; I have instructed you today, even
you.
20 Have I not written to you excellent
things Of counsels and knowledge,
21 That I may make you know the
certainty of the words of truth, That you
may answer words of truth To those who
send to you?
22 Do not rob the poor because he is
poor, Nor oppress the afflicted at the
gate;
23 For the LORD will plead their cause,
And plunder the soul of those who
plunder them.
24 Make no friendship with an angry
man, And with a furious man do not go,
25 Lest you learn his ways And set a
snare for your soul.
26 Do not be one of those who shakes
hands in a pledge, One of those who is
surety for debts;

27 If you have nothing with which to
pay, Why should he take away your bed
from under you?
28 Do not remove the ancient landmark
Which your fathers have set.
29 Do you see a man who excels in his
work? He will stand before kings; He will
not stand before unknown men.
23 1 When you sit down to eat with
a ruler, Consider carefully what is
before you;
2 And put a knife to your throat If you
are a man given to appetite.
3 Do not desire his delicacies, For they
are deceptive food.
4 Do not overwork to be rich; Because
of your own understanding, cease!
5 Will you set your eyes on that
which is not? For riches certainly make
themselves wings; They fly away like an
eagle toward heaven.

6 Do not eat the bread of a miser, Nor
desire his delicacies;
7 For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.
"Eat and drink!" he says to you, But his
heart is not with you.
8 The morsel you have eaten, you will
vomit up, And waste your pleasant
words.
9 Do not speak in the hearing of a fool,
For he will despise the wisdom of your
words.
10 Do not remove the ancient landmark,
Nor enter the fields of the fatherless;
11 For their Redeemer is mighty; He will
plead their cause against you.
12 Apply your heart to instruction, And
your ears to words of knowledge.
13 Do not withhold correction from a
child, For if you beat him with a rod, he
will not die.
14 You shall beat him with a rod, And
deliver his soul from hell.

15 My son, if your heart is wise, My
heart will rejoice—indeed, I myself;
16 Yes, my inmost being will rejoice
When your lips speak right things.
17 Do not let your heart envy sinners,
But be zealous for the fear of the LORD
all the day;
18 For surely there is a hereafter, And
your hope will not be cut off.
19 Hear, my son, and be wise; And guide
your heart in the way.
20 Do not mix with winebibbers, Or with
gluttonous eaters of meat;
21 For the drunkard and the glutton will
come to poverty, And drowsiness will
clothe a man with rags.
22 Listen to your father who begot you,
And do not despise your mother when
she is old.
23 Buy the truth, and do not sell
it, Also wisdom and instruction and
understanding.

24 The father of the righteous will
greatly rejoice, And he who begets a
wise child will delight in him.
25 Let your father and your mother be
glad, And let her who bore you rejoice.
26 My son, give me your heart, And let
your eyes observe my ways.
27 For a harlot is a deep pit, And a
seductress is a narrow well.
28 She also lies in wait as for a victim,
And increases the unfaithful among
men.
29 Who has woe? Who has sorrow?
Who has contentions? Who has
complaints? Who has wounds without
cause? Who has redness of eyes?
30 Those who linger long at the wine,
Those who go in search of mixed wine.
31 Do not look on the wine when it is
red, When it sparkles in the cup, When
it swirls around smoothly;

32 At the last it bites like a serpent, And
stings like a viper.
33 Your eyes will see strange things, And
your heart will utter perverse things.
34 Yes, you will be like one who lies
down in the midst of the sea, Or like one
who lies at the top of the mast, saying:
35 "They have struck me, but I was not
hurt; They have beaten me, but I did not
feel it. When shall I awake, that I may
seek another drink?"

24 1 Do not be envious of evil men,
Nor desire to be with them;
2 For their heart devises violence, And
their lips talk of troublemaking.
3 Through wisdom a house is built, And
by understanding it is established;
4 By knowledge the rooms are filled
With all precious and pleasant riches.
5 A wise man is strong, Yes, a man of
knowledge increases strength;

6 For by wise counsel you will wage
your own war, And in a multitude of
counselors there is safety.
7 Wisdom is too lofty for a fool; He does
not open his mouth in the gate.
8 He who plots to do evil Will be called
a schemer.
9 The devising of foolishness is sin, And
the scoffer is an abomination to men.
10 If you faint in the day of adversity,
Your strength is small.
11 Deliver those who are drawn toward
death, And hold back those stumbling to
the slaughter.
12 If you say, "Surely we did not know
this," Does not He who weighs the
hearts consider it? He who keeps your
soul, does He not know it? And will He
not render to each man according to his
deeds?

13 My son, eat honey because it is good,
And the honeycomb which is sweet to
your taste;
14 So shall the knowledge of wisdom be
to your soul; If you have found it, there
is a prospect, And your hope will not be
cut off.
15 Do not lie in wait, O wicked man,
against the dwelling of the righteous; Do
not plunder his resting place;
16 For a righteous man may fall seven
times And rise again, But the wicked
shall fall by calamity.
17 Do not rejoice when your enemy
falls, And do not let your heart be glad
when he stumbles;
18 Lest the LORD see it, and it displease
Him, And He turn away His wrath from
him.
19 Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor
be envious of the wicked;

20 For there will be no prospect for the
evil man; The lamp of the wicked will be
put out.
21 My son, fear the LORD and the king;
Do not associate with those given to
change;
22 For their calamity will rise suddenly,
And who knows the ruin those two can
bring?
23 These things also belong to the
wise: It is not good to show partiality in
judgment.
24 He who says to the wicked, "You are
righteous," Him the people will curse;
Nations will abhor him.
25 But those who rebuke the wicked will
have delight, And a good blessing will
come upon them.
26 He who gives a right answer kisses
the lips.

27 Prepare your outside work, Make it
fit for yourself in the field; And afterward
build your house.
28 Do not be a witness against your
neighbor without cause, For would you
deceive with your lips?
29 Do not say, "I will do to him just as he
has done to me; I will render to the man
according to his work."
30 I went by the field of the lazy man,
And by the vineyard of the man devoid
of understanding;
31 And there it was, all overgrown with
thorns; Its surface was covered with
nettles; Its stone wall was broken down.
32 When I saw it, I considered it well; I
looked on it and received instruction:
33 A little sleep, a little slumber, A little
folding of the hands to rest;
34 So shall your poverty come like a
prowler, And your need like an armed
man.

25
1 These also are proverbs of
Solomon which the men of
Hezekiah king of Judah copied:
2 It is the glory of God to conceal a
matter, But the glory of kings is to search
out a matter.
3 As the heavens for height and the
earth for depth, So the heart of kings is
unsearchable.
4 Take away the dross from silver, And it
will go to the silversmith for jewelry.
5 Take away the wicked from before the
king, And his throne will be established
in righteousness.
6 Do not exalt yourself in the presence
of the king, And do not stand in the place
of the great;
7 For it is better that he say to you,
"Come up here," Than that you should
be put lower in the presence of the
prince, Whom your eyes have seen.

8 Do not go hastily to court; For what
will you do in the end, When your
neighbor has put you to shame?
9 Debate your case with your neighbor,
And do not disclose the secret to
another;
10 Lest he who hears it expose your
shame, And your reputation be ruined.
11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of
gold In settings of silver.
12 Like an earring of gold and an
ornament of fine gold Is a wise rebuker
to an obedient ear.
13 Like the cold of snow in time of
harvest Is a faithful messenger to those
who send him, For he refreshes the soul
of his masters.
14 Whoever falsely boasts of giving Is
like clouds and wind without rain.
15 By long forbearance a ruler is
persuaded, And a gentle tongue breaks
a bone.

16 Have you found honey? Eat only as much as you need, Lest you be filled with it and vomit.

17 Seldom set foot in your neighbor’s house, Lest he become weary of you and hate you.

18 A man who bears false witness against his neighbor Is like a club, a sword, and a sharp arrow.

19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble Is like a bad tooth and a foot out of joint.

20 Like one who takes away a garment in cold weather, And like vinegar on soda, Is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.

21 If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink;

22 For so you will heap coals of fire on his head, And the LORD will reward you.

23 The north wind brings forth rain,
And a backbiting tongue an angry
countenance.
24 It is better to dwell in a corner of a
housetop, Than in a house shared with a
contentious woman.
25 As cold water to a weary soul, So is
good news from a far country.
26 A righteous man who falters before
the wicked Is like a murky spring and a
polluted well.
27 It is not good to eat much honey; So
to seek one's own glory is not glory.
28 Whoever has no rule over his own
spirit Is like a city broken down, without
walls.

26

1 As snow in summer and rain in
harvest, So honor is not fitting for
a fool.
2 Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying
swallow, So a curse without cause shall
not alight.

3 A whip for the horse, A bridle for the
donkey, And a rod for the fool's back.
4 Do not answer a fool according to his
folly, Lest you also be like him.
5 Answer a fool according to his folly,
Lest he be wise in his own eyes.
6 He who sends a message by the hand
of a fool Cuts off his own feet and drinks
violence.
7 Like the legs of the lame that hang
limp Is a proverb in the mouth of fools.
8 Like one who binds a stone in a sling Is
he who gives honor to a fool.
9 Like a thorn that goes into the hand of
a drunkard Is a proverb in the mouth of
fools.
10 The great God who formed
everything Gives the fool his hire and
the transgressor his wages.
11 As a dog returns to his own vomit, So
a fool repeats his folly.

12 Do you see a man wise in his own
eyes? There is more hope for a fool than
for him.
13 The lazy man says, "There is a lion in
the road! A fierce lion is in the streets!"
14 As a door turns on its hinges, So does
the lazy man on his bed.
15 The lazy man buries his hand in the
bowl; It wearies him to bring it back to
his mouth.
16 The lazy man is wiser in his own
eyes Than seven men who can answer
sensibly.
17 He who passes by and meddles in a
quarrel not his own Is like one who takes
a dog by the ears.
18 Like a madman who throws
firebrands, arrows, and death,
19 Is the man who deceives his neighbor,
And says, "I was only joking!"

20 Where there is no wood, the fire goes
out; And where there is no talebearer,
strife ceases.
21 As charcoal is to burning coals, and
wood to fire, So is a contentious man to
kindle strife.
22 The words of a talebearer are like
tasty trifles, And they go down into the
inmost body.
23 Fervent lips with a wicked heart Are
like earthenware covered with silver
dross.
24 He who hates, disguises it with his
lips, And lays up deceit within himself;
25 When he speaks kindly, do not
believe him, For there are seven
abominations in his heart;
26 Though his hatred is covered by
deceit, His wickedness will be revealed
before the assembly.

27 Whoever digs a pit will fall into it,
And he who rolls a stone will have it roll
back on him.
28 A lying tongue hates those who are
crushed by it, And a flattering mouth
works ruin.

27 1 Do not boast about tomorrow,
For you do not know what a day
may bring forth.
2 Let another man praise you, and not
your own mouth; A stranger, and not
your own lips.
3 A stone is heavy and sand is weighty,
But a fool's wrath is heavier than both of
them.
4 Wrath is cruel and anger a torrent, But
who is able to stand before jealousy?
5 Open rebuke is better Than love
carefully concealed.
6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend,
But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

7 A satisfied soul loathes the
honeycomb, But to a hungry soul
every bitter thing is sweet.
8 Like a bird that wanders from its nest
Is a man who wanders from his place.
9 Ointment and perfume delight the
heart, And the sweetness of a man’s
friend gives delight by hearty counsel.
10 Do not forsake your own friend or
your father’s friend, Nor go to your
brother’s house in the day of your
calamity; Better is a neighbor nearby
than a brother far away.
11 My son, be wise, and make my
heart glad, That I may answer him who
reproaches me.
12 A prudent man foresees evil and
hides himself; The simple pass on and
are punished.
13 Take the garment of him who is surety
for a stranger, And hold it in pledge when
he is surety for a seductress.

14 He who blesses his friend with a loud
voice, rising early in the morning, It will
be counted a curse to him.
15 A continual dripping on a very rainy
day And a contentious woman are alike;
16 Whoever restrains her restrains the
wind, And grasps oil with his right hand.
17 As iron sharpens iron, So a man
sharpens the countenance of his friend.
18 Whoever keeps the fig tree will eat
its fruit; So he who waits on his master
will be honored.
19 As in water face reflects face, So a
man's heart reveals the man.
20 Hell and Destruction are never full;
So the eyes of man are never satisfied.
21 The refining pot is for silver and the
furnace for gold, And a man is valued by
what others say of him.
22 Though you grind a fool in a mortar
with a pestle along with crushed grain,

Yet his foolishness will not depart from
him.
23 Be diligent to know the state of your
flocks, And attend to your herds;
24 For riches are not forever, Nor does a
crown endure to all generations.
25 When the hay is removed, and the
tender grass shows itself, And the herbs
of the mountains are gathered in,
26 The lambs will provide your clothing,
And the goats the price of a field;
27 You shall have enough goats' milk
for your food, For the food of your
household, And the nourishment of your
maidservants.

28 1 The wicked flee when no one
pursues, But the righteous are
bold as a lion.
2 Because of the transgression of a land,
many are its princes; But by a man of
understanding and knowledge Right will
be prolonged.

3 A poor man who oppresses the poor Is
like a driving rain which leaves no food.
4 Those who forsake the law praise
the wicked, But such as keep the law
contend with them.
5 Evil men do not understand justice,
But those who seek the LORD understand
all.
6 Better is the poor who walks in his
integrity Than one perverse in his ways,
though he be rich.
7 Whoever keeps the law is a discerning
son, But a companion of gluttons shames
his father.
8 One who increases his possessions by
usury and extortion Gathers it for him
who will pity the poor.
9 One who turns away his ear from
hearing the law, Even his prayer is an
abomination.
10 Whoever causes the upright to go
astray in an evil way, He himself will fall

into his own pit; But the blameless will
inherit good.
11 The rich man is wise in his own eyes,
But the poor who has understanding
searches him out.
12 When the righteous rejoice, there is
great glory; But when the wicked arise,
men hide themselves.
13 He who covers his sins will not
prosper, But whoever confesses and
forsakes them will have mercy.
14 Happy is the man who is always
reverent, But he who hardens his heart
will fall into calamity.
15 Like a roaring lion and a charging
bear Is a wicked ruler over poor people.
16 A ruler who lacks understanding is
a great oppressor, But he who hates
covetousness will prolong his days.
17 A man burdened with bloodshed will
flee into a pit; Let no one help him.

18 Whoever walks blamelessly will be
saved, But he who is perverse in his ways
will suddenly fall.
19 He who tills his land will have plenty
of bread, But he who follows frivolity will
have poverty enough!
20 A faithful man will abound with
blessings, But he who hastens to be rich
will not go unpunished.
21 To show partiality is not good,
Because for a piece of bread a man will
transgress.
22 A man with an evil eye hastens
after riches, And does not consider that
poverty will come upon him.
23 He who rebukes a man will find more
favor afterward Than he who flatters
with the tongue.
24 Whoever robs his father or
his mother, And says, "It is no
transgression," The same is companion
to a destroyer.

25 He who is of a proud heart stirs up
strife, But he who trusts in the LORD will
be prospered.
26 He who trusts in his own heart is a
fool, But whoever walks wisely will be
delivered.
27 He who gives to the poor will not
lack, But he who hides his eyes will have
many curses.
28 When the wicked arise, men hide
themselves; But when they perish, the
righteous increase.

29

1 He who is often rebuked, and
hardens his neck, Will suddenly
be destroyed, and that without remedy.
2 When the righteous are in authority,
the people rejoice; But when a wicked
man rules, the people groan.
3 Whoever loves wisdom makes his
father rejoice, But a companion of
harlots wastes his wealth.

4 The king establishes the land by
justice, But he who receives bribes
overthrows it.
5 A man who flatters his neighbor
Spreads a net for his feet.
6 By transgression an evil man is snared,
But the righteous sings and rejoices.
7 The righteous considers the cause
of the poor, But the wicked does not
understand such knowledge.
8 Scoffers set a city aflame, But wise
men turn away wrath.
9 If a wise man contends with a foolish
man, Whether the fool rages or laughs,
there is no peace.
10 The bloodthirsty hate the blameless,
But the upright seek his well–being.
11 A fool vents all his feelings, But a wise
man holds them back.
12 If a ruler pays attention to lies, All his
servants become wicked.

[13] The poor man and the oppressor
have this in common: The LORD gives
light to the eyes of both.
[14] The king who judges the poor with
truth, His throne will be established
forever.
[15] The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But
a child left to himself brings shame to his
mother.
[16] When the wicked are multiplied,
transgression increases; But the
righteous will see their fall.
[17] Correct your son, and he will give you
rest; Yes, he will give delight to your soul.
[18] Where there is no revelation, the
people cast off restraint; But happy is he
who keeps the law.
[19] A servant will not be corrected by
mere words; For though he understands,
he will not respond.

[20] Do you see a man hasty in his words?
There is more hope for a fool than for
him.
[21] He who pampers his servant from
childhood Will have him as a son in the
end.
[22] An angry man stirs up strife, And a
furious man abounds in transgression.
[23] A man's pride will bring him low, But
the humble in spirit will retain honor.
[24] Whoever is a partner with a thief
hates his own life; He swears to tell the
truth, but reveals nothing.
[25] The fear of man brings a snare, But
whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.
[26] Many seek the ruler's favor, But
justice for man comes from the LORD.
[27] An unjust man is an abomination to
the righteous, And he who is upright in
the way is an abomination to the wicked.

30

1 The words of Agur the son of
Jakeh, his utterance. This man
declared to Ithiel—to Ithiel and Ucal:
2 Surely I am more stupid than any man,
And do not have the understanding of a
man.
3 I neither learned wisdom Nor have
knowledge of the Holy One.
4 Who has ascended into heaven, or
descended? Who has gathered the wind
in His fists? Who has bound the waters
in a garment? Who has established all
the ends of the earth? What is His name,
and what is His Son's name, If you know?
5 Every word of God is pure; He is a
shield to those who put their trust in
Him.
6 Do not add to His words, Lest He
rebuke you, and you be found a liar.
7 Two things I request of You (Deprive
me not before I die):

8 Remove falsehood and lies far from
me; Give me neither poverty nor
riches—Feed me with the food allotted
to me;
9 Lest I be full and deny You, And say,
"Who is the LORD?" Or lest I be poor and
steal, And profane the name of my God.
10 Do not malign a servant to his master,
Lest he curse you, and you be found
guilty.
11 There is a generation that curses its
father, And does not bless its mother.
12 There is a generation that is pure in
its own eyes, Yet is not washed from its
filthiness.
13 There is a generation—oh, how lofty
are their eyes! And their eyelids are
lifted up.
14 There is a generation whose teeth
are like swords, And whose fangs are like
knives, To devour the poor from off the
earth, And the needy from among men.

15 The leech has two daughters—Give
and Give! There are three things that
are never satisfied, Four never say,
"Enough!":
16 The grave, The barren womb,
The earth that is not satisfied with
water—And the fire never says,
"Enough!"
17 The eye that mocks his father, And
scorns obedience to his mother, The
ravens of the valley will pick it out, And
the young eagles will eat it.
18 There are three things which are too
wonderful for me, Yes, four which I do
not understand:
19 The way of an eagle in the air, The
way of a serpent on a rock, The way of a
ship in the midst of the sea, And the way
of a man with a virgin.
20 This is the way of an adulterous
woman: She eats and wipes her mouth,
And says, "I have done no wickedness."

21 For three things the earth is
perturbed, Yes, for four it cannot bear
up:
22 For a servant when he reigns, A fool
when he is filled with food,
23 A hateful woman when she is
married, And a maidservant who
succeeds her mistress.
24 There are four things which are little
on the earth, But they are exceedingly
wise:
25 The ants are a people not strong, Yet
they prepare their food in the summer;
26 The rock badgers are a feeble folk,
Yet they make their homes in the crags;
27 The locusts have no king, Yet they all
advance in ranks;
28 The spider skillfully grasps with its
hands, And it is in kings' palaces.
29 There are three things which are
majestic in pace, Yes, four which are
stately in walk:

30 A lion, which is mighty among beasts
And does not turn away from any;
31 A greyhound, A male goat also, And a
king whose troops are with him.
32 If you have been foolish in exalting
yourself, Or if you have devised evil, put
your hand on your mouth.
33 For as the churning of milk produces
butter, And wringing the nose produces
blood, So the forcing of wrath produces
strife.

31 1 The words of King Lemuel,
the utterance which his mother
taught him:
2 What, my son? And what, son of my
womb? And what, son of my vows?
3 Do not give your strength to women,
Nor your ways to that which destroys
kings.
4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, It is not
for kings to drink wine, Nor for princes
intoxicating drink;

5 Lest they drink and forget the law, And
pervert the justice of all the afflicted.
6 Give strong drink to him who is
perishing, And wine to those who are
bitter of heart.
7 Let him drink and forget his poverty,
And remember his misery no more.
8 Open your mouth for the speechless,
In the cause of all who are appointed to
die.
9 Open your mouth, judge righteously,
And plead the cause of the poor and
needy.
10 Who can find a virtuous wife? For her
worth is far above rubies.
11 The heart of her husband safely
trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain.
12 She does him good and not evil All
the days of her life.
13 She seeks wool and flax, And willingly
works with her hands.

14 She is like the merchant ships, She
brings her food from afar.
15 She also rises while it is yet night,
And provides food for her household,
And a portion for her maidservants.
16 She considers a field and buys it;
From her profits she plants a vineyard.
17 She girds herself with strength, And
strengthens her arms.
18 She perceives that her merchandise
is good, And her lamp does not go out
by night.
19 She stretches out her hands to the
distaff, And her hand holds the spindle.
20 She extends her hand to the poor,
Yes, she reaches out her hands to the
needy.
21 She is not afraid of snow for her
household, For all her household is
clothed with scarlet.
22 She makes tapestry for herself; Her
clothing is fine linen and purple.

23 Her husband is known in the gates,
When he sits among the elders of the
land.
24 She makes linen garments and sells
them, And supplies sashes for the
merchants.
25 Strength and honor are her clothing;
She shall rejoice in time to come.
26 She opens her mouth with wisdom,
And on her tongue is the law of kindness.
27 She watches over the ways of her
household, And does not eat the bread
of idleness.
28 Her children rise up and call her
blessed; Her husband also, and he
praises her:
29 "Many daughters have done well, But
you excel them all."
30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is
passing, But a woman who fears the
LORD, she shall be praised.

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands,
And let her own works praise her in the gates.

Ecclesiastes

1

1 The words of the Preacher, the son
of David, king in Jerusalem.
2 "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher;
"Vanity of vanities, all is vanity."
3 What profit has a man from all his
labor In which he toils under the sun?
4 One generation passes away, and
another generation comes; But the earth
abides forever.
5 The sun also rises, and the sun goes
down, And hastens to the place where it
arose.
6 The wind goes toward the south, And
turns around to the north; The wind
whirls about continually, And comes
again on its circuit.

7 All the rivers run into the sea, Yet the
sea is not full; To the place from which
the rivers come, There they return again.
8 All things are full of labor; Man cannot
express it. The eye is not satisfied with
seeing, Nor the ear filled with hearing.
9 That which has been is what will be,
That which is done is what will be done,
And there is nothing new under the sun.
10 Is there anything of which it may be
said, "See, this is new"? It has already
been in ancient times before us.
11 There is no remembrance of
former things, Nor will there be any
remembrance of things that are to come
By those who will come after.
12 I, the Preacher, was king over Israel
in Jerusalem.
13 And I set my heart to seek and search
out by wisdom concerning all that is
done under heaven; this burdensome

task God has given to the sons of man,
by which they may be exercised.
14 I have seen all the works that are
done under the sun; and indeed, all is
vanity and grasping for the wind.
15 What is crooked cannot be made
straight, And what is lacking cannot be
numbered.
16 I communed with my heart, saying,
"Look, I have attained greatness, and
have gained more wisdom than all
who were before me in Jerusalem. My
heart has understood great wisdom and
knowledge."
17 And I set my heart to know wisdom
and to know madness and folly. I
perceived that this also is grasping for
the wind.
18 For in much wisdom is much grief,
And he who increases knowledge
increases sorrow.

2 1 I said in my heart, "Come now, I
will test you with mirth; therefore
enjoy pleasure"; but surely, this also was
vanity.
2 I said of laughter—"Madness!"; and
of mirth, "What does it accomplish?"
3 I searched in my heart how to gratify
my flesh with wine, while guiding my
heart with wisdom, and how to lay hold
on folly, till I might see what was good
for the sons of men to do under heaven
all the days of their lives.
4 I made my works great, I built myself
houses, and planted myself vineyards.
5 I made myself gardens and orchards,
and I planted all kinds of fruit trees in
them.
6 I made myself water pools from which
to water the growing trees of the grove.
7 I acquired male and female servants,
and had servants born in my house. Yes,
I had greater possessions of herds and

flocks than all who were in Jerusalem
before me.
8 I also gathered for myself silver and
gold and the special treasures of kings
and of the provinces. I acquired male
and female singers, the delights of the
sons of men, and musical instruments of
all kinds.
9 So I became great and excelled
more than all who were before me in
Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained
with me.
10 Whatever my eyes desired I did not
keep from them. I did not withhold my
heart from any pleasure, For my heart
rejoiced in all my labor; And this was my
reward from all my labor.
11 Then I looked on all the works that
my hands had done And on the labor in
which I had toiled; And indeed all was
vanity and grasping for the wind. There
was no profit under the sun.

12 Then I turned myself to consider
wisdom and madness and folly; For what
can the man do who succeeds the king?
—Only what he has already done.
13 Then I saw that wisdom excels folly
As light excels darkness.
14 The wise man’s eyes are in his head,
But the fool walks in darkness. Yet I
myself perceived That the same event
happens to them all.
15 So I said in my heart, "As it happens
to the fool, It also happens to me, And
why was I then more wise?" Then I said
in my heart, "This also is vanity."
16 For there is no more remembrance of
the wise than of the fool forever, Since
all that now is will be forgotten in the
days to come. And how does a wise man
die? As the fool!
17 Therefore I hated life because the
work that was done under the sun was

distressing to me, for all is vanity and
grasping for the wind.
18 Then I hated all my labor in which I
had toiled under the sun, because I must
leave it to the man who will come after
me.
19 And who knows whether he will be
wise or a fool? Yet he will rule over all
my labor in which I toiled and in which I
have shown myself wise under the sun.
This also is vanity.
20 Therefore I turned my heart and
despaired of all the labor in which I had
toiled under the sun.
21 For there is a man whose labor is
with wisdom, knowledge, and skill; yet
he must leave his heritage to a man who
has not labored for it. This also is vanity
and a great evil.
22 For what has man for all his labor,
and for the striving of his heart with
which he has toiled under the sun?

23 For all his days are sorrowful, and his
work burdensome; even in the night his
heart takes no rest. This also is vanity.
24 Nothing is better for a man than that
he should eat and drink, and that his
soul should enjoy good in his labor. This
also, I saw, was from the hand of God.
25 For who can eat, or who can have
enjoyment, more than I?
26 For God gives wisdom and knowledge
and joy to a man who is good in His sight;
but to the sinner He gives the work of
gathering and collecting, that he may
give to him who is good before God. This
also is vanity and grasping for the wind.

3 1 To everything there is a season,
A time for every purpose under
heaven:
2 A time to be born, And a time to die; A
time to plant, And a time to pluck what
is planted;

3 A time to kill, And a time to heal; A
time to break down, And a time to build
up;
4 A time to weep, And a time to laugh;
A time to mourn, And a time to dance;
5 A time to cast away stones, And a time
to gather stones; A time to embrace,
And a time to refrain from embracing;
6 A time to gain, And a time to lose; A
time to keep, And a time to throw away;
7 A time to tear, And a time to sew;
A time to keep silence, And a time to
speak;
8 A time to love, And a time to hate; A
time of war, And a time of peace.
9 What profit has the worker from that
in which he labors?
10 I have seen the God–given task
with which the sons of men are to be
occupied.
11 He has made everything beautiful in
its time. Also He has put eternity in their

hearts, except that no one can find out
the work that God does from beginning
to end.
12 I know that nothing is better for them
than to rejoice, and to do good in their
lives,
13 and also that every man should eat
and drink and enjoy the good of all his
labor—it is the gift of God.
14 I know that whatever God does, It
shall be forever. Nothing can be added to
it, And nothing taken from it. God does
it, that men should fear before Him.
15 That which is has already been, And
what is to be has already been; And God
requires an account of what is past.
16 Moreover I saw under the sun: In
the place of judgment, Wickedness was
there; And in the place of righteousness,
Iniquity was there.
17 I said in my heart, "God shall judge
the righteous and the wicked, For there

is a time there for every purpose and for
every work."
18 I said in my heart, "Concerning the
condition of the sons of men, God
tests them, that they may see that they
themselves are like animals."
19 For what happens to the sons of
men also happens to animals; one thing
befalls them: as one dies, so dies the
other. Surely, they all have one breath;
man has no advantage over animals, for
all is vanity.
20 All go to one place: all are from the
dust, and all return to dust.
21 Who knows the spirit of the sons of
men, which goes upward, and the spirit
of the animal, which goes down to the
earth?
22 So I perceived that nothing is better
than that a man should rejoice in his own
works, for that is his heritage. For who

can bring him to see what will happen
after him?

4 [1] Then I returned and considered all
the oppression that is done under
the sun: And look! The tears of the
oppressed, But they have no comforter–
–On the side of their oppressors there is
power, But they have no comforter.
[2] Therefore I praised the dead who
were already dead, More than the living
who are still alive.
[3] Yet, better than both is he who has
never existed, Who has not seen the evil
work that is done under the sun.
[4] Again, I saw that for all toil and every
skillful work a man is envied by his
neighbor. This also is vanity and grasping
for the wind.
[5] The fool folds his hands And consumes
his own flesh.

6 Better a handful with quietness Than
both hands full, together with toil and
grasping for the wind.
7 Then I returned, and I saw vanity
under the sun:
8 There is one alone, without
companion: He has neither son nor
brother. Yet there is no end to all his
labors, Nor is his eye satisfied with
riches. But he never asks, "For whom do
I toil and deprive myself of good?" This
also is vanity and a grave misfortune.
9 Two are better than one, Because
they have a good reward for their labor.
10 For if they fall, one will lift up his
companion. But woe to him who is alone
when he falls, For he has no one to help
him up.
11 Again, if two lie down together, they
will keep warm; But how can one be
warm alone?

12 Though one may be overpowered by
another, two can withstand him. And a
threefold cord is not quickly broken.
13 Better a poor and wise youth Than
an old and foolish king who will be
admonished no more.
14 For he comes out of prison to be
king, Although he was born poor in his
kingdom.
15 I saw all the living who walk under
the sun; They were with the second
youth who stands in his place.
16 There was no end of all the people
over whom he was made king; Yet those
who come afterward will not rejoice
in him. Surely this also is vanity and
grasping for the wind.

5 1 Walk prudently when you go to the
house of God; and draw near to hear
rather than to give the sacrifice of fools,
for they do not know that they do evil.

2 Do not be rash with your mouth, And
let not your heart utter anything hastily
before God. For God is in heaven, and
you on earth; Therefore let your words
be few.
3 For a dream comes through much
activity, And a fool's voice is known by
his many words.
4 When you make a vow to God, do not
delay to pay it; For He has no pleasure in
fools. Pay what you have vowed—
5 Better not to vow than to vow and not
pay.
6 Do not let your mouth cause your flesh
to sin, nor say before the messenger of
God that it was an error. Why should
God be angry at your excuse and destroy
the work of your hands?
7 For in the multitude of dreams and
many words there is also vanity. But fear
God.

8 If you see the oppression of the poor,
and the violent perversion of justice
and righteousness in a province, do not
marvel at the matter; for high official
watches over high official, and higher
officials are over them.
9 Moreover the profit of the land is for
all; even the king is served from the field.
10 He who loves silver will not be
satisfied with silver; Nor he who loves
abundance, with increase. This also is
vanity.
11 When goods increase, They increase
who eat them; So what profit have the
owners Except to see them with their
eyes?
12 The sleep of a laboring man is sweet,
Whether he eats little or much; But the
abundance of the rich will not permit
him to sleep.

13 There is a severe evil which I have
seen under the sun: Riches kept for their
owner to his hurt.
14 But those riches perish through
misfortune; When he begets a son, there
is nothing in his hand.
15 As he came from his mother’s womb,
naked shall he return, To go as he came;
And he shall take nothing from his labor
Which he may carry away in his hand.
16 And this also is a severe evil—Just
exactly as he came, so shall he go. And
what profit has he who has labored for
the wind?
17 All his days he also eats in darkness,
And he has much sorrow and sickness
and anger.
18 Here is what I have seen: It is good
and fitting for one to eat and drink, and
to enjoy the good of all his labor in which
he toils under the sun all the days of

his life which God gives him; for it is his
heritage.
19 As for every man to whom God has
given riches and wealth, and given him
power to eat of it, to receive his heritage
and rejoice in his labor—this is the gift
of God.
20 For he will not dwell unduly on the
days of his life, because God keeps him
busy with the joy of his heart.
6 1 There is an evil which I have seen
under the sun, and it is common
among men:
2 A man to whom God has given riches
and wealth and honor, so that he lacks
nothing for himself of all he desires; yet
God does not give him power to eat of
it, but a foreigner consumes it. This is
vanity, and it is an evil affliction.
3 If a man begets a hundred children
and lives many years, so that the days
of his years are many, but his soul is not

satisfied with goodness, or indeed he
has no burial, I say that a stillborn child
is better than he—
4 for it comes in vanity and departs in
darkness, and its name is covered with
darkness.
5 Though it has not seen the sun or
known anything, this has more rest than
that man,
6 even if he lives a thousand years
twice—but has not seen goodness. Do
not all go to one place?
7 All the labor of man is for his mouth,
And yet the soul is not satisfied.
8 For what more has the wise man than
the fool? What does the poor man have,
Who knows how to walk before the
living?
9 Better is the sight of the eyes than the
wandering of desire. This also is vanity
and grasping for the wind.

10 Whatever one is, he has been named
already, For it is known that he is man;
And he cannot contend with Him who is
mightier than he.
11 Since there are many things that
increase vanity, How is man the better?
12 For who knows what is good for man
in life, all the days of his vain life which
he passes like a shadow? Who can tell a
man what will happen after him under
the sun?

7 1 A good name is better than
precious ointment, And the day of
death than the day of one's birth;
2 Better to go to the house of mourning
Than to go to the house of feasting, For
that is the end of all men; And the living
will take it to heart.
3 Sorrow is better than laughter, For by
a sad countenance the heart is made
better.

4 The heart of the wise is in the house
of mourning, But the heart of fools is in
the house of mirth.
5 It is better to hear the rebuke of the
wise Than for a man to hear the song of
fools.
6 For like the crackling of thorns under
a pot, So is the laughter of the fool. This
also is vanity.
7 Surely oppression destroys a wise
man’s reason, And a bribe debases the
heart.
8 The end of a thing is better than its
beginning; The patient in spirit is better
than the proud in spirit.
9 Do not hasten in your spirit to be
angry, For anger rests in the bosom of
fools.
10 Do not say, "Why were the former
days better than these?" For you do not
inquire wisely concerning this.

11 Wisdom is good with an inheritance,
And profitable to those who see the sun.
12 For wisdom is a defense as money
is a defense, But the excellence of
knowledge is that wisdom gives life to
those who have it.
13 Consider the work of God; For who
can make straight what He has made
crooked?
14 In the day of prosperity be joyful, But
in the day of adversity consider: Surely
God has appointed the one as well as the
other, So that man can find out nothing
that will come after him.
15 I have seen everything in my days of
vanity: There is a just man who perishes
in his righteousness, And there is a
wicked man who prolongs life in his
wickedness.
16 Do not be overly righteous, Nor be
overly wise: Why should you destroy
yourself?

17 Do not be overly wicked, Nor be
foolish: Why should you die before your
time?
18 It is good that you grasp this, And
also not remove your hand from the
other; For he who fears God will escape
them all.
19 Wisdom strengthens the wise More
than ten rulers of the city.
20 For there is not a just man on earth
who does good And does not sin.
21 Also do not take to heart everything
people say, Lest you hear your servant
cursing you.
22 For many times, also, your own heart
has known That even you have cursed
others.
23 All this I have proved by wisdom. I
said, "I will be wise"; But it was far from
me.
24 As for that which is far off and
exceedingly deep, Who can find it out?

25 I applied my heart to know, To search
and seek out wisdom and the reason of
things, To know the wickedness of folly,
Even of foolishness and madness.
26 And I find more bitter than death
The woman whose heart is snares and
nets, Whose hands are fetters. He who
pleases God shall escape from her, But
the sinner shall be trapped by her.
27 "Here is what I have found," says the
Preacher, "Adding one thing to the other
to find out the reason,
28 Which my soul still seeks but I cannot
find: One man among a thousand I have
found, But a woman among all these I
have not found.
29 Truly, this only I have found: That
God made man upright, But they have
sought out many schemes."
8 1 Who is like a wise man? And who
knows the interpretation of a thing?

A man’s wisdom makes his face shine,
And the sternness of his face is changed.
2 I say, "Keep the king’s commandment
for the sake of your oath to God.
3 "Do not be hasty to go from his
presence. Do not take your stand for an
evil thing, for he does whatever pleases
him."
4 Where the word of a king is, there is
power; And who may say to him, "What
are you doing?"
5 He who keeps his command will
experience nothing harmful; And a wise
man’s heart discerns both time and
judgment,
6 Because for every matter there is a
time and judgment, Though the misery
of man increases greatly.
7 For he does not know what will
happen; So who can tell him when it will
occur?

8 No one has power over the spirit to
retain the spirit, And no one has power
in the day of death. There is no release
from that war, And wickedness will not
deliver those who are given to it.
9 All this I have seen, and applied my
heart to every work that is done under
the sun: There is a time in which one
man rules over another to his own hurt.
10 Then I saw the wicked buried, who
had come and gone from the place of
holiness, and they were forgotten in the
city where they had so done. This also is
vanity.
11 Because the sentence against an evil
work is not executed speedily, therefore
the heart of the sons of men is fully set
in them to do evil.
12 Though a sinner does evil a hundred
times, and his days are prolonged, yet
I surely know that it will be well with

those who fear God, who fear before
Him.
13 But it will not be well with the
wicked; nor will he prolong his days,
which are as a shadow, because he does
not fear before God.
14 There is a vanity which occurs on
earth, that there are just men to whom
it happens according to the work of the
wicked; again, there are wicked men to
whom it happens according to the work
of the righteous. I said that this also is
vanity.
15 So I commended enjoyment, because
a man has nothing better under the sun
than to eat, drink, and be merry; for
this will remain with him in his labor all
the days of his life which God gives him
under the sun.
16 When I applied my heart to know
wisdom and to see the business that is

done on earth, even though one sees no
sleep day or night,
17 then I saw all the work of God, that
a man cannot find out the work that
is done under the sun. For though a
man labors to discover it, yet he will not
find it; moreover, though a wise man
attempts to know it, he will not be able
to find it.
9 1 For I considered all this in my heart,
so that I could declare it all: that the
righteous and the wise and their works
are in the hand of God. People know
neither love nor hatred by anything they
see before them.
2 All things come alike to all: One
event happens to the righteous and the
wicked; To the good, the clean, and the
unclean; To him who sacrifices and him
who does not sacrifice. As is the good,
so is the sinner; He who takes an oath as
he who fears an oath.

3 This is an evil in all that is done under
the sun: that one thing happens to all.
Truly the hearts of the sons of men are
full of evil; madness is in their hearts
while they live, and after that they go to
the dead.
4 But for him who is joined to all the
living there is hope, for a living dog is
better than a dead lion.
5 For the living know that they will die;
But the dead know nothing, And they
have no more reward, For the memory
of them is forgotten.
6 Also their love, their hatred, and their
envy have now perished; Nevermore
will they have a share In anything done
under the sun.
7 Go, eat your bread with joy, And drink
your wine with a merry heart; For God
has already accepted your works.
8 Let your garments always be white,
And let your head lack no oil.

9 Live joyfully with the wife whom you
love all the days of your vain life which
He has given you under the sun, all your
days of vanity; for that is your portion in
life, and in the labor which you perform
under the sun.
10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do
it with your might; for there is no work
or device or knowledge or wisdom in the
grave where you are going.
11 I returned and saw under the sun
that—The race is not to the swift, Nor
the battle to the strong, Nor bread
to the wise, Nor riches to men of
understanding, Nor favor to men of skill;
But time and chance happen to them all.
12 For man also does not know his time:
Like fish taken in a cruel net, Like birds
caught in a snare, So the sons of men
are snared in an evil time, When it falls
suddenly upon them.

13 This wisdom I have also seen under
the sun, and it seemed great to me:
14 There was a little city with few men
in it; and a great king came against
it, besieged it, and built great snares
around it.
15 Now there was found in it a poor wise
man, and he by his wisdom delivered the
city. Yet no one remembered that same
poor man.
16 Then I said: "Wisdom is better than
strength. Nevertheless the poor man’s
wisdom is despised, And his words are
not heard.
17 Words of the wise, spoken quietly,
should be heard Rather than the shout
of a ruler of fools.
18 Wisdom is better than weapons
of war; But one sinner destroys much
good."

10 1 Dead flies putrefy the
perfumer’s ointment, And cause

it to give off a foul odor; So does a little
folly to one respected for wisdom and
honor.
2 A wise man's heart is at his right hand,
But a fool's heart at his left.
3 Even when a fool walks along the
way, He lacks wisdom, And he shows
everyone that he is a fool.
4 If the spirit of the ruler rises against
you, Do not leave your post; For
conciliation pacifies great offenses.
5 There is an evil I have seen under the
sun, As an error proceeding from the
ruler:
6 Folly is set in great dignity, While the
rich sit in a lowly place.
7 I have seen servants on horses, While
princes walk on the ground like servants.
8 He who digs a pit will fall into it, And
whoever breaks through a wall will be
bitten by a serpent.

9 He who quarries stones may be hurt
by them, And he who splits wood may
be endangered by it.
10 If the ax is dull, And one does not
sharpen the edge, Then he must use
more strength; But wisdom brings
success.
11 A serpent may bite when it is not
charmed; The babbler is no different.
12 The words of a wise man's mouth
are gracious, But the lips of a fool shall
swallow him up;
13 The words of his mouth begin with
foolishness, And the end of his talk is
raving madness.
14 A fool also multiplies words. No man
knows what is to be; Who can tell him
what will be after him?
15 The labor of fools wearies them, For
they do not even know how to go to the
city!

16 Woe to you, O land, when your king
is a child, And your princes feast in the
morning!
17 Blessed are you, O land, when your
king is the son of nobles, And your
princes feast at the proper time—For
strength and not for drunkenness!
18 Because of laziness the building
decays, And through idleness of hands
the house leaks.
19 A feast is made for laughter, And
wine makes merry; But money answers
everything.
20 Do not curse the king, even in your
thought; Do not curse the rich, even in
your bedroom; For a bird of the air may
carry your voice, And a bird in flight may
tell the matter.

11 1 Cast your bread upon the
waters, For you will find it after
many days.

2 Give a serving to seven, and also to
eight, For you do not know what evil will
be on the earth.
3 If the clouds are full of rain, They
empty themselves upon the earth; And
if a tree falls to the south or the north,
In the place where the tree falls, there it
shall lie.
4 He who observes the wind will not
sow, And he who regards the clouds will
not reap.
5 As you do not know what is the way
of the wind, Or how the bones grow in
the womb of her who is with child, So
you do not know the works of God who
makes everything.
6 In the morning sow your seed, And in
the evening do not withhold your hand;
For you do not know which will prosper,
Either this or that, Or whether both alike
will be good.

7 Truly the light is sweet, And it is
pleasant for the eyes to behold the sun;
8 But if a man lives many years
And rejoices in them all, Yet let him
remember the days of darkness, For they
will be many. All that is coming is vanity.
9 Rejoice, O young man, in your youth,
And let your heart cheer you in the days
of your youth; Walk in the ways of your
heart, And in the sight of your eyes; But
know that for all these God will bring
you into judgment.
10 Therefore remove sorrow from your
heart, And put away evil from your flesh,
For childhood and youth are vanity.

12 1 Remember now your Creator in
the days of your youth, Before the
difficult days come, And the years draw
near when you say, "I have no pleasure
in them":

2 While the sun and the light, The moon
and the stars, Are not darkened, And the
clouds do not return after the rain;
3 In the day when the keepers of the
house tremble, And the strong men
bow down; When the grinders cease
because they are few, And those that
look through the windows grow dim;
4 When the doors are shut in the
streets, And the sound of grinding is low;
When one rises up at the sound of a
bird, And all the daughters of music are
brought low;
5 Also they are afraid of height, And of
terrors in the way; When the almond
tree blossoms, The grasshopper is a
burden, And desire fails. For man goes
to his eternal home, And the mourners
go about the streets.
6 Remember your Creator before the
silver cord is loosed, Or the golden bowl
is broken, Or the pitcher shattered at

the fountain, Or the wheel broken at the well.
7 Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it.
8 "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher, "All is vanity."
9 And moreover, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yes, he pondered and sought out and set in order many proverbs.
10 The Preacher sought to find acceptable words; and what was written was upright—words of truth.
11 The words of the wise are like goads, and the words of scholars are like well–driven nails, given by one Shepherd.
12 And further, my son, be admonished by these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is wearisome to the flesh.

13 Let us hear the conclusion of the
whole matter: Fear God and keep His
commandments, For this is man’s all.
14 For God will bring every work into
judgment, Including every secret thing,
Whether good or evil.

Song of Solomon

1 [1] The song of songs, which is
Solomon's.
[2] THE SHULAMITE Let him kiss me with
the kisses of his mouth—For your love is
better than wine.
[3] Because of the fragrance of your
good ointments, Your name is ointment
poured forth; Therefore the virgins love
you.
[4] Draw me away! THE DAUGHTERS OF
JERUSALEM We will run after you. THE
SHULAMITE The king has brought me
into his chambers. THE DAUGHTERS OF
JERUSALEM We will be glad and rejoice
in you. We will remember your love
more than wine. THE SHULAMITE Rightly
do they love you.

5 I am dark, but lovely, O daughters of
Jerusalem, Like the tents of Kedar, Like
the curtains of Solomon.
6 Do not look upon me, because I am
dark, Because the sun has tanned me.
My mother's sons were angry with
me; They made me the keeper of the
vineyards, But my own vineyard I have
not kept.
7 (TO HER BELOVED) Tell me, O you
whom I love, Where you feed your flock,
Where you make it rest at noon. For why
should I be as one who veils herself By
the flocks of your companions?
8 THE BELOVED If you do not know,
O fairest among women, Follow in the
footsteps of the flock, And feed your
little goats Beside the shepherds' tents.
9 I have compared you, my love, To my
filly among Pharaoh's chariots.

10 Your cheeks are lovely with
ornaments, Your neck with chains of
gold.
11 THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM We
will make you ornaments of gold With
studs of silver.
12 THE SHULAMITE While the king is at
his table, My spikenard sends forth its
fragrance.
13 A bundle of myrrh is my beloved
to me, That lies all night between my
breasts.
14 My beloved is to me a cluster of
henna blooms In the vineyards of En
Gedi.
15 THE BELOVED Behold, you are fair,
my love! Behold, you are fair! You have
dove's eyes.
16 THE SHULAMITE Behold, you are
handsome, my beloved! Yes, pleasant!
Also our bed is green.

17 The beams of our houses are cedar,
And our rafters of fir.

2 1 I am the rose of Sharon, And the lily
of the valleys.
2 THE BELOVED Like a lily among thorns,
So is my love among the daughters.
3 THE SHULAMITE Like an apple tree
among the trees of the woods, So is my
beloved among the sons. I sat down in
his shade with great delight, And his fruit
was sweet to my taste.
4 THE SHULAMITE TO THE DAUGHTERS
OF JERUSALEM He brought me to the
banqueting house, And his banner over
me was love.
5 Sustain me with cakes of raisins,
Refresh me with apples, For I am
lovesick.
6 His left hand is under my head, And
his right hand embraces me.
7 I charge you, O daughters of
Jerusalem, By the gazelles or by the does

of the field, Do not stir up nor awaken
love Until it pleases.
8 THE SHULAMITE The voice of my
beloved! Behold, he comes Leaping
upon the mountains, Skipping upon the
hills.
9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young
stag. Behold, he stands behind our wall;
He is looking through the windows,
Gazing through the lattice.
10 My beloved spoke, and said to me:
"Rise up, my love, my fair one, And come
away.
11 For lo, the winter is past, The rain is
over and gone.
12 The flowers appear on the earth; The
time of singing has come, And the voice
of the turtledove Is heard in our land.
13 The fig tree puts forth her green figs,
And the vines with the tender grapes
Give a good smell. Rise up, my love, my
fair one, And come away!

14 "O my dove, in the clefts of the rock,
In the secret places of the cliff, Let me
see your face, Let me hear your voice;
For your voice is sweet, And your face is
lovely."
15 HER BROTHERS Catch us the foxes,
The little foxes that spoil the vines, For
our vines have tender grapes.
16 THE SHULAMITE My beloved is mine,
and I am his. He feeds his flock among
the lilies.
17 (TO HER BELOVED) Until the day
breaks And the shadows flee away, Turn,
my beloved, And be like a gazelle Or
a young stag Upon the mountains of
Bether.

3 1 THE SHULAMITE By night on my
bed I sought the one I love; I sought
him, but I did not find him.
2 "I will rise now," I said, "And go about
the city; In the streets and in the squares

I will seek the one I love." I sought him,
but I did not find him.
3 The watchmen who go about the city
found me; I said, "Have you seen the one
I love?"
4 Scarcely had I passed by them, When
I found the one I love. I held him and
would not let him go, Until I had brought
him to the house of my mother, And into
the chamber of her who conceived me.
5 I charge you, O daughters of
Jerusalem, By the gazelles or by the does
of the field, Do not stir up nor awaken
love Until it pleases.
6 THE SHULAMITE Who is this coming
out of the wilderness Like pillars of
smoke, Perfumed with myrrh and
frankincense, With all the merchant's
fragrant powders?
7 Behold, it is Solomon's couch, With
sixty valiant men around it, Of the valiant
of Israel.

8 They all hold swords, Being expert
in war. Every man has his sword on his
thigh Because of fear in the night.
9 Of the wood of Lebanon Solomon the
King Made himself a palanquin:
10 He made its pillars of silver, Its
support of gold, Its seat of purple, Its
interior paved with love By the daughters
of Jerusalem.
11 Go forth, O daughters of Zion, And
see King Solomon with the crown With
which his mother crowned him On
the day of his wedding, The day of the
gladness of his heart.

4 1 THE BELOVED Behold, you are fair,
my love! Behold, you are fair! You
have dove's eyes behind your veil. Your
hair is like a flock of goats, Going down
from Mount Gilead.
2 Your teeth are like a flock of shorn
sheep Which have come up from the

washing, Every one of which bears twins,
And none is barren among them.
3 Your lips are like a strand of scarlet,
And your mouth is lovely. Your temples
behind your veil Are like a piece of
pomegranate.
4 Your neck is like the tower of David,
Built for an armory, On which hang a
thousand bucklers, All shields of mighty
men.
5 Your two breasts are like two fawns,
Twins of a gazelle, Which feed among
the lilies.
6 Until the day breaks And the shadows
flee away, I will go my way to the
mountain of myrrh And to the hill of
frankincense.
7 You are all fair, my love, And there is
no spot in you.
8 Come with me from Lebanon, my
spouse, With me from Lebanon. Look
from the top of Amana, From the top of

Senir and Hermon, From the lions' dens,
From the mountains of the leopards.
9 You have ravished my heart, My sister,
my spouse; You have ravished my heart
With one look of your eyes, With one
link of your necklace.
10 How fair is your love, My sister, my
spouse! How much better than wine
is your love, And the scent of your
perfumes Than all spices!
11 Your lips, O my spouse, Drip as the
honeycomb; Honey and milk are under
your tongue; And the fragrance of
your garments Is like the fragrance of
Lebanon.
12 A garden enclosed Is my sister, my
spouse, A spring shut up, A fountain
sealed.
13 Your plants are an orchard of
pomegranates With pleasant fruits,
Fragrant henna with spikenard,

14 Spikenard and saffron, Calamus
and cinnamon, With all trees of
frankincense, Myrrh and aloes, With all
the chief spices—
15 A fountain of gardens, A well of living
waters, And streams from Lebanon.
16 THE SHULAMITE Awake, O north
wind, And come, O south! Blow upon my
garden, That its spices may flow out. Let
my beloved come to his garden And eat
its pleasant fruits.

5 1 THE BELOVED I have come to my
garden, my sister, my spouse; I have
gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have
eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I
have drunk my wine with my milk. (TO
HIS FRIENDS) Eat, O friends! Drink, yes,
drink deeply, O beloved ones!
2 THE SHULAMITE I sleep, but my heart
is awake; It is the voice of my beloved!
He knocks, saying, "Open for me, my
sister, my love, My dove, my perfect one;

For my head is covered with dew, My
locks with the drops of the night."
3 I have taken off my robe; How can I
put it on again? I have washed my feet;
How can I defile them?
4 My beloved put his hand By the latch
of the door, And my heart yearned for
him.
5 I arose to open for my beloved, And
my hands dripped with myrrh, My
fingers with liquid myrrh, On the handles
of the lock.
6 I opened for my beloved, But my
beloved had turned away and was gone.
My heart leaped up when he spoke. I
sought him, but I could not find him; I
called him, but he gave me no answer.
7 The watchmen who went about the
city found me. They struck me, they
wounded me; The keepers of the walls
Took my veil away from me.

8 I charge you, O daughters of
Jerusalem, If you find my beloved, That
you tell him I am lovesick!
9 THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM
What is your beloved More than another
beloved, O fairest among women? What
is your beloved More than another
beloved, That you so charge us?
10 THE SHULAMITE My beloved is white
and ruddy, Chief among ten thousand.
11 His head is like the finest gold; His
locks are wavy, And black as a raven.
12 His eyes are like doves By the rivers
of waters, Washed with milk, And fitly
set.
13 His cheeks are like a bed of spices,
Banks of scented herbs. His lips are lilies,
Dripping liquid myrrh.
14 His hands are rods of gold Set with
beryl. His body is carved ivory Inlaid with
sapphires.

15 His legs are pillars of marble Set on
bases of fine gold. His countenance is
like Lebanon, Excellent as the cedars.
16 His mouth is most sweet, Yes, he is
altogether lovely. This is my beloved,
And this is my friend, O daughters of
Jerusalem!
6 1 THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM
Where has your beloved gone, O
fairest among women? Where has your
beloved turned aside, That we may seek
him with you?
2 THE SHULAMITE My beloved has gone
to his garden, To the beds of spices, To
feed his flock in the gardens, And to
gather lilies.
3 I am my beloved's, And my beloved is
mine. He feeds his flock among the lilies.
4 THE BELOVED O my love, you are as
beautiful as Tirzah, Lovely as Jerusalem,
Awesome as an army with banners!

5 Turn your eyes away from me, For
they have overcome me. Your hair is like
a flock of goats Going down from Gilead.
6 Your teeth are like a flock of sheep
Which have come up from the washing;
Every one bears twins, And none is
barren among them.
7 Like a piece of pomegranate Are your
temples behind your veil.
8 There are sixty queens And eighty
concubines, And virgins without number.
9 My dove, my perfect one, Is the
only one, The only one of her mother,
The favorite of the one who bore her.
The daughters saw her And called her
blessed, The queens and the concubines,
And they praised her.
10 Who is she who looks forth as the
morning, Fair as the moon, Clear as the
sun, Awesome as an army with banners?
11 THE SHULAMITE I went down to
the garden of nuts To see the verdure

of the valley, To see whether the vine had budded And the pomegranates had bloomed.
12 Before I was even aware, My soul had made me As the chariots of my noble people.
13 THE BELOVED AND HIS FRIENDS Return, return, O Shulamite; Return, return, that we may look upon you! THE SHULAMITE What would you see in the Shulamite—As it were, the dance of the two camps?
7 1 THE BELOVED How beautiful are your feet in sandals, O prince's daughter! The curves of your thighs are like jewels, The work of the hands of a skillful workman.
2 Your navel is a rounded goblet; It lacks no blended beverage. Your waist is a heap of wheat Set about with lilies.
3 Your two breasts are like two fawns, Twins of a gazelle.

4 Your neck is like an ivory tower, Your
eyes like the pools in Heshbon By the
gate of Bath Rabbim. Your nose is like the
tower of Lebanon Which looks toward
Damascus.
5 Your head crowns you like Mount
Carmel, And the hair of your head is like
purple; A king is held captive by your
tresses.
6 How fair and how pleasant you are, O
love, with your delights!
7 This stature of yours is like a palm
tree, And your breasts like its clusters.
8 I said, "I will go up to the palm tree, I
will take hold of its branches." Let now
your breasts be like clusters of the vine,
The fragrance of your breath like apples,
9 And the roof of your mouth like the
best wine. THE SHULAMITE The wine
goes down smoothly for my beloved,
Moving gently the lips of sleepers.

10 I am my beloved’s, And his desire is
toward me.
11 Come, my beloved, Let us go forth to
the field; Let us lodge in the villages.
12 Let us get up early to the vineyards;
Let us see if the vine has budded,
Whether the grape blossoms are open,
And the pomegranates are in bloom.
There I will give you my love.
13 The mandrakes give off a fragrance,
And at our gates are pleasant fruits, All
manner, new and old, Which I have laid
up for you, my beloved.
8 1 Oh, that you were like my brother,
Who nursed at my mother’s breasts!
If I should find you outside, I would kiss
you; I would not be despised.
2 I would lead you and bring you Into
the house of my mother, She who used
to instruct me. I would cause you to
drink of spiced wine, Of the juice of my
pomegranate.

3 (TO THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM)
His left hand is under my head, And his
right hand embraces me.
4 I charge you, O daughters of
Jerusalem, Do not stir up nor awaken
love Until it pleases.
5 A RELATIVE Who is this coming up
from the wilderness, Leaning upon her
beloved? I awakened you under the
apple tree. There your mother brought
you forth; There she who bore you
brought you forth.
6 THE SHULAMITE TO HER BELOVED Set
me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal
upon your arm; For love is as strong as
death, Jealousy as cruel as the grave;
Its flames are flames of fire, A most
vehement flame.
7 Many waters cannot quench love, Nor
can the floods drown it. If a man would
give for love All the wealth of his house,
It would be utterly despised.

8 THE SHULAMITE'S BROTHERS We have
a little sister, And she has no breasts.
What shall we do for our sister In the
day when she is spoken for?

9 If she is a wall, We will build upon her
A battlement of silver; And if she is a
door, We will enclose her With boards of
cedar.

10 THE SHULAMITE I am a wall, And my
breasts like towers; Then I became in his
eyes As one who found peace.

11 Solomon had a vineyard at Baal
Hamon; He leased the vineyard to
keepers; Everyone was to bring for its
fruit A thousand silver coins.

12 (TO SOLOMON) My own vineyard is
before me. You, O Solomon, may have a
thousand, And those who tend its fruit
two hundred.

13 THE BELOVED You who dwell in the
gardens, The companions listen for your
voice—Let me hear it!

14 THE SHULAMITE Make haste, my
beloved, And be like a gazelle Or a young
stag On the mountains of spices.

Isaiah

1 1 The vision of Isaiah the son of
Amoz, which he saw concerning
Judah and Jerusalem in the days of
Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah,
kings of Judah.
2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O
earth! For the LORD has spoken: "I have
nourished and brought up children, And
they have rebelled against Me;
3 The ox knows its owner And the
donkey its master's crib; But Israel does
not know, My people do not consider."
4 Alas, sinful nation, A people laden
with iniquity, A brood of evildoers,
Children who are corrupters! They have
forsaken the LORD, They have provoked
to anger The Holy One of Israel, They
have turned away backward.

5 Why should you be stricken again?
You will revolt more and more. The
whole head is sick, And the whole heart
faints.
6 From the sole of the foot even to
the head, There is no soundness in it,
But wounds and bruises and putrefying
sores; They have not been closed or
bound up, Or soothed with ointment.
7 Your country is desolate, Your cities
are burned with fire; Strangers devour
your land in your presence; And it is
desolate, as overthrown by strangers.
8 So the daughter of Zion is left as a
booth in a vineyard, As a hut in a garden
of cucumbers, As a besieged city.
9 Unless the LORD of hosts Had left to
us a very small remnant, We would have
become like Sodom, We would have
been made like Gomorrah.

10 Hear the word of the LORD, You
rulers of Sodom; Give ear to the law of
our God, You people of Gomorrah:
11 "To what purpose is the multitude of
your sacrifices to Me?" Says the LORD. "I
have had enough of burnt offerings of
rams And the fat of fed cattle. I do not
delight in the blood of bulls, Or of lambs
or goats.
12 "When you come to appear before
Me, Who has required this from your
hand, To trample My courts?
13 Bring no more futile sacrifices;
Incense is an abomination to Me. The
New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the
calling of assemblies—I cannot endure
iniquity and the sacred meeting.
14 Your New Moons and your appointed
feasts My soul hates; They are a trouble
to Me, I am weary of bearing them.
15 When you spread out your hands, I
will hide My eyes from you; Even though

you make many prayers, I will not hear.
Your hands are full of blood.
16 "Wash yourselves, make yourselves
clean; Put away the evil of your doings
from before My eyes. Cease to do evil,
17 Learn to do good; Seek justice,
Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the
fatherless, Plead for the widow.
18 "Come now, and let us reason
together," Says the LORD, "Though your
sins are like scarlet, They shall be as
white as snow; Though they are red like
crimson, They shall be as wool.
19 If you are willing and obedient, You
shall eat the good of the land;
20 But if you refuse and rebel, You shall
be devoured by the sword"; For the
mouth of the LORD has spoken.
21 How the faithful city has become
a harlot! It was full of justice;
Righteousness lodged in it, But now
murderers.

[22] Your silver has become dross, Your
wine mixed with water.
[23] Your princes are rebellious, And
companions of thieves; Everyone loves
bribes, And follows after rewards. They
do not defend the fatherless, Nor does
the cause of the widow come before
them.
[24] Therefore the Lord says, The LORD
of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, "Ah,
I will rid Myself of My adversaries, And
take vengeance on My enemies.
[25] I will turn My hand against you, And
thoroughly purge away your dross, And
take away all your alloy.
[26] I will restore your judges as at the
first, And your counselors as at the
beginning. Afterward you shall be called
the city of righteousness, the faithful
city."
[27] Zion shall be redeemed with justice,
And her penitents with righteousness.

28 The destruction of transgressors
and of sinners shall be together, And
those who forsake the LORD shall be
consumed.
29 For they shall be ashamed of the
terebinth trees Which you have desired;
And you shall be embarrassed because
of the gardens Which you have chosen.
30 For you shall be as a terebinth whose
leaf fades, And as a garden that has no
water.
31 The strong shall be as tinder, And
the work of it as a spark; Both will burn
together, And no one shall quench them.
2 1 The word that Isaiah the son of
Amoz saw concerning Judah and
Jerusalem.
2 Now it shall come to pass in the latter
days That the mountain of the LORD'S
house Shall be established on the top
of the mountains, And shall be exalted

above the hills; And all nations shall flow
to it.
[3] Many people shall come and say,
"Come, and let us go up to the mountain
of the LORD, To the house of the God of
Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we
shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion
shall go forth the law, And the word of
the LORD from Jerusalem.
[4] He shall judge between the nations,
And rebuke many people; They shall
beat their swords into plowshares, And
their spears into pruning hooks; Nation
shall not lift up sword against nation,
Neither shall they learn war anymore.
[5] O house of Jacob, come and let us
walk In the light of the LORD.
[6] For You have forsaken Your people, the
house of Jacob, Because they are filled
with eastern ways; They are soothsayers
like the Philistines, And they are pleased
with the children of foreigners.

7 Their land is also full of silver and gold,
And there is no end to their treasures;
Their land is also full of horses, And
there is no end to their chariots.
8 Their land is also full of idols; They
worship the work of their own hands,
That which their own fingers have made.
9 People bow down, And each man
humbles himself; Therefore do not
forgive them.
10 Enter into the rock, and hide in the
dust, From the terror of the LORD And
the glory of His majesty.
11 The lofty looks of man shall be
humbled, The haughtiness of men shall
be bowed down, And the LORD alone
shall be exalted in that day.
12 For the day of the LORD of hosts Shall
come upon everything proud and lofty,
Upon everything lifted up—And it shall
be brought low—

13 Upon all the cedars of Lebanon that
are high and lifted up, And upon all the
oaks of Bashan;
14 Upon all the high mountains, And
upon all the hills that are lifted up;
15 Upon every high tower, And upon
every fortified wall;
16 Upon all the ships of Tarshish, And
upon all the beautiful sloops.
17 The loftiness of man shall be bowed
down, And the haughtiness of men shall
be brought low; The LORD alone will be
exalted in that day,
18 But the idols He shall utterly abolish.
19 They shall go into the holes of the
rocks, And into the caves of the earth,
From the terror of the LORD And the
glory of His majesty, When He arises to
shake the earth mightily.
20 In that day a man will cast away
his idols of silver And his idols of gold,

Which they made, each for himself to
worship, To the moles and bats,
21 To go into the clefts of the rocks, And
into the crags of the rugged rocks, From
the terror of the LORD And the glory of
His majesty, When He arises to shake the
earth mightily.
22 Sever yourselves from such a man,
Whose breath is in his nostrils; For of
what account is he?

3 1 For behold, the Lord, the LORD of
hosts, Takes away from Jerusalem
and from Judah The stock and the store,
The whole supply of bread and the
whole supply of water;
2 The mighty man and the man of war,
The judge and the prophet, And the
diviner and the elder;
3 The captain of fifty and the honorable
man, The counselor and the skillful
artisan, And the expert enchanter.

4 "I will give children to be their princes,
And babes shall rule over them.
5 The people will be oppressed, Every
one by another and every one by his
neighbor; The child will be insolent
toward the elder, And the base toward
the honorable."
6 When a man takes hold of his brother
In the house of his father, saying, "You
have clothing; You be our ruler, And let
these ruins be under your power,"
7 In that day he will protest, saying, "I
cannot cure your ills, For in my house is
neither food nor clothing; Do not make
me a ruler of the people."
8 For Jerusalem stumbled, And Judah
is fallen, Because their tongue and their
doings Are against the LORD, To provoke
the eyes of His glory.
9 The look on their countenance
witnesses against them, And they
declare their sin as Sodom; They do not

hide it. Woe to their soul! For they have
brought evil upon themselves.
10 "Say to the righteous that it shall be
well with them, For they shall eat the
fruit of their doings.
11 Woe to the wicked! It shall be ill with
him, For the reward of his hands shall be
given him.
12 As for My people, children are their
oppressors, And women rule over them.
O My people! Those who lead you cause
you to err, And destroy the way of your
paths."
13 The LORD stands up to plead, And
stands to judge the people.
14 The LORD will enter into judgment
With the elders of His people And His
princes: "For you have eaten up the
vineyard; The plunder of the poor is in
your houses.

15 What do you mean by crushing My
people And grinding the faces of the
poor?" Says the Lord GOD of hosts.
16 Moreover the LORD says: "Because
the daughters of Zion are haughty,
And walk with outstretched necks And
wanton eyes, Walking and mincing as
they go, Making a jingling with their feet,
17 Therefore the Lord will strike with
a scab The crown of the head of the
daughters of Zion, And the LORD will
uncover their secret parts."
18 In that day the Lord will take away
the finery: The jingling anklets, the
scarves, and the crescents;
19 The pendants, the bracelets, and the
veils;
20 The headdresses, the leg ornaments,
and the headbands; The perfume boxes,
the charms,
21 and the rings; The nose jewels,

22 the festal apparel, and the mantles;
The outer garments, the purses,
23 and the mirrors; The fine linen, the
turbans, and the robes.
24 And so it shall be: Instead of a sweet
smell there will be a stench; Instead of
a sash, a rope; Instead of well–set hair,
baldness; Instead of a rich robe, a girding
of sackcloth; And branding instead of
beauty.
25 Your men shall fall by the sword, And
your mighty in the war.
26 Her gates shall lament and mourn,
And she being desolate shall sit on the
ground.

4 1 And in that day seven women shall
take hold of one man, saying, "We
will eat our own food and wear our own
apparel; Only let us be called by your
name, To take away our reproach."
2 In that day the Branch of the LORD
shall be beautiful and glorious; And the

fruit of the earth shall be excellent and appealing For those of Israel who have escaped.
3 And it shall come to pass that he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy—everyone who is recorded among the living in Jerusalem.
4 When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning,
5 then the LORD will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there will be a covering.
6 And there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain.

5 1 Now let me sing to my Well–
beloved A song of my Beloved
regarding His vineyard: My Well–beloved
has a vineyard On a very fruitful hill.
2 He dug it up and cleared out its stones,
And planted it with the choicest vine. He
built a tower in its midst, And also made
a winepress in it; So He expected it to
bring forth good grapes, But it brought
forth wild grapes.
3 "And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah, Judge, please,
between Me and My vineyard.
4 What more could have been done to
My vineyard That I have not done in it?
Why then, when I expected it to bring
forth good grapes, Did it bring forth wild
grapes?
5 And now, please let Me tell you what I
will do to My vineyard: I will take away
its hedge, and it shall be burned; And

break down its wall, and it shall be
trampled down.
6 I will lay it waste; It shall not be
pruned or dug, But there shall come up
briers and thorns. I will also command
the clouds That they rain no rain on it."
7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel, And the men of
Judah are His pleasant plant. He looked
for justice, but behold, oppression; For
righteousness, but behold, a cry for help.
8 Woe to those who join house to
house; They add field to field, Till there
is no place Where they may dwell alone
in the midst of the land!
9 In my hearing the LORD of hosts said,
"Truly, many houses shall be desolate,
Great and beautiful ones, without
inhabitant.
10 For ten acres of vineyard shall yield
one bath, And a homer of seed shall
yield one ephah."

11 Woe to those who rise early in
the morning, That they may follow
intoxicating drink; Who continue until
night, till wine inflames them!
12 The harp and the strings, The
tambourine and flute, And wine are
in their feasts; But they do not regard
the work of the LORD, Nor consider the
operation of His hands.
13 Therefore my people have gone
into captivity, Because they have no
knowledge; Their honorable men are
famished, And their multitude dried up
with thirst.
14 Therefore Sheol has enlarged itself
And opened its mouth beyond measure;
Their glory and their multitude and their
pomp, And he who is jubilant, shall
descend into it.
15 People shall be brought down, Each
man shall be humbled, And the eyes of
the lofty shall be humbled.

16 But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted
in judgment, And God who is holy shall
be hallowed in righteousness.
17 Then the lambs shall feed in their
pasture, And in the waste places of the
fat ones strangers shall eat.
18 Woe to those who draw iniquity with
cords of vanity, And sin as if with a cart
rope;
19 That say, "Let Him make speed and
hasten His work, That we may see it; And
let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel
draw near and come, That we may know
it."
20 Woe to those who call evil good, and
good evil; Who put darkness for light,
and light for darkness; Who put bitter
for sweet, and sweet for bitter!
21 Woe to those who are wise in their
own eyes, And prudent in their own
sight!

22 Woe to men mighty at drinking
wine, Woe to men valiant for mixing
intoxicating drink,
23 Who justify the wicked for a bribe,
And take away justice from the righteous
man!
24 Therefore, as the fire devours the
stubble, And the flame consumes the
chaff, So their root will be as rottenness,
And their blossom will ascend like dust;
Because they have rejected the law of
the LORD of hosts, And despised the
word of the Holy One of Israel.
25 Therefore the anger of the LORD
is aroused against His people; He has
stretched out His hand against them And
stricken them, And the hills trembled.
Their carcasses were as refuse in the
midst of the streets. For all this His
anger is not turned away, But His hand is
stretched out still.

26 He will lift up a banner to the nations
from afar, And will whistle to them from
the end of the earth; Surely they shall
come with speed, swiftly.
27 No one will be weary or stumble
among them, No one will slumber or
sleep; Nor will the belt on their loins be
loosed, Nor the strap of their sandals be
broken;
28 Whose arrows are sharp, And all
their bows bent; Their horses' hooves
will seem like flint, And their wheels like
a whirlwind.
29 Their roaring will be like a lion, They
will roar like young lions; Yes, they will
roar And lay hold of the prey; They will
carry it away safely, And no one will
deliver.
30 In that day they will roar against
them Like the roaring of the sea. And if
one looks to the land, Behold, darkness

and sorrow; And the light is darkened by
the clouds.
6 1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I
saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high
and lifted up, and the train of His robe
filled the temple.
2 Above it stood seraphim; each one
had six wings: with two he covered his
face, with two he covered his feet, and
with two he flew.
3 And one cried to another and said:
"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
The whole earth is full of His glory!"
4 And the posts of the door were shaken
by the voice of him who cried out, and
the house was filled with smoke.
5 So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone!
Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I
dwell in the midst of a people of unclean
lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The
LORD of hosts."

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me,
having in his hand a live coal which he
had taken with the tongs from the altar.
7 And he touched my mouth with it, and
said: "Behold, this has touched your lips;
Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin
purged."
8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord,
saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will
go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send
me."
9 And He said, "Go, and tell this people:
‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand;
Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’
10 "Make the heart of this people dull,
And their ears heavy, And shut their
eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, And
hear with their ears, And understand
with their heart, And return and be
healed."
11 Then I said, "Lord, how long?" And He
answered: "Until the cities are laid waste

and without inhabitant, The houses
are without a man, The land is utterly
desolate,
12 The LORD has removed men far
away, And the forsaken places are many
in the midst of the land.
13 But yet a tenth will be in it, And
will return and be for consuming, As
a terebinth tree or as an oak, Whose
stump remains when it is cut down. So
the holy seed shall be its stump."
7 1 Now it came to pass in the days of
Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of
Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin king of
Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah,
king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem
to make war against it, but could not
prevail against it.
2 And it was told to the house of David,
saying, "Syria's forces are deployed in
Ephraim." So his heart and the heart of

his people were moved as the trees of
the woods are moved with the wind.
3 Then the LORD said to Isaiah, "Go
out now to meet Ahaz, you and Shear–
Jashub your son, at the end of the
aqueduct from the upper pool, on the
highway to the Fuller's Field,
4 "and say to him: 'Take heed, and be
quiet; do not fear or be fainthearted for
these two stubs of smoking firebrands,
for the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria,
and the son of Remaliah.
5 'Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son
of Remaliah have plotted evil against
you, saying,
6 "Let us go up against Judah and
trouble it, and let us make a gap in its
wall for ourselves, and set a king over
them, the son of Tabel" —
7 'thus says the Lord GOD: "It shall not
stand, Nor shall it come to pass.

8 For the head of Syria is Damascus, And
the head of Damascus is Rezin. Within
sixty–five years Ephraim will be broken,
So that it will not be a people.
9 The head of Ephraim is Samaria, And
the head of Samaria is Remaliah’s son. If
you will not believe, Surely you shall not
be established."’"
10 Moreover the LORD spoke again to
Ahaz, saying,
11 "Ask a sign for yourself from the
LORD your God; ask it either in the depth
or in the height above."
12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will
I test the LORD!"
13 Then he said, "Hear now, O house of
David! Is it a small thing for you to weary
men, but will you weary my God also?
14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will
give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall
conceive and bear a Son, and shall call
His name Immanuel.

15 "Curds and honey He shall eat, that
He may know to refuse the evil and
choose the good.
16 "For before the Child shall know to
refuse the evil and choose the good, the
land that you dread will be forsaken by
both her kings.
17 "The LORD will bring the king of
Assyria upon you and your people and
your father's house—days that have
not come since the day that Ephraim
departed from Judah."
18 And it shall come to pass in that day
That the LORD will whistle for the fly
That is in the farthest part of the rivers
of Egypt, And for the bee that is in the
land of Assyria.
19 They will come, and all of them will
rest In the desolate valleys and in the
clefts of the rocks, And on all thorns and
in all pastures.

20 In the same day the Lord will shave
with a hired razor, With those from
beyond the River, with the king of
Assyria, The head and the hair of the
legs, And will also remove the beard.
21 It shall be in that day That a man will
keep alive a young cow and two sheep;
22 So it shall be, from the abundance of
milk they give, That he will eat curds; For
curds and honey everyone will eat who
is left in the land.
23 It shall happen in that day, That
wherever there could be a thousand
vines Worth a thousand shekels of silver,
It will be for briers and thorns.
24 With arrows and bows men will come
there, Because all the land will become
briers and thorns.
25 And to any hill which could be dug
with the hoe, You will not go there for
fear of briers and thorns; But it will

become a range for oxen And a place for
sheep to roam.
8 1 Moreover the LORD said to me,
"Take a large scroll, and write
on it with a man’s pen concerning
Maher–Shalal–Hash–Baz.
2 "And I will take for Myself faithful
witnesses to record, Uriah the priest and
Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah."
3 Then I went to the prophetess, and
she conceived and bore a son. Then
the LORD said to me, "Call his name
Maher–Shalal–Hash–Baz;
4 "for before the child shall have
knowledge to cry ‘My father’ and ‘My
mother,’ the riches of Damascus and
the spoil of Samaria will be taken away
before the king of Assyria."
5 The LORD also spoke to me again,
saying:
6 "Inasmuch as these people refused
The waters of Shiloah that flow softly,

And rejoice in Rezin and in Remaliah’s
son;
7 Now therefore, behold, the Lord
brings up over them The waters of the
River, strong and mighty—The king of
Assyria and all his glory; He will go up
over all his channels And go over all his
banks.
8 He will pass through Judah, He will
overflow and pass over, He will reach up
to the neck; And the stretching out of his
wings Will fill the breadth of Your land,
O Immanuel.
9 "Be shattered, O you peoples, and be
broken in pieces! Give ear, all you from
far countries. Gird yourselves, but be
broken in pieces; Gird yourselves, but be
broken in pieces.
10 Take counsel together, but it will
come to nothing; Speak the word, but it
will not stand, For God is with us."

11 For the LORD spoke thus to me with
a strong hand, and instructed me that
I should not walk in the way of this
people, saying:
12 "Do not say, ‘A conspiracy,’
Concerning all that this people call a
conspiracy, Nor be afraid of their threats,
nor be troubled.
13 The LORD of hosts, Him you shall
hallow; Let Him be your fear, And let Him
be your dread.
14 He will be as a sanctuary, But a stone
of stumbling and a rock of offense To
both the houses of Israel, As a trap and a
snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
15 And many among them shall stumble;
They shall fall and be broken, Be snared
and taken."
16 Bind up the testimony, Seal the law
among my disciples.

17 And I will wait on the LORD, Who
hides His face from the house of Jacob;
And I will hope in Him.
18 Here am I and the children whom
the LORD has given me! We are for signs
and wonders in Israel From the LORD of
hosts, Who dwells in Mount Zion.
19 And when they say to you, "Seek
those who are mediums and wizards,
who whisper and mutter," should not a
people seek their God? Should they seek
the dead on behalf of the living?
20 To the law and to the testimony!
If they do not speak according to this
word, it is because there is no light in
them.
21 They will pass through it hard
pressed and hungry; and it shall happen,
when they are hungry, that they will be
enraged and curse their king and their
God, and look upward.

22 Then they will look to the earth,
and see trouble and darkness, gloom
of anguish; and they will be driven into
darkness.

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1 Nevertheless the gloom will not
be upon her who is distressed, As
when at first He lightly esteemed The
land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
And afterward more heavily oppressed
her, By the way of the sea, beyond the
Jordan, In Galilee of the Gentiles.
2 The people who walked in darkness
Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt
in the land of the shadow of death, Upon
them a light has shined.
3 You have multiplied the nation And
increased its joy; They rejoice before You
According to the joy of harvest, As men
rejoice when they divide the spoil.
4 For You have broken the yoke of his
burden And the staff of his shoulder, The

rod of his oppressor, As in the day of
Midian.
5 For every warrior's sandal from the
noisy battle, And garments rolled in
blood, Will be used for burning and fuel
of fire.
6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a
Son is given; And the government will
be upon His shoulder. And His name will
be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty
God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
7 Of the increase of His government and
peace There will be no end, Upon the
throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment
and justice From that time forward, even
forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts
will perform this.
8 The Lord sent a word against Jacob,
And it has fallen on Israel.

9 All the people will know—Ephraim
and the inhabitant of Samaria—Who say
in pride and arrogance of heart:
10 "The bricks have fallen down, But
we will rebuild with hewn stones; The
sycamores are cut down, But we will
replace them with cedars."
11 Therefore the LORD shall set up The
adversaries of Rezin against him, And
spur his enemies on,
12 The Syrians before and the Philistines
behind; And they shall devour Israel
with an open mouth. For all this His
anger is not turned away, But His hand is
stretched out still.
13 For the people do not turn to Him
who strikes them, Nor do they seek the
LORD of hosts.
14 Therefore the LORD will cut off head
and tail from Israel, Palm branch and
bulrush in one day.

15 The elder and honorable, he is the
head; The prophet who teaches lies, he
is the tail.
16 For the leaders of this people cause
them to err, And those who are led by
them are destroyed.
17 Therefore the Lord will have no joy
in their young men, Nor have mercy
on their fatherless and widows; For
everyone is a hypocrite and an evildoer,
And every mouth speaks folly. For all this
His anger is not turned away, But His
hand is stretched out still.
18 For wickedness burns as the fire; It
shall devour the briers and thorns, And
kindle in the thickets of the forest; They
shall mount up like rising smoke.
19 Through the wrath of the LORD of
hosts The land is burned up, And the
people shall be as fuel for the fire; No
man shall spare his brother.

[20] And he shall snatch on the right hand
And be hungry; He shall devour on the
left hand And not be satisfied; Every man
shall eat the flesh of his own arm.
[21] Manasseh shall devour Ephraim,
and Ephraim Manasseh; Together they
shall be against Judah. For all this His
anger is not turned away, But His hand is
stretched out still.

10 [1] "Woe to those who decree
unrighteous decrees, Who write
misfortune, Which they have prescribed
[2] To rob the needy of justice, And to
take what is right from the poor of My
people, That widows may be their prey,
And that they may rob the fatherless.
[3] What will you do in the day of
punishment, And in the desolation
which will come from afar? To whom will
you flee for help? And where will you
leave your glory?

4 Without Me they shall bow down
among the prisoners, And they shall
fall among the slain." For all this His
anger is not turned away, But His hand is
stretched out still.
5 "Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger
And the staff in whose hand is My
indignation.
6 I will send him against an ungodly
nation, And against the people of My
wrath I will give him charge, To seize the
spoil, to take the prey, And to tread them
down like the mire of the streets.
7 Yet he does not mean so, Nor does his
heart think so; But it is in his heart to
destroy, And cut off not a few nations.
8 For he says, 'Are not my princes
altogether kings?
9 Is not Calno like Carchemish? Is not
Hamath like Arpad? Is not Samaria like
Damascus?

10 As my hand has found the kingdoms
of the idols, Whose carved images
excelled those of Jerusalem and
Samaria,
11 As I have done to Samaria and her
idols, Shall I not do also to Jerusalem
and her idols?'"
12 Therefore it shall come to pass, when
the Lord has performed all His work on
Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, that He
will say, "I will punish the fruit of the
arrogant heart of the king of Assyria, and
the glory of his haughty looks."
13 For he says: "By the strength of my
hand I have done it, And by my wisdom,
for I am prudent; Also I have removed
the boundaries of the people, And have
robbed their treasuries; So I have put
down the inhabitants like a valiant man.
14 My hand has found like a nest the
riches of the people, And as one gathers
eggs that are left, I have gathered all the

earth; And there was no one who moved
his wing, Nor opened his mouth with
even a peep."
15 Shall the ax boast itself against him
who chops with it? Or shall the saw exalt
itself against him who saws with it? As
if a rod could wield itself against those
who lift it up, Or as if a staff could lift up,
as if it were not wood!
16 Therefore the Lord, the Lord of hosts,
Will send leanness among his fat ones;
And under his glory He will kindle a
burning Like the burning of a fire.
17 So the Light of Israel will be for a fire,
And his Holy One for a flame; It will burn
and devour His thorns and his briers in
one day.
18 And it will consume the glory of his
forest and of his fruitful field, Both soul
and body; And they will be as when a
sick man wastes away.

19 Then the rest of the trees of his forest
Will be so few in number That a child
may write them.
20 And it shall come to pass in that day
That the remnant of Israel, And such
as have escaped of the house of Jacob,
Will never again depend on him who
defeated them, But will depend on the
LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.
21 The remnant will return, the remnant
of Jacob, To the Mighty God.
22 For though your people, O Israel, be
as the sand of the sea, A remnant of them
will return; The destruction decreed
shall overflow with righteousness.
23 For the Lord GOD of hosts Will make
a determined end In the midst of all the
land.
24 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD of
hosts: "O My people, who dwell in Zion,
do not be afraid of the Assyrian. He shall

strike you with a rod and lift up his staff
against you, in the manner of Egypt.
25 "For yet a very little while and the
indignation will cease, as will My anger
in their destruction."
26 And the LORD of hosts will stir up
a scourge for him like the slaughter of
Midian at the rock of Oreb; as His rod
was on the sea, so will He lift it up in the
manner of Egypt.
27 It shall come to pass in that day That
his burden will be taken away from your
shoulder, And his yoke from your neck,
And the yoke will be destroyed because
of the anointing oil.
28 He has come to Aiath, He has passed
Migron; At Michmash he has attended
to his equipment.
29 They have gone along the ridge, They
have taken up lodging at Geba. Ramah is
afraid, Gibeah of Saul has fled.

30 Lift up your voice, O daughter of
Gallim! Cause it to be heard as far as
Laish—O poor Anathoth!
31 Madmenah has fled, The inhabitants
of Gebim seek refuge.
32 As yet he will remain at Nob that day;
He will shake his fist at the mount of the
daughter of Zion, The hill of Jerusalem.
33 Behold, the Lord, The LORD of hosts,
Will lop off the bough with terror; Those
of high stature will be hewn down, And
the haughty will be humbled.
34 He will cut down the thickets of the
forest with iron, And Lebanon will fall by
the Mighty One.

11 1 There shall come forth a Rod
from the stem of Jesse, And a
Branch shall grow out of his roots.
2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest
upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and
understanding, The Spirit of counsel and

might, The Spirit of knowledge and of
the fear of the LORD.
3 His delight is in the fear of the LORD,
And He shall not judge by the sight of His
eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His
ears;
4 But with righteousness He shall judge
the poor, And decide with equity for the
meek of the earth; He shall strike the
earth with the rod of His mouth, And
with the breath of His lips He shall slay
the wicked.
5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His
loins, And faithfulness the belt of His
waist.
6 "The wolf also shall dwell with the
lamb, The leopard shall lie down with
the young goat, The calf and the young
lion and the fatling together; And a little
child shall lead them.

7 The cow and the bear shall graze;
Their young ones shall lie down together;
And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
8 The nursing child shall play by the
cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall
put his hand in the viper's den.
9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all
My holy mountain, For the earth shall be
full of the knowledge of the LORD As the
waters cover the sea.
10 "And in that day there shall be a Root
of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner
to the people; For the Gentiles shall
seek Him, And His resting place shall be
glorious."
11 It shall come to pass in that day That
the Lord shall set His hand again the
second time To recover the remnant of
His people who are left, From Assyria
and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From
Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the
islands of the sea.

12 He will set up a banner for the
nations, And will assemble the outcasts
of Israel, And gather together the
dispersed of Judah From the four corners
of the earth.
13 Also the envy of Ephraim shall depart,
And the adversaries of Judah shall be cut
off; Ephraim shall not envy Judah, And
Judah shall not harass Ephraim.
14 But they shall fly down upon the
shoulder of the Philistines toward the
west; Together they shall plunder the
people of the East; They shall lay their
hand on Edom and Moab; And the
people of Ammon shall obey them.
15 The LORD will utterly destroy the
tongue of the Sea of Egypt; With His
mighty wind He will shake His fist over
the River, And strike it in the seven
streams, And make men cross over
dry–shod.

16 There will be a highway for the
remnant of His people Who will be left
from Assyria, As it was for Israel In the
day that he came up from the land of
Egypt.

12 1 And in that day you will say: "O
LORD, I will praise You; Though
You were angry with me, Your anger is
turned away, and You comfort me.
2 Behold, God is my salvation, I will
trust and not be afraid; ‘For YAH, the
LORD, is my strength and song; He also
has become my salvation.’"
3 Therefore with joy you will draw water
From the wells of salvation.
4 And in that day you will say: "Praise
the LORD, call upon His name; Declare
His deeds among the peoples, Make
mention that His name is exalted.
5 Sing to the LORD, For He has done
excellent things; This is known in all the
earth.

6 Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of
Zion, For great is the Holy One of Israel
in your midst!"
13 1 The burden against Babylon
which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.
2 "Lift up a banner on the high
mountain, Raise your voice to them;
Wave your hand, that they may enter
the gates of the nobles.
3 I have commanded My sanctified
ones; I have also called My mighty ones
for My anger—Those who rejoice in My
exaltation."
4 The noise of a multitude in the
mountains, Like that of many people!
A tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of
nations gathered together! The LORD of
hosts musters The army for battle.
5 They come from a far country, From
the end of heaven—The LORD and His
weapons of indignation, To destroy the
whole land.

6 Wail, for the day of the LORD is at
hand! It will come as destruction from
the Almighty.
7 Therefore all hands will be limp, Every
man’s heart will melt,
8 And they will be afraid. Pangs and
sorrows will take hold of them; They will
be in pain as a woman in childbirth; They
will be amazed at one another; Their
faces will be like flames.
9 Behold, the day of the LORD comes,
Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger,
To lay the land desolate; And He will
destroy its sinners from it.
10 For the stars of heaven and their
constellations Will not give their light;
The sun will be darkened in its going
forth, And the moon will not cause its
light to shine.
11 "I will punish the world for its evil,
And the wicked for their iniquity; I will

halt the arrogance of the proud, And will
lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.
12 I will make a mortal more rare than
fine gold, A man more than the golden
wedge of Ophir.
13 Therefore I will shake the heavens,
And the earth will move out of her place,
In the wrath of the LORD of hosts And in
the day of His fierce anger.
14 It shall be as the hunted gazelle, And
as a sheep that no man takes up; Every
man will turn to his own people, And
everyone will flee to his own land.
15 Everyone who is found will be thrust
through, And everyone who is captured
will fall by the sword.
16 Their children also will be dashed to
pieces before their eyes; Their houses
will be plundered And their wives
ravished.

[17] "Behold, I will stir up the Medes
against them, Who will not regard silver;
And as for gold, they will not delight in it.
[18] Also their bows will dash the young
men to pieces, And they will have no pity
on the fruit of the womb; Their eye will
not spare children.
[19] And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms,
The beauty of the Chaldeans’ pride, Will
be as when God overthrew Sodom and
Gomorrah.
[20] It will never be inhabited, Nor
will it be settled from generation to
generation; Nor will the Arabian pitch
tents there, Nor will the shepherds make
their sheepfolds there.
[21] But wild beasts of the desert will lie
there, And their houses will be full of
owls; Ostriches will dwell there, And
wild goats will caper there.
[22] The hyenas will howl in their citadels,
And jackals in their pleasant palaces. Her

time is near to come, And her days will
not be prolonged."

14 [1] For the LORD will have mercy on
Jacob, and will still choose Israel,
and settle them in their own land. The
strangers will be joined with them, and
they will cling to the house of Jacob.
[2] Then people will take them and bring
them to their place, and the house of
Israel will possess them for servants and
maids in the land of the LORD; they will
take them captive whose captives they
were, and rule over their oppressors.
[3] It shall come to pass in the day the
LORD gives you rest from your sorrow,
and from your fear and the hard bondage
in which you were made to serve,
[4] that you will take up this proverb
against the king of Babylon, and say:
"How the oppressor has ceased, The
golden city ceased!

5 The LORD has broken the staff of the
wicked, The scepter of the rulers;
6 He who struck the people in wrath
with a continual stroke, He who ruled
the nations in anger, Is persecuted and
no one hinders.
7 The whole earth is at rest and quiet;
They break forth into singing.
8 Indeed the cypress trees rejoice
over you, And the cedars of Lebanon,
Saying, ‘Since you were cut down, No
woodsman has come up against us.’
9 "Hell from beneath is excited about
you, To meet you at your coming; It stirs
up the dead for you, All the chief ones
of the earth; It has raised up from their
thrones All the kings of the nations.
10 They all shall speak and say to you:
‘Have you also become as weak as we?
Have you become like us?
11 Your pomp is brought down to
Sheol, And the sound of your stringed

instruments; The maggot is spread
under you, And worms cover you.’
12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O
Lucifer, son of the morning! How you
are cut down to the ground, You who
weakened the nations!
13 For you have said in your heart: ‘I
will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my
throne above the stars of God; I will also
sit on the mount of the congregation On
the farthest sides of the north;
14 I will ascend above the heights of the
clouds, I will be like the Most High.’
15 Yet you shall be brought down to
Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.
16 "Those who see you will gaze at you,
And consider you, saying: ‘Is this the
man who made the earth tremble, Who
shook kingdoms,
17 Who made the world as a wilderness
And destroyed its cities, Who did not
open the house of his prisoners?’

18 "All the kings of the nations, All of
them, sleep in glory, Everyone in his own
house;
19 But you are cast out of your grave
Like an abominable branch, Like the
garment of those who are slain, Thrust
through with a sword, Who go down
to the stones of the pit, Like a corpse
trodden underfoot.
20 You will not be joined with them in
burial, Because you have destroyed your
land And slain your people. The brood of
evildoers shall never be named.
21 Prepare slaughter for his children
Because of the iniquity of their fathers,
Lest they rise up and possess the land,
And fill the face of the world with cities."
22 "For I will rise up against them," says
the LORD of hosts, "And cut off from
Babylon the name and remnant, And
offspring and posterity," says the LORD.

23 "I will also make it a possession for
the porcupine, And marshes of muddy
water; I will sweep it with the broom of
destruction," says the LORD of hosts.
24 The LORD of hosts has sworn, saying,
"Surely, as I have thought, so it shall
come to pass, And as I have purposed,
so it shall stand:
25 That I will break the Assyrian in
My land, And on My mountains tread
him underfoot. Then his yoke shall be
removed from them, And his burden
removed from their shoulders.
26 This is the purpose that is purposed
against the whole earth, And this is the
hand that is stretched out over all the
nations.
27 For the LORD of hosts has purposed,
And who will annul it? His hand is
stretched out, And who will turn it
back?"

28 This is the burden which came in the
year that King Ahaz died.
29 "Do not rejoice, all you of Philistia,
Because the rod that struck you is
broken; For out of the serpent's roots
will come forth a viper, And its offspring
will be a fiery flying serpent.
30 The firstborn of the poor will feed,
And the needy will lie down in safety; I
will kill your roots with famine, And it
will slay your remnant.
31 Wail, O gate! Cry, O city! All you of
Philistia are dissolved; For smoke will
come from the north, And no one will be
alone in his appointed times."
32 What will they answer the
messengers of the nation? That the
LORD has founded Zion, And the poor of
His people shall take refuge in it.

15

1 The burden against Moab.
Because in the night Ar of Moab
is laid waste And destroyed, Because in

the night Kir of Moab is laid waste And
destroyed,
2 He has gone up to the temple and
Dibon, To the high places to weep. Moab
will wail over Nebo and over Medeba;
On all their heads will be baldness, And
every beard cut off.
3 In their streets they will clothe
themselves with sackcloth; On the tops
of their houses And in their streets
Everyone will wail, weeping bitterly.
4 Heshbon and Elealeh will cry out,
Their voice shall be heard as far as Jahaz;
Therefore the armed soldiers of Moab
will cry out; His life will be burdensome
to him.
5 "My heart will cry out for Moab;
His fugitives shall flee to Zoar, Like a
three–year–old heifer. For by the Ascent
of Luhith They will go up with weeping;
For in the way of Horonaim They will
raise up a cry of destruction,

6 For the waters of Nimrim will be
desolate, For the green grass has
withered away; The grass fails, there is
nothing green.
7 Therefore the abundance they have
gained, And what they have laid up,
They will carry away to the Brook of the
Willows.
8 For the cry has gone all around the
borders of Moab, Its wailing to Eglaim
And its wailing to Beer Elim.
9 For the waters of Dimon will be full of
blood; Because I will bring more upon
Dimon, Lions upon him who escapes
from Moab, And on the remnant of the
land."

16 1 Send the lamb to the ruler of the
land, From Sela to the wilderness,
To the mount of the daughter of Zion.
2 For it shall be as a wandering bird
thrown out of the nest; So shall be the

daughters of Moab at the fords of the
Arnon.
3 "Take counsel, execute judgment;
Make your shadow like the night in the
middle of the day; Hide the outcasts, Do
not betray him who escapes.
4 Let My outcasts dwell with you, O
Moab; Be a shelter to them from the
face of the spoiler. For the extortioner
is at an end, Devastation ceases, The
oppressors are consumed out of the
land.
5 In mercy the throne will be
established; And One will sit on it in
truth, in the tabernacle of David, Judging
and seeking justice and hastening
righteousness."
6 We have heard of the pride of Moab–
–He is very proud––Of his haughtiness
and his pride and his wrath; But his lies
shall not be so.

7 Therefore Moab shall wail for Moab;
Everyone shall wail. For the foundations
of Kir Hareseth you shall mourn; Surely
they are stricken.
8 For the fields of Heshbon languish,
And the vine of Sibmah; The lords of
the nations have broken down its choice
plants, Which have reached to Jazer And
wandered through the wilderness. Her
branches are stretched out, They are
gone over the sea.
9 Therefore I will bewail the vine of
Sibmah, With the weeping of Jazer; I will
drench you with my tears, O Heshbon
and Elealeh; For battle cries have fallen
Over your summer fruits and your
harvest.
10 Gladness is taken away, And joy
from the plentiful field; In the vineyards
there will be no singing, Nor will there
be shouting; No treaders will tread out

wine in the presses; I have made their
shouting cease.
11 Therefore my heart shall resound like
a harp for Moab, And my inner being for
Kir Heres.
12 And it shall come to pass, When it
is seen that Moab is weary on the high
place, That he will come to his sanctuary
to pray; But he will not prevail.
13 This is the word which the LORD
has spoken concerning Moab since that
time.
14 But now the LORD has spoken,
saying, "Within three years, as the years
of a hired man, the glory of Moab will be
despised with all that great multitude,
and the remnant will be very small and
feeble."

17

1 The burden against Damascus.
"Behold, Damascus will cease
from being a city, And it will be a ruinous
heap.

2 The cities of Aroer are forsaken; They
will be for flocks Which lie down, and no
one will make them afraid.
3 The fortress also will cease from
Ephraim, The kingdom from Damascus,
And the remnant of Syria; They will be as
the glory of the children of Israel," Says
the LORD of hosts.
4 "In that day it shall come to pass That
the glory of Jacob will wane, And the
fatness of his flesh grow lean.
5 It shall be as when the harvester
gathers the grain, And reaps the heads
with his arm; It shall be as he who
gathers heads of grain In the Valley of
Rephaim.
6 Yet gleaning grapes will be left in it,
Like the shaking of an olive tree, Two or
three olives at the top of the uppermost
bough, Four or five in its most fruitful
branches," Says the LORD God of Israel.

7 In that day a man will look to his
Maker, And his eyes will have respect for
the Holy One of Israel.
8 He will not look to the altars, The work
of his hands; He will not respect what
his fingers have made, Nor the wooden
images nor the incense altars.
9 In that day his strong cities will be as
a forsaken bough And an uppermost
branch, Which they left because of the
children of Israel; And there will be
desolation.
10 Because you have forgotten the God
of your salvation, And have not been
mindful of the Rock of your stronghold,
Therefore you will plant pleasant plants
And set out foreign seedlings;
11 In the day you will make your plant to
grow, And in the morning you will make
your seed to flourish; But the harvest
will be a heap of ruins In the day of grief
and desperate sorrow.

12 Woe to the multitude of many people
Who make a noise like the roar of the
seas, And to the rushing of nations That
make a rushing like the rushing of mighty
waters!
13 The nations will rush like the rushing
of many waters; But God will rebuke
them and they will flee far away, And be
chased like the chaff of the mountains
before the wind, Like a rolling thing
before the whirlwind.
14 Then behold, at eventide, trouble!
And before the morning, he is no more.
This is the portion of those who plunder
us, And the lot of those who rob us.
18 1 Woe to the land shadowed with
buzzing wings, Which is beyond
the rivers of Ethiopia,
2 Which sends ambassadors by sea,
Even in vessels of reed on the waters,
saying, "Go, swift messengers, to a
nation tall and smooth of skin, To a

people terrible from their beginning onward, A nation powerful and treading down, Whose land the rivers divide."
[3] All inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the earth: When he lifts up a banner on the mountains, you see it; And when he blows a trumpet, you hear it.
[4] For so the LORD said to me, "I will take My rest, And I will look from My dwelling place Like clear heat in sunshine, Like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest."
[5] For before the harvest, when the bud is perfect And the sour grape is ripening in the flower, He will both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks And take away and cut down the branches.
[6] They will be left together for the mountain birds of prey And for the beasts of the earth; The birds of prey will summer on them, And all the beasts of the earth will winter on them.

7 In that time a present will be brought
to the LORD of hosts From a people tall
and smooth of skin, And from a people
terrible from their beginning onward,
A nation powerful and treading down,
Whose land the rivers divide—To the
place of the name of the LORD of hosts,
To Mount Zion.

19 1 The burden against Egypt.
Behold, the LORD rides on a swift
cloud, And will come into Egypt; The
idols of Egypt will totter at His presence,
And the heart of Egypt will melt in its
midst.

2 "I will set Egyptians against Egyptians;
Everyone will fight against his brother,
And everyone against his neighbor, City
against city, kingdom against kingdom.

3 The spirit of Egypt will fail in its midst;
I will destroy their counsel, And they will
consult the idols and the charmers, The
mediums and the sorcerers.

4 And the Egyptians I will give Into the
hand of a cruel master, And a fierce king
will rule over them," Says the Lord, the
LORD of hosts.
5 The waters will fail from the sea, And
the river will be wasted and dried up.
6 The rivers will turn foul; The brooks of
defense will be emptied and dried up;
The reeds and rushes will wither.
7 The papyrus reeds by the River, by the
mouth of the River, And everything sown
by the River, Will wither, be driven away,
and be no more.
8 The fishermen also will mourn; All
those will lament who cast hooks into
the River, And they will languish who
spread nets on the waters.
9 Moreover those who work in fine flax
And those who weave fine fabric will be
ashamed;

10 And its foundations will be broken.
All who make wages will be troubled of
soul.
11 Surely the princes of Zoan are fools;
Pharaoh’s wise counselors give foolish
counsel. How do you say to Pharaoh,
"I am the son of the wise, The son of
ancient kings?"
12 Where are they? Where are your
wise men? Let them tell you now, And
let them know what the LORD of hosts
has purposed against Egypt.
13 The princes of Zoan have become
fools; The princes of Noph are deceived;
They have also deluded Egypt, Those
who are the mainstay of its tribes.
14 The LORD has mingled a perverse
spirit in her midst; And they have caused
Egypt to err in all her work, As a drunken
man staggers in his vomit.

15 Neither will there be any work for
Egypt, Which the head or tail, Palm
branch or bulrush, may do.
16 In that day Egypt will be like women,
and will be afraid and fear because of
the waving of the hand of the LORD of
hosts, which He waves over it.
17 And the land of Judah will be a terror
to Egypt; everyone who makes mention
of it will be afraid in himself, because of
the counsel of the LORD of hosts which
He has determined against it.
18 In that day five cities in the land of
Egypt will speak the language of Canaan
and swear by the LORD of hosts; one will
be called the City of Destruction.
19 In that day there will be an altar to
the LORD in the midst of the land of
Egypt, and a pillar to the LORD at its
border.
20 And it will be for a sign and for a
witness to the LORD of hosts in the land

of Egypt; for they will cry to the LORD
because of the oppressors, and He will
send them a Savior and a Mighty One,
and He will deliver them.
21 Then the LORD will be known to
Egypt, and the Egyptians will know the
LORD in that day, and will make sacrifice
and offering; yes, they will make a vow
to the LORD and perform it.
22 And the LORD will strike Egypt, He
will strike and heal it; they will return to
the LORD, and He will be entreated by
them and heal them.
23 In that day there will be a highway
from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian
will come into Egypt and the Egyptian
into Assyria, and the Egyptians will serve
with the Assyrians.
24 In that day Israel will be one of three
with Egypt and Assyria—a blessing in
the midst of the land,

25 whom the LORD of hosts shall bless,
saying, "Blessed is Egypt My people, and
Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel
My inheritance."

20 1 In the year that Tartan came to
Ashdod, when Sargon the king of
Assyria sent him, and he fought against
Ashdod and took it,
2 at the same time the LORD spoke by
Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, "Go, and
remove the sackcloth from your body,
and take your sandals off your feet." And
he did so, walking naked and barefoot.
3 Then the LORD said, "Just as My
servant Isaiah has walked naked and
barefoot three years for a sign and a
wonder against Egypt and Ethiopia,
4 "so shall the king of Assyria lead
away the Egyptians as prisoners and the
Ethiopians as captives, young and old,
naked and barefoot, with their buttocks
uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.

5 "Then they shall be afraid and
ashamed of Ethiopia their expectation
and Egypt their glory.
6 "And the inhabitant of this territory
will say in that day, ‘Surely such is our
expectation, wherever we flee for help
to be delivered from the king of Assyria;
and how shall we escape?’"

21 1 The burden against the
Wilderness of the Sea. As
whirlwinds in the South pass through, So
it comes from the desert, from a terrible
land.
2 A distressing vision is declared to
me; The treacherous dealer deals
treacherously, And the plunderer
plunders. Go up, O Elam! Besiege, O
Media! All its sighing I have made to
cease.
3 Therefore my loins are filled with
pain; Pangs have taken hold of me,
like the pangs of a woman in labor. I

was distressed when I heard it; I was
dismayed when I saw it.
4 My heart wavered, fearfulness
frightened me; The night for which I
longed He turned into fear for me.
5 Prepare the table, Set a watchman
in the tower, Eat and drink. Arise, you
princes, Anoint the shield!
6 For thus has the Lord said to me: "Go,
set a watchman, Let him declare what
he sees."
7 And he saw a chariot with a pair of
horsemen, A chariot of donkeys, and
a chariot of camels, And he listened
earnestly with great care.
8 Then he cried, "A lion, my Lord! I
stand continually on the watchtower in
the daytime; I have sat at my post every
night.
9 And look, here comes a chariot of
men with a pair of horsemen!" Then he
answered and said, "Babylon is fallen, is

fallen! And all the carved images of her
gods He has broken to the ground."
10 Oh, my threshing and the grain of my
floor! That which I have heard from the
LORD of hosts, The God of Israel, I have
declared to you.
11 The burden against Dumah. He calls
to me out of Seir, "Watchman, what
of the night? Watchman, what of the
night?"
12 The watchman said, "The morning
comes, and also the night. If you will
inquire, inquire; Return! Come back!"
13 The burden against Arabia. In the
forest in Arabia you will lodge, O you
traveling companies of Dedanites.
14 O inhabitants of the land of Tema,
Bring water to him who is thirsty; With
their bread they met him who fled.
15 For they fled from the swords, from
the drawn sword, From the bent bow,
and from the distress of war.

16 For thus the Lord has said to me:
"Within a year, according to the year of a
hired man, all the glory of Kedar will fail;
17 "and the remainder of the number of
archers, the mighty men of the people of
Kedar, will be diminished; for the LORD
God of Israel has spoken it."

22 1 The burden against the Valley
of Vision. What ails you now, that
you have all gone up to the housetops,
2 You who are full of noise, A
tumultuous city, a joyous city? Your slain
men are not slain with the sword, Nor
dead in battle.
3 All your rulers have fled together;
They are captured by the archers.
All who are found in you are bound
together; They have fled from afar.
4 Therefore I said, "Look away from
me, I will weep bitterly; Do not labor to
comfort me Because of the plundering
of the daughter of my people."

5 For it is a day of trouble and treading
down and perplexity By the Lord GOD of
hosts In the Valley of Vision—Breaking
down the walls And of crying to the
mountain.
6 Elam bore the quiver With chariots of
men and horsemen, And Kir uncovered
the shield.
7 It shall come to pass that your choicest
valleys Shall be full of chariots, And the
horsemen shall set themselves in array
at the gate.
8 He removed the protection of Judah.
You looked in that day to the armor of
the House of the Forest;
9 You also saw the damage to the city
of David, That it was great; And you
gathered together the waters of the
lower pool.
10 You numbered the houses of
Jerusalem, And the houses you broke
down To fortify the wall.

11 You also made a reservoir between
the two walls For the water of the old
pool. But you did not look to its Maker,
Nor did you have respect for Him who
fashioned it long ago.
12 And in that day the Lord GOD of hosts
Called for weeping and for mourning, For
baldness and for girding with sackcloth.
13 But instead, joy and gladness, Slaying
oxen and killing sheep, Eating meat and
drinking wine: "Let us eat and drink, for
tomorrow we die!"
14 Then it was revealed in my hearing
by the LORD of hosts, "Surely for this
iniquity there will be no atonement for
you, Even to your death," says the Lord
GOD of hosts.
15 Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts:
"Go, proceed to this steward, To Shebna,
who is over the house, and say:
16 'What have you here, and whom
have you here, That you have hewn a

sepulcher here, As he who hews himself
a sepulcher on high, Who carves a tomb
for himself in a rock?
17 Indeed, the LORD will throw you
away violently, O mighty man, And will
surely seize you.
18 He will surely turn violently and toss
you like a ball Into a large country; There
you shall die, and there your glorious
chariots Shall be the shame of your
master’s house.
19 So I will drive you out of your office,
And from your position he will pull you
down.
20 ‘Then it shall be in that day, That I
will call My servant Eliakim the son of
Hilkiah;
21 I will clothe him with your robe And
strengthen him with your belt; I will
commit your responsibility into his hand.
He shall be a father to the inhabitants of
Jerusalem And to the house of Judah.

22 The key of the house of David I will
lay on his shoulder; So he shall open,
and no one shall shut; And he shall shut,
and no one shall open.
23 I will fasten him as a peg in a secure
place, And he will become a glorious
throne to his father's house.
24 'They will hang on him all the glory of
his father's house, the offspring and the
posterity, all vessels of small quantity,
from the cups to all the pitchers.
25 'In that day,' says the LORD of hosts,
'the peg that is fastened in the secure
place will be removed and be cut down
and fall, and the burden that was on it
will be cut off; for the LORD has spoken.'"

23 1 The burden against Tyre. Wail,
you ships of Tarshish! For it is
laid waste, So that there is no house,
no harbor; From the land of Cyprus it is
revealed to them.

2 Be still, you inhabitants of the
coastland, You merchants of Sidon,
Whom those who cross the sea have
filled.
3 And on great waters the grain of
Shihor, The harvest of the River, is her
revenue; And she is a marketplace for
the nations.
4 Be ashamed, O Sidon; For the sea has
spoken, The strength of the sea, saying,
"I do not labor, nor bring forth children;
Neither do I rear young men, Nor bring
up virgins."
5 When the report reaches Egypt, They
also will be in agony at the report of
Tyre.
6 Cross over to Tarshish; Wail, you
inhabitants of the coastland!
7 Is this your joyous city, Whose
antiquity is from ancient days, Whose
feet carried her far off to dwell?

8 Who has taken this counsel against
Tyre, the crowning city, Whose
merchants are princes, Whose traders
are the honorable of the earth?
9 The LORD of hosts has purposed it, To
bring to dishonor the pride of all glory,
To bring into contempt all the honorable
of the earth.
10 Overflow through your land like the
River, O daughter of Tarshish; There is no
more strength.
11 He stretched out His hand over the
sea, He shook the kingdoms; The LORD
has given a commandment against
Canaan To destroy its strongholds.
12 And He said, "You will rejoice no
more, O you oppressed virgin daughter
of Sidon. Arise, cross over to Cyprus;
There also you will have no rest."
13 Behold, the land of the Chaldeans,
This people which was not; Assyria
founded it for wild beasts of the desert.

They set up its towers, They raised up its
palaces, And brought it to ruin.
14 Wail, you ships of Tarshish! For your
strength is laid waste.
15 Now it shall come to pass in that day
that Tyre will be forgotten seventy years,
according to the days of one king. At the
end of seventy years it will happen to
Tyre as in the song of the harlot:
16 "Take a harp, go about the city, You
forgotten harlot; Make sweet melody,
sing many songs, That you may be
remembered."
17 And it shall be, at the end of seventy
years, that the LORD will visit Tyre.
She will return to her hire, and commit
fornication with all the kingdoms of the
world on the face of the earth.
18 Her gain and her pay will be set apart
for the LORD; it will not be treasured
nor laid up, for her gain will be for

those who dwell before the LORD, to eat
sufficiently, and for fine clothing.

24 1 Behold, the LORD makes the
earth empty and makes it waste,
Distorts its surface And scatters abroad
its inhabitants.
2 And it shall be: As with the people,
so with the priest; As with the servant,
so with his master; As with the maid, so
with her mistress; As with the buyer, so
with the seller; As with the lender, so
with the borrower; As with the creditor,
so with the debtor.
3 The land shall be entirely emptied
and utterly plundered, For the LORD has
spoken this word.
4 The earth mourns and fades away, The
world languishes and fades away; The
haughty people of the earth languish.
5 The earth is also defiled under
its inhabitants, Because they have
transgressed the laws, Changed the

ordinance, Broken the everlasting
covenant.
6 Therefore the curse has devoured the
earth, And those who dwell in it are
desolate. Therefore the inhabitants of
the earth are burned, And few men are
left.
7 The new wine fails, the vine
languishes, All the merry–hearted sigh.
8 The mirth of the tambourine ceases,
The noise of the jubilant ends, The joy of
the harp ceases.
9 They shall not drink wine with a song;
Strong drink is bitter to those who drink
it.
10 The city of confusion is broken down;
Every house is shut up, so that none may
go in.
11 There is a cry for wine in the streets,
All joy is darkened, The mirth of the land
is gone.

12 In the city desolation is left, And the
gate is stricken with destruction.
13 When it shall be thus in the midst of
the land among the people, It shall be
like the shaking of an olive tree, Like the
gleaning of grapes when the vintage is
done.
14 They shall lift up their voice, they
shall sing; For the majesty of the LORD
They shall cry aloud from the sea.
15 Therefore glorify the LORD in the
dawning light, The name of the LORD
God of Israel in the coastlands of the
sea.
16 From the ends of the earth we have
heard songs: "Glory to the righteous!"
But I said, "I am ruined, ruined! Woe to
me! The treacherous dealers have dealt
treacherously, Indeed, the treacherous
dealers have dealt very treacherously."
17 Fear and the pit and the snare Are
upon you, O inhabitant of the earth.

18 And it shall be That he who flees from the noise of the fear Shall fall into the pit, And he who comes up from the midst of the pit Shall be caught in the snare; For the windows from on high are open, And the foundations of the earth are shaken.

19 The earth is violently broken, The earth is split open, The earth is shaken exceedingly.

20 The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, And shall totter like a hut; Its transgression shall be heavy upon it, And it will fall, and not rise again.

21 It shall come to pass in that day That the LORD will punish on high the host of exalted ones, And on the earth the kings of the earth.

22 They will be gathered together, As prisoners are gathered in the pit, And will be shut up in the prison; After many days they will be punished.

23 Then the moon will be disgraced
And the sun ashamed; For the LORD
of hosts will reign On Mount Zion and
in Jerusalem And before His elders,
gloriously.

25

1 O LORD, You are my God. I will
exalt You, I will praise Your name,
For You have done wonderful things;
Your counsels of old are faithfulness and
truth.
2 For You have made a city a ruin, A
fortified city a ruin, A palace of foreigners
to be a city no more; It will never be
rebuilt.
3 Therefore the strong people will
glorify You; The city of the terrible
nations will fear You.
4 For You have been a strength to the
poor, A strength to the needy in his
distress, A refuge from the storm, A
shade from the heat; For the blast of the

terrible ones is as a storm against the
wall.
5 You will reduce the noise of aliens,
As heat in a dry place; As heat in the
shadow of a cloud, The song of the
terrible ones will be diminished.
6 And in this mountain The LORD of
hosts will make for all people A feast
of choice pieces, A feast of wines on
the lees, Of fat things full of marrow, Of
well–refined wines on the lees.
7 And He will destroy on this mountain
The surface of the covering cast over all
people, And the veil that is spread over
all nations.
8 He will swallow up death forever, And
the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from
all faces; The rebuke of His people He
will take away from all the earth; For the
LORD has spoken.
9 And it will be said in that day: "Behold,
this is our God; We have waited for Him,

and He will save us. This is the LORD; We
have waited for Him; We will be glad and
rejoice in His salvation."
10 For on this mountain the hand of
the LORD will rest, And Moab shall be
trampled down under Him, As straw is
trampled down for the refuse heap.
11 And He will spread out His hands in
their midst As a swimmer reaches out
to swim, And He will bring down their
pride Together with the trickery of their
hands.
12 The fortress of the high fort of your
walls He will bring down, lay low, And
bring to the ground, down to the dust.

26 1 In that day this song will be sung
in the land of Judah: "We have a
strong city; God will appoint salvation
for walls and bulwarks.
2 Open the gates, That the righteous
nation which keeps the truth may enter
in.

3 You will keep him in perfect peace,
Whose mind is stayed on You, Because
he trusts in You.
4 Trust in the LORD forever, For in YAH,
the LORD, is everlasting strength.
5 For He brings down those who dwell
on high, The lofty city; He lays it low, He
lays it low to the ground, He brings it
down to the dust.
6 The foot shall tread it down—The feet
of the poor And the steps of the needy."
7 The way of the just is uprightness; O
Most Upright, You weigh the path of the
just.
8 Yes, in the way of Your judgments,
O LORD, we have waited for You; The
desire of our soul is for Your name And
for the remembrance of You.
9 With my soul I have desired You in the
night, Yes, by my spirit within me I will
seek You early; For when Your judgments

are in the earth, The inhabitants of the
world will learn righteousness.
10 Let grace be shown to the wicked, Yet
he will not learn righteousness; In the
land of uprightness he will deal unjustly,
And will not behold the majesty of the
LORD.
11 LORD, when Your hand is lifted up,
they will not see. But they will see and
be ashamed For their envy of people;
Yes, the fire of Your enemies shall devour
them.
12 LORD, You will establish peace for us,
For You have also done all our works in
us.
13 O LORD our God, masters besides
You Have had dominion over us; But
by You only we make mention of Your
name.
14 They are dead, they will not live;
They are deceased, they will not rise.
Therefore You have punished and

destroyed them, And made all their
memory to perish.
15 You have increased the nation, O
LORD, You have increased the nation;
You are glorified; You have expanded all
the borders of the land.
16 LORD, in trouble they have visited
You, They poured out a prayer when
Your chastening was upon them.
17 As a woman with child Is in pain and
cries out in her pangs, When she draws
near the time of her delivery, So have we
been in Your sight, O LORD.
18 We have been with child, we have
been in pain; We have, as it were,
brought forth wind; We have not
accomplished any deliverance in the
earth, Nor have the inhabitants of the
world fallen.
19 Your dead shall live; Together with
my dead body they shall arise. Awake
and sing, you who dwell in dust; For your

dew is like the dew of herbs, And the
earth shall cast out the dead.
20 Come, my people, enter your
chambers, And shut your doors behind
you; Hide yourself, as it were, for a little
moment, Until the indignation is past.
21 For behold, the LORD comes out of
His place To punish the inhabitants of
the earth for their iniquity; The earth
will also disclose her blood, And will no
more cover her slain.

27 1 In that day the LORD with
His severe sword, great and
strong, Will punish Leviathan the fleeing
serpent, Leviathan that twisted serpent;
And He will slay the reptile that is in the
sea.
2 In that day sing to her, "A vineyard of
red wine!
3 I, the LORD, keep it, I water it every
moment; Lest any hurt it, I keep it night
and day.

[4] Fury is not in Me. Who would set
briers and thorns Against Me in battle?
I would go through them, I would burn
them together.
[5] Or let him take hold of My strength,
That he may make peace with Me; And
he shall make peace with Me."
[6] Those who come He shall cause to
take root in Jacob; Israel shall blossom
and bud, And fill the face of the world
with fruit.
[7] Has He struck Israel as He struck those
who struck him? Or has He been slain
according to the slaughter of those who
were slain by Him?
[8] In measure, by sending it away, You
contended with it. He removes it by His
rough wind In the day of the east wind.
[9] Therefore by this the iniquity of Jacob
will be covered; And this is all the fruit of
taking away his sin: When he makes all
the stones of the altar Like chalkstones

that are beaten to dust, Wooden images
and incense altars shall not stand.
10 Yet the fortified city will be desolate,
The habitation forsaken and left like a
wilderness; There the calf will feed, and
there it will lie down And consume its
branches.
11 When its boughs are withered, they
will be broken off; The women come and
set them on fire. For it is a people of no
understanding; Therefore He who made
them will not have mercy on them, And
He who formed them will show them no
favor.
12 And it shall come to pass in that day
That the LORD will thresh, From the
channel of the River to the Brook of
Egypt; And you will be gathered one by
one, O you children of Israel.
13 So it shall be in that day: The great
trumpet will be blown; They will come,
who are about to perish in the land of

Assyria, And they who are outcasts in
the land of Egypt, And shall worship the
LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.
28 [1] Woe to the crown of pride, to
the drunkards of Ephraim, Whose
glorious beauty is a fading flower Which
is at the head of the verdant valleys, To
those who are overcome with wine!
[2] Behold, the Lord has a mighty and
strong one, Like a tempest of hail and a
destroying storm, Like a flood of mighty
waters overflowing, Who will bring them
down to the earth with His hand.
[3] The crown of pride, the drunkards of
Ephraim, Will be trampled underfoot;
[4] And the glorious beauty is a fading
flower Which is at the head of the
verdant valley, Like the first fruit before
the summer, Which an observer sees; He
eats it up while it is still in his hand.

5 In that day the LORD of hosts will be
For a crown of glory and a diadem of
beauty To the remnant of His people,
6 For a spirit of justice to him who sits
in judgment, And for strength to those
who turn back the battle at the gate.
7 But they also have erred through wine,
And through intoxicating drink are out
of the way; The priest and the prophet
have erred through intoxicating drink,
They are swallowed up by wine, They
are out of the way through intoxicating
drink; They err in vision, they stumble in
judgment.
8 For all tables are full of vomit and filth;
No place is clean.
9 "Whom will he teach knowledge? And
whom will he make to understand the
message? Those just weaned from milk?
Those just drawn from the breasts?
10 For precept must be upon precept,
precept upon precept, Line upon line,

line upon line, Here a little, there a
little."
11 For with stammering lips and another
tongue He will speak to this people,
12 To whom He said, "This is the rest
with which You may cause the weary to
rest," And, "This is the refreshing"; Yet
they would not hear.
13 But the word of the LORD was to
them, "Precept upon precept, precept
upon precept, Line upon line, line upon
line, Here a little, there a little," That
they might go and fall backward, and be
broken And snared and caught.
14 Therefore hear the word of the LORD,
you scornful men, Who rule this people
who are in Jerusalem,
15 Because you have said, "We have
made a covenant with death, And with
Sheol we are in agreement. When the
overflowing scourge passes through, It
will not come to us, For we have made

lies our refuge, And under falsehood we
have hidden ourselves."
16 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
"Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a
foundation, A tried stone, a precious
cornerstone, a sure foundation;
Whoever believes will not act hastily.
17 Also I will make justice the measuring
line, And righteousness the plummet;
The hail will sweep away the refuge of
lies, And the waters will overflow the
hiding place.
18 Your covenant with death will
be annulled, And your agreement
with Sheol will not stand; When the
overflowing scourge passes through,
Then you will be trampled down by it.
19 As often as it goes out it will take
you; For morning by morning it will pass
over, And by day and by night; It will be
a terror just to understand the report."

[20] For the bed is too short to stretch out
on, And the covering so narrow that one
cannot wrap himself in it.
[21] For the LORD will rise up as at Mount
Perazim, He will be angry as in the Valley
of Gibeon—That He may do His work,
His awesome work, And bring to pass His
act, His unusual act.
[22] Now therefore, do not be mockers,
Lest your bonds be made strong; For I
have heard from the Lord GOD of hosts,
A destruction determined even upon the
whole earth.
[23] Give ear and hear my voice, Listen
and hear my speech.
[24] Does the plowman keep plowing all
day to sow? Does he keep turning his
soil and breaking the clods?
[25] When he has leveled its surface,
Does he not sow the black cummin And
scatter the cummin, Plant the wheat in

rows, The barley in the appointed place,
And the spelt in its place?
26 For He instructs him in right
judgment, His God teaches him.
27 For the black cummin is not threshed
with a threshing sledge, Nor is a
cartwheel rolled over the cummin; But
the black cummin is beaten out with a
stick, And the cummin with a rod.
28 Bread flour must be ground;
Therefore he does not thresh it forever,
Break it with his cartwheel, Or crush it
with his horsemen.
29 This also comes from the LORD of
hosts, Who is wonderful in counsel and
excellent in guidance.

29 1 "Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city
where David dwelt! Add year to
year; Let feasts come around.
2 Yet I will distress Ariel; There shall be
heaviness and sorrow, And it shall be to
Me as Ariel.

3 I will encamp against you all around, I
will lay siege against you with a mound,
And I will raise siegeworks against you.
4 You shall be brought down, You shall
speak out of the ground; Your speech
shall be low, out of the dust; Your voice
shall be like a medium’s, out of the
ground; And your speech shall whisper
out of the dust.
5 "Moreover the multitude of your
foes Shall be like fine dust, And the
multitude of the terrible ones Like chaff
that passes away; Yes, it shall be in an
instant, suddenly.
6 You will be punished by the LORD of
hosts With thunder and earthquake and
great noise, With storm and tempest
And the flame of devouring fire.
7 The multitude of all the nations who
fight against Ariel, Even all who fight
against her and her fortress, And distress
her, Shall be as a dream of a night vision.

8 It shall even be as when a hungry
man dreams, And look—he eats; But
he awakes, and his soul is still empty;
Or as when a thirsty man dreams,
And look—he drinks; But he awakes,
and indeed he is faint, And his soul
still craves: So the multitude of all the
nations shall be, Who fight against
Mount Zion."
9 Pause and wonder! Blind yourselves
and be blind! They are drunk, but not
with wine; They stagger, but not with
intoxicating drink.
10 For the LORD has poured out on you
The spirit of deep sleep, And has closed
your eyes, namely, the prophets; And
He has covered your heads, namely, the
seers.
11 The whole vision has become to you
like the words of a book that is sealed,
which men deliver to one who is literate,

saying, "Read this, please." And he says,
"I cannot, for it is sealed."
12 Then the book is delivered to one
who is illiterate, saying, "Read this,
please." And he says, "I am not literate."
13 Therefore the Lord said: "Inasmuch
as these people draw near with their
mouths And honor Me with their lips,
But have removed their hearts far from
Me, And their fear toward Me is taught
by the commandment of men,
14 Therefore, behold, I will again do a
marvelous work Among this people, A
marvelous work and a wonder; For the
wisdom of their wise men shall perish,
And the understanding of their prudent
men shall be hidden."
15 Woe to those who seek deep to hide
their counsel far from the LORD, And
their works are in the dark; They say,
"Who sees us?" and, "Who knows us?"

16 Surely you have things turned
around! Shall the potter be esteemed
as the clay; For shall the thing made
say of him who made it, "He did not
make me"? Or shall the thing formed
say of him who formed it, "He has no
understanding"?
17 Is it not yet a very little while Till
Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful
field, And the fruitful field be esteemed
as a forest?
18 In that day the deaf shall hear the
words of the book, And the eyes of the
blind shall see out of obscurity and out
of darkness.
19 The humble also shall increase their
joy in the LORD, And the poor among
men shall rejoice In the Holy One of
Israel.
20 For the terrible one is brought to
nothing, The scornful one is consumed,

And all who watch for iniquity are cut
off—
21 Who make a man an offender by
a word, And lay a snare for him who
reproves in the gate, And turn aside the
just by empty words.
22 Therefore thus says the LORD, who
redeemed Abraham, concerning the
house of Jacob: "Jacob shall not now be
ashamed, Nor shall his face now grow
pale;
23 But when he sees his children, The
work of My hands, in his midst, They will
hallow My name, And hallow the Holy
One of Jacob, And fear the God of Israel.
24 These also who erred in spirit will
come to understanding, And those who
complained will learn doctrine."
30 1 "Woe to the rebellious
children," says the LORD, "Who
take counsel, but not of Me, And who

devise plans, but not of My Spirit, That
they may add sin to sin;
2 Who walk to go down to Egypt, And
have not asked My advice, To strengthen
themselves in the strength of Pharaoh,
And to trust in the shadow of Egypt!
3 Therefore the strength of Pharaoh
Shall be your shame, And trust in
the shadow of Egypt Shall be your
humiliation.
4 For his princes were at Zoan, And his
ambassadors came to Hanes.
5 They were all ashamed of a people
who could not benefit them, Or be
help or benefit, But a shame and also a
reproach."
6 The burden against the beasts of the
South. Through a land of trouble and
anguish, From which came the lioness
and lion, The viper and fiery flying
serpent, They will carry their riches on
the backs of young donkeys, And their

treasures on the humps of camels, To a
people who shall not profit;
7 For the Egyptians shall help in vain
and to no purpose. Therefore I have
called her Rahab–Hem–Shebeth.
8 Now go, write it before them on a
tablet, And note it on a scroll, That it may
be for time to come, Forever and ever:
9 That this is a rebellious people, Lying
children, Children who will not hear the
law of the LORD;
10 Who say to the seers, "Do not see,"
And to the prophets, "Do not prophesy
to us right things; Speak to us smooth
things, prophesy deceits.
11 Get out of the way, Turn aside from
the path, Cause the Holy One of Israel To
cease from before us."
12 Therefore thus says the Holy One of
Israel: "Because you despise this word,
And trust in oppression and perversity,
And rely on them,

13 Therefore this iniquity shall be to you Like a breach ready to fall, A bulge in a high wall, Whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant.
14 And He shall break it like the breaking of the potter's vessel, Which is broken in pieces; He shall not spare. So there shall not be found among its fragments A shard to take fire from the hearth, Or to take water from the cistern."
15 For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel: "In returning and rest you shall be saved; In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." But you would not,
16 And you said, "No, for we will flee on horses" —Therefore you shall flee! And, "We will ride on swift horses" —Therefore those who pursue you shall be swift!
17 One thousand shall flee at the threat of one, At the threat of five you shall

flee, Till you are left as a pole on top of a mountain And as a banner on a hill.

18 Therefore the LORD will wait, that He may be gracious to you; And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; Blessed are all those who wait for Him.

19 For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem; You shall weep no more. He will be very gracious to you at the sound of your cry; When He hears it, He will answer you.

20 And though the Lord gives you The bread of adversity and the water of affliction, Yet your teachers will not be moved into a corner anymore, But your eyes shall see your teachers.

21 Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," Whenever you turn to the right hand Or whenever you turn to the left.

22 You will also defile the covering of
your graven images of silver, And the
ornament of your molded images of
gold. You will throw them away as an
unclean thing; You will say to them, "Get
away!"
23 Then He will give the rain for your
seed With which you sow the ground,
And bread of the increase of the earth; It
will be fat and plentiful. In that day your
cattle will feed In large pastures.
24 Likewise the oxen and the young
donkeys that work the ground Will eat
cured fodder, Which has been winnowed
with the shovel and fan.
25 There will be on every high mountain
And on every high hill Rivers and streams
of waters, In the day of the great
slaughter, When the towers fall.
26 Moreover the light of the moon will
be as the light of the sun, And the light
of the sun will be sevenfold, As the light

of seven days, In the day that the LORD
binds up the bruise of His people And
heals the stroke of their wound.
27 Behold, the name of the LORD comes
from afar, Burning with His anger, And
His burden is heavy; His lips are full
of indignation, And His tongue like a
devouring fire.
28 His breath is like an overflowing
stream, Which reaches up to the neck,
To sift the nations with the sieve of
futility; And there shall be a bridle in the
jaws of the people, Causing them to err.
29 You shall have a song As in the night
when a holy festival is kept, And gladness
of heart as when one goes with a flute,
To come into the mountain of the LORD,
To the Mighty One of Israel.
30 The LORD will cause His glorious
voice to be heard, And show the descent
of His arm, With the indignation of His

anger And the flame of a devouring fire,
With scattering, tempest, and hailstones.
31 For through the voice of the LORD
Assyria will be beaten down, As He
strikes with the rod.
32 And in every place where the staff
of punishment passes, Which the LORD
lays on him, It will be with tambourines
and harps; And in battles of brandishing
He will fight with it.
33 For Tophet was established of old,
Yes, for the king it is prepared. He has
made it deep and large; Its pyre is fire
with much wood; The breath of the
LORD, like a stream of brimstone, Kindles
it.

31 1 Woe to those who go down
to Egypt for help, And rely on
horses, Who trust in chariots because
they are many, And in horsemen because
they are very strong, But who do not

look to the Holy One of Israel, Nor seek
the LORD!
2 Yet He also is wise and will bring
disaster, And will not call back His words,
But will arise against the house of
evildoers, And against the help of those
who work iniquity.
3 Now the Egyptians are men, and not
God; And their horses are flesh, and not
spirit. When the LORD stretches out His
hand, Both he who helps will fall, And he
who is helped will fall down; They all will
perish together.
4 For thus the LORD has spoken to me:
"As a lion roars, And a young lion over
his prey (When a multitude of shepherds
is summoned against him, He will not be
afraid of their voice Nor be disturbed by
their noise), So the LORD of hosts will
come down To fight for Mount Zion and
for its hill.

5 Like birds flying about, So will the
LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem.
Defending, He will also deliver it; Passing
over, He will preserve it."
6 Return to Him against whom the
children of Israel have deeply revolted.
7 For in that day every man shall throw
away his idols of silver and his idols of
gold—sin, which your own hands have
made for yourselves.
8 "Then Assyria shall fall by a sword not
of man, And a sword not of mankind
shall devour him. But he shall flee from
the sword, And his young men shall
become forced labor.
9 He shall cross over to his stronghold
for fear, And his princes shall be afraid
of the banner," Says the LORD, Whose
fire is in Zion And whose furnace is in
Jerusalem.

32 1 Behold, a king will reign in
righteousness, And princes will
rule with justice.
2 A man will be as a hiding place from
the wind, And a cover from the tempest,
As rivers of water in a dry place, As the
shadow of a great rock in a weary land.
3 The eyes of those who see will not be
dim, And the ears of those who hear will
listen.
4 Also the heart of the rash will
understand knowledge, And the tongue
of the stammerers will be ready to speak
plainly.
5 The foolish person will no longer be
called generous, Nor the miser said to
be bountiful;
6 For the foolish person will speak
foolishness, And his heart will work
iniquity: To practice ungodliness, To
utter error against the LORD, To keep the

hungry unsatisfied, And he will cause the
drink of the thirsty to fail.
7 Also the schemes of the schemer are
evil; He devises wicked plans To destroy
the poor with lying words, Even when
the needy speaks justice.
8 But a generous man devises generous
things, And by generosity he shall stand.
9 Rise up, you women who are at
ease, Hear my voice; You complacent
daughters, Give ear to my speech.
10 In a year and some days You will be
troubled, you complacent women; For
the vintage will fail, The gathering will
not come.
11 Tremble, you women who are at
ease; Be troubled, you complacent ones;
Strip yourselves, make yourselves bare,
And gird sackcloth on your waists.
12 People shall mourn upon their
breasts For the pleasant fields, for the
fruitful vine.

13 On the land of my people will come
up thorns and briers, Yes, on all the
happy homes in the joyous city;
14 Because the palaces will be forsaken,
The bustling city will be deserted. The
forts and towers will become lairs
forever, A joy of wild donkeys, a pasture
of flocks—
15 Until the Spirit is poured upon
us from on high, And the wilderness
becomes a fruitful field, And the fruitful
field is counted as a forest.
16 Then justice will dwell in the
wilderness, And righteousness remain in
the fruitful field.
17 The work of righteousness will be
peace, And the effect of righteousness,
quietness and assurance forever.
18 My people will dwell in a peaceful
habitation, In secure dwellings, and in
quiet resting places,

19 Though hail comes down on the
forest, And the city is brought low in
humiliation.
20 Blessed are you who sow beside all
waters, Who send out freely the feet of
the ox and the donkey.
33 1 Woe to you who plunder, though
you have not been plundered;
And you who deal treacherously, though
they have not dealt treacherously with
you! When you cease plundering, You
will be plundered; When you make an
end of dealing treacherously, They will
deal treacherously with you.
2 O LORD, be gracious to us; We have
waited for You. Be their arm every
morning, Our salvation also in the time
of trouble.
3 At the noise of the tumult the people
shall flee; When You lift Yourself up, the
nations shall be scattered;

4 And Your plunder shall be gathered
Like the gathering of the caterpillar; As
the running to and fro of locusts, He
shall run upon them.
5 The LORD is exalted, for He dwells on
high; He has filled Zion with justice and
righteousness.
6 Wisdom and knowledge will be the
stability of your times, And the strength
of salvation; The fear of the LORD is His
treasure.
7 Surely their valiant ones shall cry
outside, The ambassadors of peace shall
weep bitterly.
8 The highways lie waste, The traveling
man ceases. He has broken the covenant,
He has despised the cities, He regards no
man.
9 The earth mourns and languishes,
Lebanon is shamed and shriveled;
Sharon is like a wilderness, And Bashan
and Carmel shake off their fruits.

10 "Now I will rise," says the LORD;
"Now I will be exalted, Now I will lift
Myself up.
11 You shall conceive chaff, You shall
bring forth stubble; Your breath, as fire,
shall devour you.
12 And the people shall be like the
burnings of lime; Like thorns cut up they
shall be burned in the fire.
13 Hear, you who are afar off, what
I have done; And you who are near,
acknowledge My might."
14 The sinners in Zion are afraid;
Fearfulness has seized the hypocrites:
"Who among us shall dwell with the
devouring fire? Who among us shall
dwell with everlasting burnings?"
15 He who walks righteously and speaks
uprightly, He who despises the gain
of oppressions, Who gestures with his
hands, refusing bribes, Who stops his

ears from hearing of bloodshed, And
shuts his eyes from seeing evil:
16 He will dwell on high; His place of
defense will be the fortress of rocks;
Bread will be given him, His water will be
sure.
17 Your eyes will see the King in His
beauty; They will see the land that is
very far off.
18 Your heart will meditate on terror:
"Where is the scribe? Where is he who
weighs? Where is he who counts the
towers?"
19 You will not see a fierce people,
A people of obscure speech, beyond
perception, Of a stammering tongue
that you cannot understand.
20 Look upon Zion, the city of our
appointed feasts; Your eyes will see
Jerusalem, a quiet home, A tabernacle
that will not be taken down; Not one of

its stakes will ever be removed, Nor will
any of its cords be broken.
21 But there the majestic LORD will
be for us A place of broad rivers and
streams, In which no galley with oars will
sail, Nor majestic ships pass by
22 (For the LORD is our Judge, The LORD
is our Lawgiver, The LORD is our King; He
will save us);
23 Your tackle is loosed, They could not
strengthen their mast, They could not
spread the sail. Then the prey of great
plunder is divided; The lame take the
prey.
24 And the inhabitant will not say, "I am
sick"; The people who dwell in it will be
forgiven their iniquity.

34 1 Come near, you nations, to hear;
And heed, you people! Let the
earth hear, and all that is in it, The world
and all things that come forth from it.

2 For the indignation of the LORD is
against all nations, And His fury against
all their armies; He has utterly destroyed
them, He has given them over to the
slaughter.
3 Also their slain shall be thrown out;
Their stench shall rise from their corpses,
And the mountains shall be melted with
their blood.
4 All the host of heaven shall be
dissolved, And the heavens shall be
rolled up like a scroll; All their host shall
fall down As the leaf falls from the vine,
And as fruit falling from a fig tree.
5 "For My sword shall be bathed in
heaven; Indeed it shall come down on
Edom, And on the people of My curse,
for judgment.
6 The sword of the LORD is filled with
blood, It is made overflowing with
fatness, With the blood of lambs and
goats, With the fat of the kidneys of

rams. For the LORD has a sacrifice in
Bozrah, And a great slaughter in the land
of Edom.
7 The wild oxen shall come down with
them, And the young bulls with the
mighty bulls; Their land shall be soaked
with blood, And their dust saturated
with fatness."
8 For it is the day of the LORD’S
vengeance, The year of recompense for
the cause of Zion.
9 Its streams shall be turned into pitch,
And its dust into brimstone; Its land shall
become burning pitch.
10 It shall not be quenched night or
day; Its smoke shall ascend forever.
From generation to generation it shall
lie waste; No one shall pass through it
forever and ever.
11 But the pelican and the porcupine
shall possess it, Also the owl and the
raven shall dwell in it. And He shall

stretch out over it The line of confusion
and the stones of emptiness.
12 They shall call its nobles to the
kingdom, But none shall be there, and
all its princes shall be nothing.
13 And thorns shall come up in its
palaces, Nettles and brambles in its
fortresses; It shall be a habitation of
jackals, A courtyard for ostriches.
14 The wild beasts of the desert shall
also meet with the jackals, And the wild
goat shall bleat to its companion; Also
the night creature shall rest there, And
find for herself a place of rest.
15 There the arrow snake shall make her
nest and lay eggs And hatch, and gather
them under her shadow; There also shall
the hawks be gathered, Every one with
her mate.
16 "Search from the book of the LORD,
and read: Not one of these shall fail; Not
one shall lack her mate. For My mouth

has commanded it, and His Spirit has
gathered them.
17 He has cast the lot for them, And His
hand has divided it among them with
a measuring line. They shall possess it
forever; From generation to generation
they shall dwell in it."

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1 The wilderness and the
wasteland shall be glad for them,
And the desert shall rejoice and blossom
as the rose;
2 It shall blossom abundantly and
rejoice, Even with joy and singing. The
glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
The excellence of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD, The
excellency of our God.
3 Strengthen the weak hands, And make
firm the feeble knees.
4 Say to those who are fearful–hearted,
"Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your
God will come with vengeance, With the

recompense of God; He will come and
save you."
5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be
opened, And the ears of the deaf shall
be unstopped.
6 Then the lame shall leap like a deer,
And the tongue of the dumb sing. For
waters shall burst forth in the wilderness,
And streams in the desert.
7 The parched ground shall become
a pool, And the thirsty land springs of
water; In the habitation of jackals, where
each lay, There shall be grass with reeds
and rushes.
8 A highway shall be there, and a road,
And it shall be called the Highway of
Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over
it, But it shall be for others. Whoever
walks the road, although a fool, Shall not
go astray.
9 No lion shall be there, Nor shall any
ravenous beast go up on it; It shall not

be found there. But the redeemed shall
walk there,
10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall
return, And come to Zion with singing,
With everlasting joy on their heads.
They shall obtain joy and gladness, And
sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

36 1 Now it came to pass in the
fourteenth year of King Hezekiah
that Sennacherib king of Assyria came
up against all the fortified cities of Judah
and took them.
2 Then the king of Assyria sent the
Rabshakeh with a great army from
Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem.
And he stood by the aqueduct from
the upper pool, on the highway to the
Fuller's Field.
3 And Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who
was over the household, Shebna the
scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the
recorder, came out to him.

4 Then the Rabshakeh said to them,
"Say now to Hezekiah, ‘Thus says the
great king, the king of Assyria: "What
confidence is this in which you trust?
5 "I say you speak of having plans and
power for war; but they are mere words.
Now in whom do you trust, that you
rebel against me?
6 "Look! You are trusting in the staff of
this broken reed, Egypt, on which if a
man leans, it will go into his hand and
pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to
all who trust in him.
7 "But if you say to me, ‘We trust in
the LORD our God,’ is it not He whose
high places and whose altars Hezekiah
has taken away, and said to Judah and
Jerusalem, ‘You shall worship before this
altar’?"’
8 "Now therefore, I urge you, give
a pledge to my master the king of
Assyria, and I will give you two thousand

horses—if you are able on your part to
put riders on them!
9 "How then will you repel one captain
of the least of my master’s servants, and
put your trust in Egypt for chariots and
horsemen?
10 "Have I now come up without the
LORD against this land to destroy it? The
LORD said to me, ‘Go up against this
land, and destroy it.’"
11 Then Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah said
to the Rabshakeh, "Please speak to your
servants in the Aramaic language, for we
understand it; and do not speak to us
in Hebrew in the hearing of the people
who are on the wall."
12 But the Rabshakeh said, "Has my
master sent me to your master and to
you to speak these words, and not to the
men who sit on the wall, who will eat
and drink their own waste with you?"

13 Then the Rabshakeh stood and called
out with a loud voice in Hebrew, and
said, "Hear the words of the great king,
the king of Assyria!
14 "Thus says the king: ‘Do not let
Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be
able to deliver you;
15 ‘nor let Hezekiah make you trust in
the LORD, saying, "The LORD will surely
deliver us; this city will not be given into
the hand of the king of Assyria."’
16 "Do not listen to Hezekiah; for thus
says the king of Assyria: ‘Make peace
with me by a present and come out to
me; and every one of you eat from his
own vine and every one from his own
fig tree, and every one of you drink the
waters of his own cistern;
17 ‘until I come and take you away to
a land like your own land, a land of
grain and new wine, a land of bread and
vineyards.

18 ‘Beware lest Hezekiah persuade
you, saying, "The LORD will deliver us."
Has any one of the gods of the nations
delivered its land from the hand of the
king of Assyria?
19 ‘Where are the gods of Hamath
and Arpad? Where are the gods
of Sepharvaim? Indeed, have they
delivered Samaria from my hand?
20 ‘Who among all the gods of these
lands have delivered their countries
from my hand, that the LORD should
deliver Jerusalem from my hand?’"
21 But they held their peace and
answered him not a word; for the king’s
commandment was, "Do not answer
him."
22 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who
was over the household, Shebna the
scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the
recorder, came to Hezekiah with their

clothes torn, and told him the words of
the Rabshakeh.

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1 And so it was, when King
Hezekiah heard it, that he tore his
clothes, covered himself with sackcloth,
and went into the house of the LORD.
2 Then he sent Eliakim, who was over
the household, Shebna the scribe, and
the elders of the priests, covered with
sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet, the son
of Amoz.
3 And they said to him, "Thus says
Hezekiah: ‘This day is a day of trouble
and rebuke and blasphemy; for the
children have come to birth, but there is
no strength to bring them forth.
4 ‘It may be that the LORD your God will
hear the words of the Rabshakeh, whom
his master the king of Assyria has sent to
reproach the living God, and will rebuke
the words which the LORD your God has

heard. Therefore lift up your prayer for
the remnant that is left.’"
5 So the servants of King Hezekiah came
to Isaiah.
6 And Isaiah said to them, "Thus shall
you say to your master, ‘Thus says the
LORD: "Do not be afraid of the words
which you have heard, with which the
servants of the king of Assyria have
blasphemed Me.
7 "Surely I will send a spirit upon him,
and he shall hear a rumor and return to
his own land; and I will cause him to fall
by the sword in his own land."’"
8 Then the Rabshakeh returned, and
found the king of Assyria warring
against Libnah, for he heard that he had
departed from Lachish.
9 And the king heard concerning
Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, "He has come
out to make war with you." So when

he heard it, he sent messengers to
Hezekiah, saying,
10 "Thus you shall speak to Hezekiah
king of Judah, saying: ‘Do not let your
God in whom you trust deceive you,
saying, "Jerusalem shall not be given
into the hand of the king of Assyria."
11 ‘Look! You have heard what the kings
of Assyria have done to all lands by
utterly destroying them; and shall you
be delivered?
12 ‘Have the gods of the nations
delivered those whom my fathers have
destroyed, Gozan and Haran and Rezeph,
and the people of Eden who were in
Telassar?
13 ‘Where is the king of Hamath, the
king of Arpad, and the king of the city of
Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?’"
14 And Hezekiah received the letter
from the hand of the messengers, and
read it; and Hezekiah went up to the

house of the LORD, and spread it before
the LORD.
15 Then Hezekiah prayed to the LORD,
saying:
16 "O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, the
One who dwells between the cherubim,
You are God, You alone, of all the
kingdoms of the earth. You have made
heaven and earth.
17 "Incline Your ear, O LORD, and hear;
open Your eyes, O LORD, and see; and
hear all the words of Sennacherib, which
he has sent to reproach the living God.
18 "Truly, LORD, the kings of Assyria
have laid waste all the nations and their
lands,
19 "and have cast their gods into the
fire; for they were not gods, but the
work of men's hands—wood and stone.
Therefore they have destroyed them.
20 "Now therefore, O LORD our God,
save us from his hand, that all the

kingdoms of the earth may know that
You are the LORD, You alone."
21 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent
to Hezekiah, saying, "Thus says the
LORD God of Israel, ‘Because you have
prayed to Me against Sennacherib king
of Assyria,
22 ‘this is the word which the LORD
has spoken concerning him: "The virgin,
the daughter of Zion, Has despised you,
laughed you to scorn; The daughter of
Jerusalem Has shaken her head behind
your back!
23 "Whom have you reproached and
blasphemed? Against whom have you
raised your voice, And lifted up your eyes
on high? Against the Holy One of Israel.
24 By your servants you have reproached
the Lord, And said, ‘By the multitude
of my chariots I have come up to the
height of the mountains, To the limits of
Lebanon; I will cut down its tall cedars

And its choice cypress trees; I will enter
its farthest height, To its fruitful forest.
25 I have dug and drunk water, And with
the soles of my feet I have dried up All
the brooks of defense.'
26 "Did you not hear long ago How
I made it, From ancient times that I
formed it? Now I have brought it to pass,
That you should be For crushing fortified
cities into heaps of ruins.
27 Therefore their inhabitants had
little power; They were dismayed and
confounded; They were as the grass
of the field And the green herb, As
the grass on the housetops And grain
blighted before it is grown.
28 "But I know your dwelling place, Your
going out and your coming in, And your
rage against Me.
29 Because your rage against Me and
your tumult Have come up to My ears,
Therefore I will put My hook in your nose

And My bridle in your lips, And I will turn you back By the way which you came."'

30 "This shall be a sign to you: You shall eat this year such as grows of itself, And the second year what springs from the same; Also in the third year sow and reap, Plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them.

31 And the remnant who have escaped of the house of Judah Shall again take root downward, And bear fruit upward.

32 For out of Jerusalem shall go a remnant, And those who escape from Mount Zion. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

33 "Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria: 'He shall not come into this city, Nor shoot an arrow there, Nor come before it with shield, Nor build a siege mound against it.

34 By the way that he came, By the
same shall he return; And he shall not
come into this city,' Says the LORD.
35 'For I will defend this city, to save it
For My own sake and for My servant
David's sake.'"
36 Then the angel of the LORD went out,
and killed in the camp of the Assyrians
one hundred and eighty–five thousand;
and when people arose early in the
morning, there were the corpses—all
dead.
37 So Sennacherib king of Assyria
departed and went away, returned
home, and remained at Nineveh.
38 Now it came to pass, as he was
worshiping in the house of Nisroch his
god, that his sons Adrammelech and
Sharezer struck him down with the
sword; and they escaped into the land of
Ararat. Then Esarhaddon his son reigned
in his place.

38 1 In those days Hezekiah was sick
and near death. And Isaiah the
prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him
and said to him, "Thus says the LORD:
‘Set your house in order, for you shall die
and not live.’"
2 Then Hezekiah turned his face toward
the wall, and prayed to the LORD,
3 and said, "Remember now, O LORD,
I pray, how I have walked before You in
truth and with a loyal heart, and have
done what is good in Your sight." And
Hezekiah wept bitterly.
4 And the word of the LORD came to
Isaiah, saying,
5 "Go and tell Hezekiah, ‘Thus says the
LORD, the God of David your father:
"I have heard your prayer, I have seen
your tears; surely I will add to your days
fifteen years.

6 "I will deliver you and this city from
the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will
defend this city."'
7 "And this is the sign to you from the
LORD, that the LORD will do this thing
which He has spoken:
8 "Behold, I will bring the shadow on
the sundial, which has gone down with
the sun on the sundial of Ahaz, ten
degrees backward." So the sun returned
ten degrees on the dial by which it had
gone down.
9 This is the writing of Hezekiah king of
Judah, when he had been sick and had
recovered from his sickness:
10 I said, "In the prime of my life I shall
go to the gates of Sheol; I am deprived
of the remainder of my years."
11 I said, "I shall not see YAH, The LORD
in the land of the living; I shall observe
man no more among the inhabitants of
the world.

12 My life span is gone, Taken from me
like a shepherd's tent; I have cut off my
life like a weaver. He cuts me off from
the loom; From day until night You make
an end of me.
13 I have considered until morning—
Like a lion, So He breaks all my bones;
From day until night You make an end of
me.
14 Like a crane or a swallow, so I
chattered; I mourned like a dove; My
eyes fail from looking upward. O LORD, I
am oppressed; Undertake for me!
15 "What shall I say? He has both
spoken to me, And He Himself has done
it. I shall walk carefully all my years In
the bitterness of my soul.
16 O Lord, by these things men live; And
in all these things is the life of my spirit;
So You will restore me and make me live.
17 Indeed it was for my own peace That
I had great bitterness; But You have

lovingly delivered my soul from the pit
of corruption, For You have cast all my
sins behind Your back.
18 For Sheol cannot thank You, Death
cannot praise You; Those who go down
to the pit cannot hope for Your truth.
19 The living, the living man, he shall
praise You, As I do this day; The father
shall make known Your truth to the
children.
20 "The LORD was ready to save me;
Therefore we will sing my songs with
stringed instruments All the days of our
life, in the house of the LORD."
21 Now Isaiah had said, "Let them take
a lump of figs, and apply it as a poultice
on the boil, and he shall recover."
22 And Hezekiah had said, "What is the
sign that I shall go up to the house of the
LORD?"

39 1 At that time Merodach–Baladan
the son of Baladan, king of

Babylon, sent letters and a present to
Hezekiah, for he heard that he had been
sick and had recovered.
2 And Hezekiah was pleased with
them, and showed them the house of
his treasures—the silver and gold, the
spices and precious ointment, and all
his armory—all that was found among
his treasures. There was nothing in
his house or in all his dominion that
Hezekiah did not show them.
3 Then Isaiah the prophet went to King
Hezekiah, and said to him, "What did
these men say, and from where did they
come to you?" So Hezekiah said, "They
came to me from a far country, from
Babylon."
4 And he said, "What have they seen
in your house?" So Hezekiah answered,
"They have seen all that is in my house;
there is nothing among my treasures
that I have not shown them."

5 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear
the word of the LORD of hosts:
6 ‘Behold, the days are coming when
all that is in your house, and what your
fathers have accumulated until this day,
shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall
be left,’ says the LORD.
7 ‘And they shall take away some of
your sons who will descend from you,
whom you will beget; and they shall
be eunuchs in the palace of the king of
Babylon.’"
8 So Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word
of the LORD which you have spoken is
good!" For he said, "At least there will
be peace and truth in my days."

40 1 "Comfort, yes, comfort My
people!" Says your God.
2 "Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry
out to her, That her warfare is ended,
That her iniquity is pardoned; For she

has received from the LORD'S hand
Double for all her sins."
3 The voice of one crying in the
wilderness: "Prepare the way of the
LORD; Make straight in the desert A
highway for our God.
4 Every valley shall be exalted And every
mountain and hill brought low; The
crooked places shall be made straight
And the rough places smooth;
5 The glory of the LORD shall be
revealed, And all flesh shall see it
together; For the mouth of the LORD has
spoken."
6 The voice said, "Cry out!" And he said,
"What shall I cry?" "All flesh is grass, And
all its loveliness is like the flower of the
field.
7 The grass withers, the flower fades,
Because the breath of the LORD blows
upon it; Surely the people are grass.

8 The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever."
9 O Zion, You who bring good tidings,
Get up into the high mountain; O
Jerusalem, You who bring good tidings,
Lift up your voice with strength, Lift it up,
be not afraid; Say to the cities of Judah,
"Behold your God!"
10 Behold, the Lord GOD shall come
with a strong hand, And His arm shall
rule for Him; Behold, His reward is with
Him, And His work before Him.
11 He will feed His flock like a shepherd;
He will gather the lambs with His arm,
And carry them in His bosom, And gently
lead those who are with young.
12 Who has measured the waters in the
hollow of His hand, Measured heaven
with a span And calculated the dust of
the earth in a measure? Weighed the
mountains in scales And the hills in a
balance?

13 Who has directed the Spirit of the
LORD, Or as His counselor has taught
Him?
14 With whom did He take counsel, and
who instructed Him, And taught Him
in the path of justice? Who taught Him
knowledge, And showed Him the way of
understanding?
15 Behold, the nations are as a drop in
a bucket, And are counted as the small
dust on the scales; Look, He lifts up the
isles as a very little thing.
16 And Lebanon is not sufficient to
burn, Nor its beasts sufficient for a burnt
offering.
17 All nations before Him are as nothing,
And they are counted by Him less than
nothing and worthless.
18 To whom then will you liken God? Or
what likeness will you compare to Him?

19 The workman molds an image, The
goldsmith overspreads it with gold, And
the silversmith casts silver chains.
20 Whoever is too impoverished for
such a contribution Chooses a tree that
will not rot; He seeks for himself a skillful
workman To prepare a carved image
that will not totter.
21 Have you not known? Have you not
heard? Has it not been told you from the
beginning? Have you not understood
from the foundations of the earth?
22 It is He who sits above the circle of
the earth, And its inhabitants are like
grasshoppers, Who stretches out the
heavens like a curtain, And spreads them
out like a tent to dwell in.
23 He brings the princes to nothing; He
makes the judges of the earth useless.
24 Scarcely shall they be planted,
Scarcely shall they be sown, Scarcely
shall their stock take root in the earth,

When He will also blow on them, And
they will wither, And the whirlwind will
take them away like stubble.
25 "To whom then will you liken Me, Or
to whom shall I be equal?" says the Holy
One.
26 Lift up your eyes on high, And see
who has created these things, Who
brings out their host by number; He calls
them all by name, By the greatness of
His might And the strength of His power;
Not one is missing.
27 Why do you say, O Jacob, And speak,
O Israel: "My way is hidden from the
LORD, And my just claim is passed over
by my God"?
28 Have you not known? Have you
not heard? The everlasting God, the
LORD, The Creator of the ends of the
earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His
understanding is unsearchable.

29 He gives power to the weak, And to
those who have no might He increases
strength.
30 Even the youths shall faint and be
weary, And the young men shall utterly
fall,
31 But those who wait on the LORD
Shall renew their strength; They shall
mount up with wings like eagles, They
shall run and not be weary, They shall
walk and not faint.

41 1 "Keep silence before Me, O
coastlands, And let the people
renew their strength! Let them come
near, then let them speak; Let us come
near together for judgment.
2 "Who raised up one from the east?
Who in righteousness called him to His
feet? Who gave the nations before him,
And made him rule over kings? Who
gave them as the dust to his sword, As
driven stubble to his bow?

3 Who pursued them, and passed safely
By the way that he had not gone with his
feet?
4 Who has performed and done
it, Calling the generations from the
beginning? ‘I, the LORD, am the first;
And with the last I am He.’"
5 The coastlands saw it and feared, The
ends of the earth were afraid; They drew
near and came.
6 Everyone helped his neighbor, And
said to his brother, "Be of good courage!"
7 So the craftsman encouraged the
goldsmith; He who smooths with the
hammer inspired him who strikes
the anvil, Saying, "It is ready for the
soldering"; Then he fastened it with
pegs, That it might not totter.
8 "But you, Israel, are My servant, Jacob
whom I have chosen, The descendants
of Abraham My friend.

9 You whom I have taken from the ends
of the earth, And called from its farthest
regions, And said to you, ‘You are My
servant, I have chosen you and have not
cast you away:
10 Fear not, for I am with you; Be not
dismayed, for I am your God. I will
strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I
will uphold you with My righteous right
hand.’
11 "Behold, all those who were incensed
against you Shall be ashamed and
disgraced; They shall be as nothing, And
those who strive with you shall perish.
12 You shall seek them and not find
them—Those who contended with you.
Those who war against you Shall be as
nothing, As a nonexistent thing.
13 For I, the LORD your God, will hold
your right hand, Saying to you, ‘Fear not,
I will help you.’

14 "Fear not, you worm Jacob, You men
of Israel! I will help you," says the LORD
And your Redeemer, the Holy One of
Israel.
15 "Behold, I will make you into a new
threshing sledge with sharp teeth; You
shall thresh the mountains and beat
them small, And make the hills like chaff.
16 You shall winnow them, the wind
shall carry them away, And the whirlwind
shall scatter them; You shall rejoice in
the LORD, And glory in the Holy One of
Israel.
17 "The poor and needy seek water,
but there is none, Their tongues fail for
thirst. I, the LORD, will hear them; I, the
God of Israel, will not forsake them.
18 I will open rivers in desolate heights,
And fountains in the midst of the valleys;
I will make the wilderness a pool of
water, And the dry land springs of water.

19 I will plant in the wilderness the
cedar and the acacia tree, The myrtle
and the oil tree; I will set in the desert
the cypress tree and the pine And the
box tree together,
20 That they may see and know, And
consider and understand together, That
the hand of the LORD has done this, And
the Holy One of Israel has created it.
21 "Present your case," says the LORD.
"Bring forth your strong reasons," says
the King of Jacob.
22 "Let them bring forth and show us
what will happen; Let them show the
former things, what they were, That we
may consider them, And know the latter
end of them; Or declare to us things to
come.
23 Show the things that are to come
hereafter, That we may know that you
are gods; Yes, do good or do evil, That
we may be dismayed and see it together.

[24] Indeed you are nothing, And your
work is nothing; He who chooses you is
an abomination.
[25] "I have raised up one from the north,
And he shall come; From the rising of
the sun he shall call on My name; And
he shall come against princes as though
mortar, As the potter treads clay.
[26] Who has declared from the
beginning, that we may know? And
former times, that we may say, ‘He
is righteous’? Surely there is no one
who shows, Surely there is no one who
declares, Surely there is no one who
hears your words.
[27] The first time I said to Zion, ‘Look,
there they are!’ And I will give to
Jerusalem one who brings good tidings.
[28] For I looked, and there was no man;
I looked among them, but there was no
counselor, Who, when I asked of them,
could answer a word.

29 Indeed they are all worthless; Their
works are nothing; Their molded images
are wind and confusion.

42
1 "Behold! My Servant whom I
uphold, My Elect One in whom
My soul delights! I have put My Spirit
upon Him; He will bring forth justice to
the Gentiles.
2 He will not cry out, nor raise His voice,
Nor cause His voice to be heard in the
street.
3 A bruised reed He will not break, And
smoking flax He will not quench; He will
bring forth justice for truth.
4 He will not fail nor be discouraged, Till
He has established justice in the earth;
And the coastlands shall wait for His
law."
5 Thus says God the LORD, Who created
the heavens and stretched them out,
Who spread forth the earth and that
which comes from it, Who gives breath

to the people on it, And spirit to those
who walk on it:
6 "I, the LORD, have called You in
righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I
will keep You and give You as a covenant
to the people, As a light to the Gentiles,
7 To open blind eyes, To bring out
prisoners from the prison, Those who sit
in darkness from the prison house.
8 I am the LORD, that is My name; And
My glory I will not give to another, Nor
My praise to carved images.
9 Behold, the former things have come
to pass, And new things I declare; Before
they spring forth I tell you of them."
10 Sing to the LORD a new song, And His
praise from the ends of the earth, You
who go down to the sea, and all that is
in it, You coastlands and you inhabitants
of them!
11 Let the wilderness and its cities lift
up their voice, The villages that Kedar

inhabits. Let the inhabitants of Sela sing,
Let them shout from the top of the
mountains.
12 Let them give glory to the LORD, And
declare His praise in the coastlands.
13 The LORD shall go forth like a mighty
man; He shall stir up His zeal like a man
of war. He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud;
He shall prevail against His enemies.
14 "I have held My peace a long time,
I have been still and restrained Myself.
Now I will cry like a woman in labor, I will
pant and gasp at once.
15 I will lay waste the mountains and
hills, And dry up all their vegetation; I
will make the rivers coastlands, And I will
dry up the pools.
16 I will bring the blind by a way they did
not know; I will lead them in paths they
have not known. I will make darkness
light before them, And crooked places

straight. These things I will do for them,
And not forsake them.
17 They shall be turned back, They shall
be greatly ashamed, Who trust in carved
images, Who say to the molded images,
'You are our gods.'
18 "Hear, you deaf; And look, you blind,
that you may see.
19 Who is blind but My servant, Or deaf
as My messenger whom I send? Who is
blind as he who is perfect, And blind as
the LORD'S servant?
20 Seeing many things, but you do not
observe; Opening the ears, but he does
not hear."
21 The LORD is well pleased for His
righteousness' sake; He will exalt the law
and make it honorable.
22 But this is a people robbed and
plundered; All of them are snared in
holes, And they are hidden in prison
houses; They are for prey, and no one

delivers; For plunder, and no one says,
"Restore!"
23 Who among you will give ear to this?
Who will listen and hear for the time to
come?
24 Who gave Jacob for plunder, and
Israel to the robbers? Was it not the
LORD, He against whom we have sinned?
For they would not walk in His ways, Nor
were they obedient to His law.
25 Therefore He has poured on him the
fury of His anger And the strength of
battle; It has set him on fire all around,
Yet he did not know; And it burned him,
Yet he did not take it to heart.
43 1 But now, thus says the LORD,
who created you, O Jacob, And
He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not,
for I have redeemed you; I have called
you by your name; You are Mine.
2 When you pass through the waters, I
will be with you; And through the rivers,

they shall not overflow you. When you
walk through the fire, you shall not be
burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.
3 For I am the LORD your God, The Holy
One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt
for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in
your place.
4 Since you were precious in My sight,
You have been honored, And I have
loved you; Therefore I will give men for
you, And people for your life.
5 Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring
your descendants from the east, And
gather you from the west;
6 I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’
And to the south, ‘Do not keep them
back!’ Bring My sons from afar, And My
daughters from the ends of the earth—
7 Everyone who is called by My name,
Whom I have created for My glory; I
have formed him, yes, I have made him."

8 Bring out the blind people who have
eyes, And the deaf who have ears.
9 Let all the nations be gathered
together, And let the people be
assembled. Who among them can
declare this, And show us former things?
Let them bring out their witnesses, that
they may be justified; Or let them hear
and say, "It is truth."
10 "You are My witnesses," says the
LORD, "And My servant whom I have
chosen, That you may know and believe
Me, And understand that I am He. Before
Me there was no God formed, Nor shall
there be after Me.
11 I, even I, am the LORD, And besides
Me there is no savior.
12 I have declared and saved, I have
proclaimed, And there was no foreign
god among you; Therefore you are My
witnesses," Says the LORD, "that I am
God.

13 Indeed before the day was, I am He;
And there is no one who can deliver out
of My hand; I work, and who will reverse
it?"
14 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer,
The Holy One of Israel: "For your sake I
will send to Babylon, And bring them all
down as fugitives—The Chaldeans, who
rejoice in their ships.
15 I am the LORD, your Holy One, The
Creator of Israel, your King."
16 Thus says the LORD, who makes a
way in the sea And a path through the
mighty waters,
17 Who brings forth the chariot and
horse, The army and the power (They
shall lie down together, they shall not
rise; They are extinguished, they are
quenched like a wick):
18 "Do not remember the former things,
Nor consider the things of old.

19 Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it
shall spring forth; Shall you not know it?
I will even make a road in the wilderness
And rivers in the desert.
20 The beast of the field will honor Me,
The jackals and the ostriches, Because I
give waters in the wilderness And rivers
in the desert, To give drink to My people,
My chosen.
21 This people I have formed for Myself;
They shall declare My praise.
22 "But you have not called upon Me, O
Jacob; And you have been weary of Me,
O Israel.
23 You have not brought Me the sheep
for your burnt offerings, Nor have you
honored Me with your sacrifices. I have
not caused you to serve with grain
offerings, Nor wearied you with incense.
24 You have bought Me no sweet cane
with money, Nor have you satisfied Me
with the fat of your sacrifices; But you

have burdened Me with your sins, You
have wearied Me with your iniquities.
25 "I, even I, am He who blots out your
transgressions for My own sake; And I
will not remember your sins.
26 Put Me in remembrance; Let us
contend together; State your case, that
you may be acquitted.
27 Your first father sinned, And your
mediators have transgressed against Me.
28 Therefore I will profane the princes
of the sanctuary; I will give Jacob to the
curse, And Israel to reproaches.
44 1 "Yet hear now, O Jacob My
servant, And Israel whom I have
chosen.
2 Thus says the LORD who made you
And formed you from the womb, who
will help you: ‘Fear not, O Jacob My
servant; And you, Jeshurun, whom I
have chosen.

3 For I will pour water on him who is
thirsty, And floods on the dry ground; I
will pour My Spirit on your descendants,
And My blessing on your offspring;
4 They will spring up among the grass
Like willows by the watercourses.’
5 One will say, ‘I am the LORD’S’;
Another will call himself by the name of
Jacob; Another will write with his hand,
‘The LORD’S,’ And name himself by the
name of Israel.
6 "Thus says the LORD, the King of
Israel, And his Redeemer, the LORD of
hosts: ‘I am the First and I am the Last;
Besides Me there is no God.
7 And who can proclaim as I do? Then
let him declare it and set it in order
for Me, Since I appointed the ancient
people. And the things that are coming
and shall come, Let them show these to
them.

8 Do not fear, nor be afraid; Have I not
told you from that time, and declared
it? You are My witnesses. Is there a God
besides Me? Indeed there is no other
Rock; I know not one.'"
9 Those who make an image, all of them
are useless, And their precious things
shall not profit; They are their own
witnesses; They neither see nor know,
that they may be ashamed.
10 Who would form a god or mold an
image That profits him nothing?
11 Surely all his companions would be
ashamed; And the workmen, they are
mere men. Let them all be gathered
together, Let them stand up; Yet they
shall fear, They shall be ashamed
together.
12 The blacksmith with the tongs
works one in the coals, Fashions it with
hammers, And works it with the strength
of his arms. Even so, he is hungry, and

his strength fails; He drinks no water and
is faint.
13 The craftsman stretches out his rule,
He marks one out with chalk; He fashions
it with a plane, He marks it out with the
compass, And makes it like the figure
of a man, According to the beauty of a
man, that it may remain in the house.
14 He cuts down cedars for himself,
And takes the cypress and the oak; He
secures it for himself among the trees of
the forest. He plants a pine, and the rain
nourishes it.
15 Then it shall be for a man to burn,
For he will take some of it and warm
himself; Yes, he kindles it and bakes
bread; Indeed he makes a god and
worships it; He makes it a carved image,
and falls down to it.
16 He burns half of it in the fire; With
this half he eats meat; He roasts a roast,
and is satisfied. He even warms himself

and says, "Ah! I am warm, I have seen
the fire."
17 And the rest of it he makes into a
god, His carved image. He falls down
before it and worships it, Prays to it and
says, "Deliver me, for you are my god!"
18 They do not know nor understand;
For He has shut their eyes, so that they
cannot see, And their hearts, so that
they cannot understand.
19 And no one considers in his heart, Nor
is there knowledge nor understanding
to say, "I have burned half of it in the
fire, Yes, I have also baked bread on its
coals; I have roasted meat and eaten
it; And shall I make the rest of it an
abomination? Shall I fall down before a
block of wood?"
20 He feeds on ashes; A deceived heart
has turned him aside; And he cannot
deliver his soul, Nor say, "Is there not a
lie in my right hand?"

21 "Remember these, O Jacob, And
Israel, for you are My servant; I have
formed you, you are My servant; O
Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me!
22 I have blotted out, like a thick cloud,
your transgressions, And like a cloud,
your sins. Return to Me, for I have
redeemed you."
23 Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has
done it! Shout, you lower parts of the
earth; Break forth into singing, you
mountains, O forest, and every tree in it!
For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, And
glorified Himself in Israel.
24 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer,
And He who formed you from the
womb: "I am the LORD, who makes all
things, Who stretches out the heavens
all alone, Who spreads abroad the earth
by Myself;
25 Who frustrates the signs of the
babblers, And drives diviners mad; Who

turns wise men backward, And makes
their knowledge foolishness;
26 Who confirms the word of His
servant, And performs the counsel of
His messengers; Who says to Jerusalem,
‘You shall be inhabited,’ To the cities of
Judah, ‘You shall be built,’ And I will raise
up her waste places;
27 Who says to the deep, ‘Be dry! And I
will dry up your rivers’;
28 Who says of Cyrus, ‘He is My
shepherd, And he shall perform all My
pleasure, Saying to Jerusalem, "You
shall be built," And to the temple, "Your
foundation shall be laid."’

45 1 "Thus says the LORD to His
anointed, To Cyrus, whose right
hand I have held—To subdue nations
before him And loose the armor of kings,
To open before him the double doors, So
that the gates will not be shut:

2 ‘I will go before you And make the
crooked places straight; I will break in
pieces the gates of bronze And cut the
bars of iron.
3 I will give you the treasures of
darkness And hidden riches of secret
places, That you may know that I, the
LORD, Who call you by your name, Am
the God of Israel.
4 For Jacob My servant’s sake, And
Israel My elect, I have even called you by
your name; I have named you, though
you have not known Me.
5 I am the LORD, and there is no other;
There is no God besides Me. I will gird
you, though you have not known Me,
6 That they may know from the rising of
the sun to its setting That there is none
besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is
no other;

7 I form the light and create darkness,
I make peace and create calamity; I, the
LORD, do all these things.'
8 "Rain down, you heavens, from
above, And let the skies pour down
righteousness; Let the earth open, let
them bring forth salvation, And let
righteousness spring up together. I, the
LORD, have created it.
9 "Woe to him who strives with his
Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the
potsherds of the earth! Shall the clay
say to him who forms it, 'What are you
making?' Or shall your handiwork say,
'He has no hands'?
10 Woe to him who says to his father,
'What are you begetting?' Or to the
woman, 'What have you brought forth?'"
11 Thus says the LORD, The Holy One
of Israel, and his Maker: "Ask Me of
things to come concerning My sons; And

concerning the work of My hands, you
command Me.
12 I have made the earth, And created
man on it. I—My hands—stretched out
the heavens, And all their host I have
commanded.
13 I have raised him up in righteousness,
And I will direct all his ways; He shall
build My city And let My exiles go free,
Not for price nor reward," Says the LORD
of hosts.
14 Thus says the LORD: "The labor of
Egypt and merchandise of Cush And
of the Sabeans, men of stature, Shall
come over to you, and they shall be
yours; They shall walk behind you, They
shall come over in chains; And they
shall bow down to you. They will make
supplication to you, saying, ‘Surely God
is in you, And there is no other; There is
no other God.’"

15 Truly You are God, who hide Yourself,
O God of Israel, the Savior!
16 They shall be ashamed And also
disgraced, all of them; They shall go in
confusion together, Who are makers of
idols.
17 But Israel shall be saved by the LORD
With an everlasting salvation; You shall
not be ashamed or disgraced Forever
and ever.
18 For thus says the LORD, Who
created the heavens, Who is God, Who
formed the earth and made it, Who has
established it, Who did not create it in
vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: "I
am the LORD, and there is no other.
19 I have not spoken in secret, In a dark
place of the earth; I did not say to the
seed of Jacob, ‘Seek Me in vain’; I, the
LORD, speak righteousness, I declare
things that are right.

20 "Assemble yourselves and come;
Draw near together, You who have
escaped from the nations. They have no
knowledge, Who carry the wood of their
carved image, And pray to a god that
cannot save.
21 Tell and bring forth your case; Yes, let
them take counsel together. Who has
declared this from ancient time? Who
has told it from that time? Have not I,
the LORD? And there is no other God
besides Me, A just God and a Savior;
There is none besides Me.
22 "Look to Me, and be saved, All you
ends of the earth! For I am God, and
there is no other.
23 I have sworn by Myself; The word has
gone out of My mouth in righteousness,
And shall not return, That to Me every
knee shall bow, Every tongue shall take
an oath.

24 He shall say, 'Surely in the LORD I
have righteousness and strength. To
Him men shall come, And all shall be
ashamed Who are incensed against Him.
25 In the LORD all the descendants of
Israel Shall be justified, and shall glory.'"

46 1 Bel bows down, Nebo stoops;
Their idols were on the beasts
and on the cattle. Your carriages were
heavily loaded, A burden to the weary
beast.
2 They stoop, they bow down together;
They could not deliver the burden, But
have themselves gone into captivity.
3 "Listen to Me, O house of Jacob, And
all the remnant of the house of Israel,
Who have been upheld by Me from
birth, Who have been carried from the
womb:
4 Even to your old age, I am He, And
even to gray hairs I will carry you! I have

made, and I will bear; Even I will carry,
and will deliver you.
5 "To whom will you liken Me, and make
Me equal And compare Me, that we
should be alike?
6 They lavish gold out of the bag, And
weigh silver on the scales; They hire a
goldsmith, and he makes it a god; They
prostrate themselves, yes, they worship.
7 They bear it on the shoulder, they
carry it And set it in its place, and it
stands; From its place it shall not move.
Though one cries out to it, yet it cannot
answer Nor save him out of his trouble.
8 "Remember this, and show yourselves
men; Recall to mind, O you transgressors.
9 Remember the former things of old,
For I am God, and there is no other; I am
God, and there is none like Me,
10 Declaring the end from the
beginning, And from ancient times
things that are not yet done, Saying, ‘My

counsel shall stand, And I will do all My
pleasure,’
11 Calling a bird of prey from the east,
The man who executes My counsel, from
a far country. Indeed I have spoken it; I
will also bring it to pass. I have purposed
it; I will also do it.
12 "Listen to Me, you stubborn–hearted,
Who are far from righteousness:
13 I bring My righteousness near, it shall
not be far off; My salvation shall not
linger. And I will place salvation in Zion,
For Israel My glory.
47 1 "Come down and sit in the dust,
O virgin daughter of Babylon;
Sit on the ground without a throne, O
daughter of the Chaldeans! For you shall
no more be called Tender and delicate.
2 Take the millstones and grind meal.
Remove your veil, Take off the skirt,
Uncover the thigh, Pass through the
rivers.

3 Your nakedness shall be uncovered,
Yes, your shame will be seen; I will take
vengeance, And I will not arbitrate with
a man."
4 As for our Redeemer, the LORD of
hosts is His name, The Holy One of Israel.
5 "Sit in silence, and go into darkness,
O daughter of the Chaldeans; For you
shall no longer be called The Lady of
Kingdoms.
6 I was angry with My people; I have
profaned My inheritance, And given
them into your hand. You showed them
no mercy; On the elderly you laid your
yoke very heavily.
7 And you said, 'I shall be a lady forever,'
So that you did not take these things to
heart, Nor remember the latter end of
them.
8 "Therefore hear this now, you who are
given to pleasures, Who dwell securely,
Who say in your heart, 'I am, and there

is no one else besides me; I shall not sit
as a widow, Nor shall I know the loss of
children';
9 But these two things shall come
to you In a moment, in one day: The
loss of children, and widowhood. They
shall come upon you in their fullness
Because of the multitude of your
sorceries, For the great abundance of
your enchantments.
10 "For you have trusted in your
wickedness; You have said, 'No one sees
me'; Your wisdom and your knowledge
have warped you; And you have said in
your heart, 'I am, and there is no one
else besides me.'
11 Therefore evil shall come upon you;
You shall not know from where it arises.
And trouble shall fall upon you; You will
not be able to put it off. And desolation
shall come upon you suddenly, Which
you shall not know.

12 "Stand now with your enchantments
And the multitude of your sorceries,
In which you have labored from your
youth—Perhaps you will be able to
profit, Perhaps you will prevail.
13 You are wearied in the multitude of
your counsels; Let now the astrologers,
the stargazers, And the monthly
prognosticators Stand up and save you
From what shall come upon you.
14 Behold, they shall be as stubble,
The fire shall burn them; They shall not
deliver themselves From the power of
the flame; It shall not be a coal to be
warmed by, Nor a fire to sit before!
15 Thus shall they be to you With whom
you have labored, Your merchants from
your youth; They shall wander each one
to his quarter. No one shall save you.
48 1 "Hear this, O house of Jacob,
Who are called by the name of
Israel, And have come forth from the

wellsprings of Judah; Who swear by the name of the LORD, And make mention of the God of Israel, But not in truth or in righteousness;

2 For they call themselves after the holy city, And lean on the God of Israel; The LORD of hosts is His name:

3 "I have declared the former things from the beginning; They went forth from My mouth, and I caused them to hear it. Suddenly I did them, and they came to pass.

4 Because I knew that you were obstinate, And your neck was an iron sinew, And your brow bronze,

5 Even from the beginning I have declared it to you; Before it came to pass I proclaimed it to you, Lest you should say, ‘My idol has done them, And my carved image and my molded image Have commanded them.’

6 "You have heard; See all this. And will
you not declare it? I have made you hear
new things from this time, Even hidden
things, and you did not know them.
7 They are created now and not from
the beginning; And before this day you
have not heard them, Lest you should
say, ‘Of course I knew them.’
8 Surely you did not hear, Surely you
did not know; Surely from long ago your
ear was not opened. For I knew that you
would deal very treacherously, And were
called a transgressor from the womb.
9 "For My name’s sake I will defer My
anger, And for My praise I will restrain it
from you, So that I do not cut you off.
10 Behold, I have refined you, but not as
silver; I have tested you in the furnace of
affliction.
11 For My own sake, for My own sake,
I will do it; For how should My name be

profaned? And I will not give My glory to
another.
12 "Listen to Me, O Jacob, And Israel,
My called: I am He, I am the First, I am
also the Last.
13 Indeed My hand has laid the
foundation of the earth, And My right
hand has stretched out the heavens;
When I call to them, They stand up
together.
14 "All of you, assemble yourselves, and
hear! Who among them has declared
these things? The LORD loves him; He
shall do His pleasure on Babylon, And
His arm shall be against the Chaldeans.
15 I, even I, have spoken; Yes, I have
called him, I have brought him, and his
way will prosper.
16 "Come near to Me, hear this: I have
not spoken in secret from the beginning;
From the time that it was, I was there.

And now the Lord GOD and His Spirit
Have sent Me."
17 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer,
The Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD
your God, Who teaches you to profit,
Who leads you by the way you should
go.
18 Oh, that you had heeded My
commandments! Then your peace
would have been like a river, And your
righteousness like the waves of the sea.
19 Your descendants also would have
been like the sand, And the offspring of
your body like the grains of sand; His
name would not have been cut off Nor
destroyed from before Me."
20 Go forth from Babylon! Flee from
the Chaldeans! With a voice of singing,
Declare, proclaim this, Utter it to the
end of the earth; Say, "The LORD has
redeemed His servant Jacob!"

21 And they did not thirst When He led them through the deserts; He caused the waters to flow from the rock for them; He also split the rock, and the waters gushed out.
22 "There is no peace," says the LORD, "for the wicked."

49 1 "Listen, O coastlands, to Me, And take heed, you peoples from afar! The LORD has called Me from the womb; From the matrix of My mother He has made mention of My name.
2 And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword; In the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me, And made Me a polished shaft; In His quiver He has hidden Me."
3 "And He said to me, 'You are My servant, O Israel, In whom I will be glorified.'
4 Then I said, 'I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and

in vain; Yet surely my just reward is with
the LORD, And my work with my God.'"
5 "And now the LORD says, Who formed
Me from the womb to be His Servant, To
bring Jacob back to Him, So that Israel is
gathered to Him (For I shall be glorious
in the eyes of the LORD, And My God
shall be My strength),
6 Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing
that You should be My Servant To raise
up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore
the preserved ones of Israel; I will also
give You as a light to the Gentiles, That
You should be My salvation to the ends
of the earth.'"
7 Thus says the LORD, The Redeemer
of Israel, their Holy One, To Him whom
man despises, To Him whom the nation
abhors, To the Servant of rulers: "Kings
shall see and arise, Princes also shall
worship, Because of the LORD who is

faithful, The Holy One of Israel; And He
has chosen You."
8 Thus says the LORD: "In an acceptable
time I have heard You, And in the day
of salvation I have helped You; I will
preserve You and give You As a covenant
to the people, To restore the earth,
To cause them to inherit the desolate
heritages;
9 That You may say to the prisoners,
‘Go forth,’ To those who are in darkness,
‘Show yourselves.’ "They shall feed along
the roads, And their pastures shall be on
all desolate heights.
10 They shall neither hunger nor thirst,
Neither heat nor sun shall strike them;
For He who has mercy on them will lead
them, Even by the springs of water He
will guide them.
11 I will make each of My mountains
a road, And My highways shall be
elevated.

12 Surely these shall come from afar;
Look! Those from the north and the
west, And these from the land of Sinim."
13 Sing, O heavens! Be joyful, O earth!
And break out in singing, O mountains!
For the LORD has comforted His people,
And will have mercy on His afflicted.
14 But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken
me, And my Lord has forgotten me."
15 "Can a woman forget her nursing
child, And not have compassion on
the son of her womb? Surely they may
forget, Yet I will not forget you.
16 See, I have inscribed you on the
palms of My hands; Your walls are
continually before Me.
17 Your sons shall make haste; Your
destroyers and those who laid you waste
Shall go away from you.
18 Lift up your eyes, look around and
see; All these gather together and come
to you. As I live," says the LORD, "You

shall surely clothe yourselves with them
all as an ornament, And bind them on
you as a bride does.
19 "For your waste and desolate places,
And the land of your destruction,
Will even now be too small for the
inhabitants; And those who swallowed
you up will be far away.
20 The children you will have, After you
have lost the others, Will say again in
your ears, ‘The place is too small for me;
Give me a place where I may dwell.’
21 Then you will say in your heart, ‘Who
has begotten these for me, Since I have
lost my children and am desolate, A
captive, and wandering to and fro? And
who has brought these up? There I was,
left alone; But these, where were they?’"
22 Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold,
I will lift My hand in an oath to the
nations, And set up My standard for the
peoples; They shall bring your sons in

their arms, And your daughters shall be
carried on their shoulders;
23 Kings shall be your foster fathers,
And their queens your nursing mothers;
They shall bow down to you with their
faces to the earth, And lick up the dust of
your feet. Then you will know that I am
the LORD, For they shall not be ashamed
who wait for Me."
24 Shall the prey be taken from the
mighty, Or the captives of the righteous
be delivered?
25 But thus says the LORD: "Even the
captives of the mighty shall be taken
away, And the prey of the terrible be
delivered; For I will contend with him
who contends with you, And I will save
your children.
26 I will feed those who oppress you
with their own flesh, And they shall
be drunk with their own blood as with
sweet wine. All flesh shall know That

I, the LORD, am your Savior, And your
Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."

50 1 Thus says the LORD: "Where is
the certificate of your mother's
divorce, Whom I have put away? Or
which of My creditors is it to whom
I have sold you? For your iniquities
you have sold yourselves, And for your
transgressions your mother has been
put away.
2 Why, when I came, was there no man?
Why, when I called, was there none to
answer? Is My hand shortened at all that
it cannot redeem? Or have I no power to
deliver? Indeed with My rebuke I dry up
the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness;
Their fish stink because there is no
water, And die of thirst.
3 I clothe the heavens with blackness,
And I make sackcloth their covering."
4 "The Lord GOD has given Me The
tongue of the learned, That I should

know how to speak A word in season
to him who is weary. He awakens Me
morning by morning, He awakens My
ear To hear as the learned.
5 The Lord GOD has opened My ear;
And I was not rebellious, Nor did I turn
away.
6 I gave My back to those who struck
Me, And My cheeks to those who
plucked out the beard; I did not hide My
face from shame and spitting.
7 "For the Lord GOD will help Me;
Therefore I will not be disgraced;
Therefore I have set My face like a flint,
And I know that I will not be ashamed.
8 He is near who justifies Me; Who will
contend with Me? Let us stand together.
Who is My adversary? Let him come
near Me.
9 Surely the Lord GOD will help Me;
Who is he who will condemn Me? Indeed

they will all grow old like a garment; The
moth will eat them up.
10 "Who among you fears the LORD?
Who obeys the voice of His Servant?
Who walks in darkness And has no light?
Let him trust in the name of the LORD
And rely upon his God.
11 Look, all you who kindle a fire, Who
encircle yourselves with sparks: Walk in
the light of your fire and in the sparks
you have kindled—This you shall have
from My hand: You shall lie down in
torment.
51 1 "Listen to Me, you who follow
after righteousness, You who
seek the LORD: Look to the rock from
which you were hewn, And to the hole
of the pit from which you were dug.
2 Look to Abraham your father, And to
Sarah who bore you; For I called him
alone, And blessed him and increased
him."

3 For the LORD will comfort Zion, He
will comfort all her waste places; He
will make her wilderness like Eden, And
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
Joy and gladness will be found in it,
Thanksgiving and the voice of melody.
4 "Listen to Me, My people; And give
ear to Me, O My nation: For law will
proceed from Me, And I will make My
justice rest As a light of the peoples.
5 My righteousness is near, My salvation
has gone forth, And My arms will judge
the peoples; The coastlands will wait
upon Me, And on My arm they will trust.
6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
And look on the earth beneath. For the
heavens will vanish away like smoke,
The earth will grow old like a garment,
And those who dwell in it will die in
like manner; But My salvation will be
forever, And My righteousness will not
be abolished.

7 "Listen to Me, you who know
righteousness, You people in whose
heart is My law: Do not fear the reproach
of men, Nor be afraid of their insults.
8 For the moth will eat them up like a
garment, And the worm will eat them
like wool; But My righteousness will
be forever, And My salvation from
generation to generation."
9 Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm
of the LORD! Awake as in the ancient
days, In the generations of old. Are You
not the arm that cut Rahab apart, And
wounded the serpent?
10 Are You not the One who dried up
the sea, The waters of the great deep;
That made the depths of the sea a road
For the redeemed to cross over?
11 So the ransomed of the LORD shall
return, And come to Zion with singing,
With everlasting joy on their heads. They

shall obtain joy and gladness; Sorrow
and sighing shall flee away.
12 "I, even I, am He who comforts you.
Who are you that you should be afraid
Of a man who will die, And of the son of
a man who will be made like grass?
13 And you forget the LORD your Maker,
Who stretched out the heavens And laid
the foundations of the earth; You have
feared continually every day Because of
the fury of the oppressor, When he has
prepared to destroy. And where is the
fury of the oppressor?
14 The captive exile hastens, that he
may be loosed, That he should not die
in the pit, And that his bread should not
fail.
15 But I am the LORD your God,
Who divided the sea whose waves
roared—The LORD of hosts is His name.
16 And I have put My words in your
mouth; I have covered you with the

shadow of My hand, That I may plant the heavens, Lay the foundations of the earth, And say to Zion, 'You are My people.'"
17 Awake, awake! Stand up, O Jerusalem, You who have drunk at the hand of the LORD The cup of His fury; You have drunk the dregs of the cup of trembling, And drained it out.
18 There is no one to guide her Among all the sons she has brought forth; Nor is there any who takes her by the hand Among all the sons she has brought up.
19 These two things have come to you; Who will be sorry for you? —Desolation and destruction, famine and sword—By whom will I comfort you?
20 Your sons have fainted, They lie at the head of all the streets, Like an antelope in a net; They are full of the fury of the LORD, The rebuke of your God.

21 Therefore please hear this, you
afflicted, And drunk but not with wine.
22 Thus says your Lord, The LORD and
your God, Who pleads the cause of His
people: "See, I have taken out of your
hand The cup of trembling, The dregs of
the cup of My fury; You shall no longer
drink it.
23 But I will put it into the hand of those
who afflict you, Who have said to you,
‘Lie down, that we may walk over you.’
And you have laid your body like the
ground, And as the street, for those who
walk over."

52 1 Awake, awake! Put on your
strength, O Zion; Put on your
beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the
holy city! For the uncircumcised and the
unclean Shall no longer come to you.
2 Shake yourself from the dust, arise;
Sit down, O Jerusalem! Loose yourself

from the bonds of your neck, O captive
daughter of Zion!
3 For thus says the LORD: "You have sold
yourselves for nothing, And you shall be
redeemed without money."
4 For thus says the Lord GOD: "My
people went down at first Into Egypt
to dwell there; Then the Assyrian
oppressed them without cause.
5 Now therefore, what have I here,"
says the LORD, "That My people are
taken away for nothing? Those who rule
over them Make them wail," says the
LORD, "And My name is blasphemed
continually every day.
6 Therefore My people shall know My
name; Therefore they shall know in that
day That I am He who speaks: ‘Behold, it
is I.’"
7 How beautiful upon the mountains
Are the feet of him who brings good
news, Who proclaims peace, Who

brings glad tidings of good things, Who
proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion,
"Your God reigns!"
8 Your watchmen shall lift up their
voices, With their voices they shall sing
together; For they shall see eye to eye
When the LORD brings back Zion.
9 Break forth into joy, sing together,
You waste places of Jerusalem! For the
LORD has comforted His people, He has
redeemed Jerusalem.
10 The LORD has made bare His holy
arm In the eyes of all the nations; And
all the ends of the earth shall see The
salvation of our God.
11 Depart! Depart! Go out from there,
Touch no unclean thing; Go out from the
midst of her, Be clean, You who bear the
vessels of the LORD.
12 For you shall not go out with haste,
Nor go by flight; For the LORD will go

before you, And the God of Israel will be
your rear guard.
13 Behold, My Servant shall deal
prudently; He shall be exalted and
extolled and be very high.
14 Just as many were astonished at you,
So His visage was marred more than any
man, And His form more than the sons
of men;
15 So shall He sprinkle many nations.
Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; For
what had not been told them they shall
see, And what they had not heard they
shall consider.
53 1 Who has believed our report?
And to whom has the arm of the
LORD been revealed?
2 For He shall grow up before Him as a
tender plant, And as a root out of dry
ground. He has no form or comeliness;
And when we see Him, There is no
beauty that we should desire Him.

3 He is despised and rejected by men,
A Man of sorrows and acquainted with
grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces
from Him; He was despised, and we did
not esteem Him.
4 Surely He has borne our griefs And
carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed
Him stricken, Smitten by God, and
afflicted.
5 But He was wounded for our
transgressions, He was bruised for our
iniquities; The chastisement for our
peace was upon Him, And by His stripes
we are healed.
6 All we like sheep have gone astray;
We have turned, every one, to his own
way; And the LORD has laid on Him the
iniquity of us all.
7 He was oppressed and He was
afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth;
He was led as a lamb to the slaughter,

And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.

9 And they made His grave with the wicked—But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth.

10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion
with the great, And He shall divide
the spoil with the strong, Because He
poured out His soul unto death, And He
was numbered with the transgressors,
And He bore the sin of many, And made
intercession for the transgressors.

54 1 "Sing, O barren, You who have
not borne! Break forth into
singing, and cry aloud, You who have
not labored with child! For more are
the children of the desolate Than the
children of the married woman," says
the LORD.
2 "Enlarge the place of your tent, And
let them stretch out the curtains of your
dwellings; Do not spare; Lengthen your
cords, And strengthen your stakes.
3 For you shall expand to the right
and to the left, And your descendants
will inherit the nations, And make the
desolate cities inhabited.

4 "Do not fear, for you will not be
ashamed; Neither be disgraced, for you
will not be put to shame; For you will
forget the shame of your youth, And
will not remember the reproach of your
widowhood anymore.
5 For your Maker is your husband, The
LORD of hosts is His name; And your
Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is
called the God of the whole earth.
6 For the LORD has called you Like a
woman forsaken and grieved in spirit,
Like a youthful wife when you were
refused," Says your God.
7 "For a mere moment I have forsaken
you, But with great mercies I will gather
you.
8 With a little wrath I hid My face from
you for a moment; But with everlasting
kindness I will have mercy on you," Says
the LORD, your Redeemer.

9 "For this is like the waters of Noah
to Me; For as I have sworn That the
waters of Noah would no longer cover
the earth, So have I sworn That I would
not be angry with you, nor rebuke you.
10 For the mountains shall depart And
the hills be removed, But My kindness
shall not depart from you, Nor shall My
covenant of peace be removed," Says
the LORD, who has mercy on you.
11 "O you afflicted one, Tossed with
tempest, and not comforted, Behold, I
will lay your stones with colorful gems,
And lay your foundations with sapphires.
12 I will make your pinnacles of rubies,
Your gates of crystal, And all your walls
of precious stones.
13 All your children shall be taught by
the LORD, And great shall be the peace
of your children.
14 In righteousness you shall be
established; You shall be far from

oppression, for you shall not fear; And
from terror, for it shall not come near
you.
15 Indeed they shall surely assemble,
but not because of Me. Whoever
assembles against you shall fall for your
sake.
16 "Behold, I have created the
blacksmith Who blows the coals in the
fire, Who brings forth an instrument for
his work; And I have created the spoiler
to destroy.
17 No weapon formed against you
shall prosper, And every tongue which
rises against you in judgment You
shall condemn. This is the heritage of
the servants of the LORD, And their
righteousness is from Me," Says the
LORD.

55 1 "Ho! Everyone who thirsts,
Come to the waters; And you
who have no money, Come, buy and eat.

Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without
money and without price.
2 Why do you spend money for what
is not bread, And your wages for what
does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me,
and eat what is good, And let your soul
delight itself in abundance.
3 Incline your ear, and come to Me.
Hear, and your soul shall live; And I
will make an everlasting covenant with
you—The sure mercies of David.
4 Indeed I have given him as a witness
to the people, A leader and commander
for the people.
5 Surely you shall call a nation you do
not know, And nations who do not know
you shall run to you, Because of the
LORD your God, And the Holy One of
Israel; For He has glorified you."
6 Seek the LORD while He may be
found, Call upon Him while He is near.

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, And
the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let
him return to the LORD, And He will have
mercy on him; And to our God, For He
will abundantly pardon.
8 "For My thoughts are not your
thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,"
says the LORD.
9 "For as the heavens are higher than
the earth, So are My ways higher than
your ways, And My thoughts than your
thoughts.
10 "For as the rain comes down, and the
snow from heaven, And do not return
there, But water the earth, And make
it bring forth and bud, That it may give
seed to the sower And bread to the
eater,
11 So shall My word be that goes forth
from My mouth; It shall not return to
Me void, But it shall accomplish what I

please, And it shall prosper in the thing
for which I sent it.
12 "For you shall go out with joy, And be
led out with peace; The mountains and
the hills Shall break forth into singing
before you, And all the trees of the field
shall clap their hands.
13 Instead of the thorn shall come up
the cypress tree, And instead of the brier
shall come up the myrtle tree; And it
shall be to the LORD for a name, For an
everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

56 1 Thus says the LORD: "Keep
justice, and do righteousness, For
My salvation is about to come, And My
righteousness to be revealed.
2 Blessed is the man who does this, And
the son of man who lays hold on it; Who
keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And
keeps his hand from doing any evil."
3 Do not let the son of the foreigner
Who has joined himself to the LORD

Speak, saying, "The LORD has utterly
separated me from His people"; Nor let
the eunuch say, "Here I am, a dry tree."
4 For thus says the LORD: "To the
eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths, And
choose what pleases Me, And hold fast
My covenant,
5 Even to them I will give in My house
And within My walls a place and a name
Better than that of sons and daughters; I
will give them an everlasting name That
shall not be cut off.
6 "Also the sons of the foreigner Who
join themselves to the LORD, to serve
Him, And to love the name of the LORD,
to be His servants—Everyone who keeps
from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast
My covenant—
7 Even them I will bring to My holy
mountain, And make them joyful in My
house of prayer. Their burnt offerings
and their sacrifices Will be accepted on

My altar; For My house shall be called a
house of prayer for all nations."
8 The Lord GOD, who gathers the
outcasts of Israel, says, "Yet I will gather
to him Others besides those who are
gathered to him."
9 All you beasts of the field, come to
devour, All you beasts in the forest.
10 His watchmen are blind, They are all
ignorant; They are all dumb dogs, They
cannot bark; Sleeping, lying down, loving
to slumber.
11 Yes, they are greedy dogs Which
never have enough. And they are
shepherds Who cannot understand;
They all look to their own way, Every one
for his own gain, From his own territory.
12 "Come," one says, "I will bring
wine, And we will fill ourselves with
intoxicating drink; Tomorrow will be as
today, And much more abundant."

57 1 The righteous perishes, And no
man takes it to heart; Merciful
men are taken away, While no one
considers That the righteous is taken
away from evil.
2 He shall enter into peace; They shall
rest in their beds, Each one walking in
his uprightness.
3 "But come here, You sons of the
sorceress, You offspring of the adulterer
and the harlot!
4 Whom do you ridicule? Against whom
do you make a wide mouth And stick
out the tongue? Are you not children of
transgression, Offspring of falsehood,
5 Inflaming yourselves with gods under
every green tree, Slaying the children
in the valleys, Under the clefts of the
rocks?
6 Among the smooth stones of the
stream Is your portion; They, they, are
your lot! Even to them you have poured

a drink offering, You have offered a grain
offering. Should I receive comfort in
these?
7 "On a lofty and high mountain You
have set your bed; Even there you went
up To offer sacrifice.
8 Also behind the doors and their posts
You have set up your remembrance; For
you have uncovered yourself to those
other than Me, And have gone up to
them; You have enlarged your bed And
made a covenant with them; You have
loved their bed, Where you saw their
nudity.
9 You went to the king with ointment,
And increased your perfumes; You
sent your messengers far off, And even
descended to Sheol.
10 You are wearied in the length of your
way; Yet you did not say, ‘There is no
hope.’ You have found the life of your
hand; Therefore you were not grieved.

11 "And of whom have you been afraid,
or feared, That you have lied And not
remembered Me, Nor taken it to your
heart? Is it not because I have held My
peace from of old That you do not fear
Me?
12 I will declare your righteousness And
your works, For they will not profit you.
13 When you cry out, Let your collection
of idols deliver you. But the wind will
carry them all away, A breath will take
them. But he who puts his trust in Me
shall possess the land, And shall inherit
My holy mountain."
14 And one shall say, "Heap it up!
Heap it up! Prepare the way, Take the
stumbling block out of the way of My
people."
15 For thus says the High and Lofty One
Who inhabits eternity, whose name is
Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place,
With him who has a contrite and humble

spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble,
And to revive the heart of the contrite
ones.
16 For I will not contend forever, Nor will
I always be angry; For the spirit would
fail before Me, And the souls which I
have made.
17 For the iniquity of his covetousness I
was angry and struck him; I hid and was
angry, And he went on backsliding in the
way of his heart.
18 I have seen his ways, and will heal
him; I will also lead him, And restore
comforts to him And to his mourners.
19 "I create the fruit of the lips: Peace,
peace to him who is far off and to him
who is near," Says the LORD, "And I will
heal him."
20 But the wicked are like the troubled
sea, When it cannot rest, Whose waters
cast up mire and dirt.

21 "There is no peace," Says my God,
"for the wicked."

58 1 "Cry aloud, spare not; Lift up
your voice like a trumpet; Tell
My people their transgression, And the
house of Jacob their sins.
2 Yet they seek Me daily, And delight
to know My ways, As a nation that did
righteousness, And did not forsake the
ordinance of their God. They ask of Me
the ordinances of justice; They take
delight in approaching God.
3 ‘Why have we fasted,’ they say,
‘and You have not seen? Why have we
afflicted our souls, and You take no
notice?’ "In fact, in the day of your fast
you find pleasure, And exploit all your
laborers.
4 Indeed you fast for strife and debate,
And to strike with the fist of wickedness.
You will not fast as you do this day, To
make your voice heard on high.

5 Is it a fast that I have chosen, A day
for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow
down his head like a bulrush, And to
spread out sackcloth and ashes? Would
you call this a fast, And an acceptable
day to the LORD?
6 "Is this not the fast that I have chosen:
To loose the bonds of wickedness, To
undo the heavy burdens, To let the
oppressed go free, And that you break
every yoke?
7 Is it not to share your bread with the
hungry, And that you bring to your house
the poor who are cast out; When you
see the naked, that you cover him, And
not hide yourself from your own flesh?
8 Then your light shall break forth like
the morning, Your healing shall spring
forth speedily, And your righteousness
shall go before you; The glory of the
LORD shall be your rear guard.

9 Then you shall call, and the LORD will
answer; You shall cry, and He will say,
'Here I am.' "If you take away the yoke
from your midst, The pointing of the
finger, and speaking wickedness,
10 If you extend your soul to the hungry
And satisfy the afflicted soul, Then your
light shall dawn in the darkness, And
your darkness shall be as the noonday.
11 The LORD will guide you continually,
And satisfy your soul in drought, And
strengthen your bones; You shall be like
a watered garden, And like a spring of
water, whose waters do not fail.
12 Those from among you Shall build
the old waste places; You shall raise up
the foundations of many generations;
And you shall be called the Repairer of
the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to
Dwell In.
13 "If you turn away your foot from
the Sabbath, From doing your pleasure

on My holy day, And call the Sabbath
a delight, The holy day of the LORD
honorable, And shall honor Him, not
doing your own ways, Nor finding your
own pleasure, Nor speaking your own
words,
14 Then you shall delight yourself in the
LORD; And I will cause you to ride on the
high hills of the earth, And feed you with
the heritage of Jacob your father. The
mouth of the LORD has spoken."

59 1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not
shortened, That it cannot save;
Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear.
2 But your iniquities have separated
you from your God; And your sins have
hidden His face from you, So that He will
not hear.
3 For your hands are defiled with blood,
And your fingers with iniquity; Your
lips have spoken lies, Your tongue has
muttered perversity.

4 No one calls for justice, Nor does any
plead for truth. They trust in empty
words and speak lies; They conceive evil
and bring forth iniquity.
5 They hatch vipers’ eggs and weave the
spider’s web; He who eats of their eggs
dies, And from that which is crushed a
viper breaks out.
6 Their webs will not become garments,
Nor will they cover themselves with their
works; Their works are works of iniquity,
And the act of violence is in their hands.
7 Their feet run to evil, And they make
haste to shed innocent blood; Their
thoughts are thoughts of iniquity;
Wasting and destruction are in their
paths.
8 The way of peace they have not
known, And there is no justice in their
ways; They have made themselves
crooked paths; Whoever takes that way
shall not know peace.

9 Therefore justice is far from us, Nor
does righteousness overtake us; We
look for light, but there is darkness! For
brightness, but we walk in blackness!
10 We grope for the wall like the blind,
And we grope as if we had no eyes; We
stumble at noonday as at twilight; We
are as dead men in desolate places.
11 We all growl like bears, And moan
sadly like doves; We look for justice, but
there is none; For salvation, but it is far
from us.
12 For our transgressions are multiplied
before You, And our sins testify against
us; For our transgressions are with us,
And as for our iniquities, we know them:
13 In transgressing and lying against
the LORD, And departing from our
God, Speaking oppression and revolt,
Conceiving and uttering from the heart
words of falsehood.

14 Justice is turned back, And
righteousness stands afar off; For truth
is fallen in the street, And equity cannot
enter.
15 So truth fails, And he who departs
from evil makes himself a prey. Then the
LORD saw it, and it displeased Him That
there was no justice.
16 He saw that there was no man, And
wondered that there was no intercessor;
Therefore His own arm brought salvation
for Him; And His own righteousness, it
sustained Him.
17 For He put on righteousness as a
breastplate, And a helmet of salvation
on His head; He put on the garments of
vengeance for clothing, And was clad
with zeal as a cloak.
18 According to their deeds, accordingly
He will repay, Fury to His adversaries,
Recompense to His enemies; The
coastlands He will fully repay.

19 So shall they fear The name of the
LORD from the west, And His glory from
the rising of the sun; When the enemy
comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the
LORD will lift up a standard against him.
20 "The Redeemer will come to
Zion, And to those who turn from
transgression in Jacob," Says the LORD.
21 "As for Me," says the LORD, "this is
My covenant with them: My Spirit who
is upon you, and My words which I have
put in your mouth, shall not depart from
your mouth, nor from the mouth of
your descendants, nor from the mouth
of your descendants' descendants,"
says the LORD, "from this time and
forevermore."

60 1 Arise, shine; For your light has
come! And the glory of the LORD
is risen upon you.
2 For behold, the darkness shall cover
the earth, And deep darkness the

people; But the LORD will arise over you,
And His glory will be seen upon you.
3 The Gentiles shall come to your light,
And kings to the brightness of your
rising.
4 "Lift up your eyes all around, and see:
They all gather together, they come to
you; Your sons shall come from afar, And
your daughters shall be nursed at your
side.
5 Then you shall see and become
radiant, And your heart shall swell with
joy; Because the abundance of the sea
shall be turned to you, The wealth of the
Gentiles shall come to you.
6 The multitude of camels shall cover
your land, The dromedaries of Midian
and Ephah; All those from Sheba shall
come; They shall bring gold and incense,
And they shall proclaim the praises of
the LORD.

7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be
gathered together to you, The rams of
Nebaioth shall minister to you; They
shall ascend with acceptance on My
altar, And I will glorify the house of My
glory.
8 "Who are these who fly like a cloud,
And like doves to their roosts?
9 Surely the coastlands shall wait for
Me; And the ships of Tarshish will come
first, To bring your sons from afar, Their
silver and their gold with them, To the
name of the LORD your God, And to
the Holy One of Israel, Because He has
glorified you.
10 "The sons of foreigners shall build up
your walls, And their kings shall minister
to you; For in My wrath I struck you, But
in My favor I have had mercy on you.
11 Therefore your gates shall be open
continually; They shall not be shut day
or night, That men may bring to you the

wealth of the Gentiles, And their kings in
procession.
12 For the nation and kingdom which
will not serve you shall perish, And those
nations shall be utterly ruined.
13 "The glory of Lebanon shall come to
you, The cypress, the pine, and the box
tree together, To beautify the place of
My sanctuary; And I will make the place
of My feet glorious.
14 Also the sons of those who afflicted
you Shall come bowing to you, And
all those who despised you shall fall
prostrate at the soles of your feet; And
they shall call you The City of the LORD,
Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
15 "Whereas you have been forsaken
and hated, So that no one went
through you, I will make you an eternal
excellence, A joy of many generations.
16 You shall drink the milk of the
Gentiles, And milk the breast of kings;

You shall know that I, the LORD, am your
Savior And your Redeemer, the Mighty
One of Jacob.
17 "Instead of bronze I will bring gold,
Instead of iron I will bring silver, Instead
of wood, bronze, And instead of stones,
iron. I will also make your officers peace,
And your magistrates righteousness.
18 Violence shall no longer be heard
in your land, Neither wasting nor
destruction within your borders; But you
shall call your walls Salvation, And your
gates Praise.
19 "The sun shall no longer be your light
by day, Nor for brightness shall the moon
give light to you; But the LORD will be to
you an everlasting light, And your God
your glory.
20 Your sun shall no longer go down,
Nor shall your moon withdraw itself; For
the LORD will be your everlasting light,

And the days of your mourning shall be
ended.
21 Also your people shall all be
righteous; They shall inherit the land
forever, The branch of My planting,
The work of My hands, That I may be
glorified.
22 A little one shall become a thousand,
And a small one a strong nation. I, the
LORD, will hasten it in its time."

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1 "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is
upon Me, Because the LORD has
anointed Me To preach good tidings to
the poor; He has sent Me to heal the
brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to
the captives, And the opening of the
prison to those who are bound;
2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the
LORD, And the day of vengeance of our
God; To comfort all who mourn,
3 To console those who mourn in Zion,
To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of

joy for mourning, The garment of praise
for the spirit of heaviness; That they may
be called trees of righteousness, The
planting of the LORD, that He may be
glorified."
4 And they shall rebuild the old
ruins, They shall raise up the former
desolations, And they shall repair the
ruined cities, The desolations of many
generations.
5 Strangers shall stand and feed your
flocks, And the sons of the foreigner Shall
be your plowmen and your vinedressers.
6 But you shall be named the priests
of the LORD, They shall call you the
servants of our God. You shall eat the
riches of the Gentiles, And in their glory
you shall boast.
7 Instead of your shame you shall have
double honor, And instead of confusion
they shall rejoice in their portion.

Therefore in their land they shall possess
double; Everlasting joy shall be theirs.
8 "For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate
robbery for burnt offering; I will direct
their work in truth, And will make with
them an everlasting covenant.
9 Their descendants shall be known
among the Gentiles, And their offspring
among the people. All who see them
shall acknowledge them, That they
are the posterity whom the LORD has
blessed."
10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My
soul shall be joyful in my God; For He
has clothed me with the garments of
salvation, He has covered me with the
robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom
decks himself with ornaments, And as a
bride adorns herself with her jewels.
11 For as the earth brings forth its bud,
As the garden causes the things that are
sown in it to spring forth, So the Lord

GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring forth before all the nations.
62 1 For Zion’s sake I will not hold My
peace, And for Jerusalem’s sake
I will not rest, Until her righteousness
goes forth as brightness, And her
salvation as a lamp that burns.
2 The Gentiles shall see your
righteousness, And all kings your
glory. You shall be called by a new name,
Which the mouth of the LORD will name.
3 You shall also be a crown of glory
In the hand of the LORD, And a royal
diadem In the hand of your God.
4 You shall no longer be termed
Forsaken, Nor shall your land any more
be termed Desolate; But you shall be
called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah;
For the LORD delights in you, And your
land shall be married.
5 For as a young man marries a virgin,
So shall your sons marry you; And as the

bridegroom rejoices over the bride, So
shall your God rejoice over you.
6 I have set watchmen on your walls,
O Jerusalem; They shall never hold
their peace day or night. You who make
mention of the LORD, do not keep silent,
7 And give Him no rest till He establishes
And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in
the earth.
8 The LORD has sworn by His right hand
And by the arm of His strength: "Surely
I will no longer give your grain As food
for your enemies; And the sons of the
foreigner shall not drink your new wine,
For which you have labored.
9 But those who have gathered it shall
eat it, And praise the LORD; Those who
have brought it together shall drink it in
My holy courts."
10 Go through, Go through the gates!
Prepare the way for the people; Build

up, Build up the highway! Take out the
stones, Lift up a banner for the peoples!
11 Indeed the LORD has proclaimed
To the end of the world: "Say to the
daughter of Zion, ‘Surely your salvation
is coming; Behold, His reward is with
Him, And His work before Him.’"
12 And they shall call them The Holy
People, The Redeemed of the LORD; And
you shall be called Sought Out, A City
Not Forsaken.

63 1 Who is this who comes from
Edom, With dyed garments from
Bozrah, This One who is glorious in
His apparel, Traveling in the greatness
of His strength? —"I who speak in
righteousness, mighty to save."
2 Why is Your apparel red, And Your
garments like one who treads in the
winepress?
3 "I have trodden the winepress alone,
And from the peoples no one was

with Me. For I have trodden them in
My anger, And trampled them in My
fury; Their blood is sprinkled upon My
garments, And I have stained all My
robes.
4 For the day of vengeance is in My
heart, And the year of My redeemed has
come.
5 I looked, but there was no one to
help, And I wondered That there was no
one to uphold; Therefore My own arm
brought salvation for Me; And My own
fury, it sustained Me.
6 I have trodden down the peoples in
My anger, Made them drunk in My fury,
And brought down their strength to the
earth."
7 I will mention the lovingkindnesses
of the LORD And the praises of the
LORD, According to all that the LORD has
bestowed on us, And the great goodness
toward the house of Israel, Which He

has bestowed on them according to His mercies, According to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses.
8 For He said, "Surely they are My people, Children who will not lie." So He became their Savior.
9 In all their affliction He was afflicted, And the Angel of His Presence saved them; In His love and in His pity He redeemed them; And He bore them and carried them All the days of old.
10 But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; So He turned Himself against them as an enemy, And He fought against them.
11 Then he remembered the days of old, Moses and his people, saying: "Where is He who brought them up out of the sea With the shepherd of His flock? Where is He who put His Holy Spirit within them,
12 Who led them by the right hand of Moses, With His glorious arm, Dividing

the water before them To make for
Himself an everlasting name,
13 Who led them through the deep, As a
horse in the wilderness, That they might
not stumble?"
14 As a beast goes down into the valley,
And the Spirit of the LORD causes him to
rest, So You lead Your people, To make
Yourself a glorious name.
15 Look down from heaven, And
see from Your habitation, holy and
glorious. Where are Your zeal and Your
strength, The yearning of Your heart
and Your mercies toward me? Are they
restrained?
16 Doubtless You are our Father, Though
Abraham was ignorant of us, And Israel
does not acknowledge us. You, O LORD,
are our Father; Our Redeemer from
Everlasting is Your name.
17 O LORD, why have You made us stray
from Your ways, And hardened our heart

from Your fear? Return for Your servants'
sake, The tribes of Your inheritance.
18 Your holy people have possessed it
but a little while; Our adversaries have
trodden down Your sanctuary.
19 We have become like those of old,
over whom You never ruled, Those who
were never called by Your name.

64 1 Oh, that You would rend the
heavens! That You would come
down! That the mountains might shake
at Your presence—
2 As fire burns brushwood, As fire
causes water to boil—To make Your
name known to Your adversaries,
That the nations may tremble at Your
presence!
3 When You did awesome things for
which we did not look, You came down,
The mountains shook at Your presence.
4 For since the beginning of the world
Men have not heard nor perceived by

the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God
besides You, Who acts for the one who
waits for Him.
5 You meet him who rejoices and does
righteousness, Who remembers You
in Your ways. You are indeed angry,
for we have sinned—In these ways we
continue; And we need to be saved.
6 But we are all like an unclean thing,
And all our righteousnesses are like
filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our
iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us
away.
7 And there is no one who calls on Your
name, Who stirs himself up to take hold
of You; For You have hidden Your face
from us, And have consumed us because
of our iniquities.
8 But now, O LORD, You are our Father;
We are the clay, and You our potter; And
all we are the work of Your hand.

9 Do not be furious, O LORD, Nor
remember iniquity forever; Indeed,
please look—we all are Your people!
10 Your holy cities are a wilderness, Zion
is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.
11 Our holy and beautiful temple,
Where our fathers praised You, Is burned
up with fire; And all our pleasant things
are laid waste.
12 Will You restrain Yourself because of
these things, O LORD? Will You hold Your
peace, and afflict us very severely?
65 1 "I was sought by those who did
not ask for Me; I was found by
those who did not seek Me. I said, 'Here
I am, here I am,' To a nation that was not
called by My name.
2 I have stretched out My hands all day
long to a rebellious people, Who walk
in a way that is not good, According to
their own thoughts;

3 A people who provoke Me to anger
continually to My face; Who sacrifice in
gardens, And burn incense on altars of
brick;
4 Who sit among the graves, And spend
the night in the tombs; Who eat swine’s
flesh, And the broth of abominable
things is in their vessels;
5 Who say, ‘Keep to yourself, Do not
come near me, For I am holier than you!’
These are smoke in My nostrils, A fire
that burns all the day.
6 "Behold, it is written before Me: I will
not keep silence, but will repay—Even
repay into their bosom—
7 Your iniquities and the iniquities of
your fathers together," Says the LORD,
"Who have burned incense on the
mountains And blasphemed Me on
the hills; Therefore I will measure their
former work into their bosom."

8 Thus says the LORD: "As the new wine
is found in the cluster, And one says, ‘Do
not destroy it, For a blessing is in it,’ So
will I do for My servants’ sake, That I may
not destroy them all.
9 I will bring forth descendants from
Jacob, And from Judah an heir of My
mountains; My elect shall inherit it, And
My servants shall dwell there.
10 Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, And
the Valley of Achor a place for herds
to lie down, For My people who have
sought Me.
11 "But you are those who forsake the
LORD, Who forget My holy mountain,
Who prepare a table for Gad, And who
furnish a drink offering for Meni.
12 Therefore I will number you for the
sword, And you shall all bow down to
the slaughter; Because, when I called,
you did not answer; When I spoke, you
did not hear, But did evil before My

eyes, And chose that in which I do not
delight."
13 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
"Behold, My servants shall eat, But you
shall be hungry; Behold, My servants
shall drink, But you shall be thirsty;
Behold, My servants shall rejoice, But
you shall be ashamed;
14 Behold, My servants shall sing for joy
of heart, But you shall cry for sorrow of
heart, And wail for grief of spirit.
15 You shall leave your name as a curse
to My chosen; For the Lord GOD will slay
you, And call His servants by another
name;
16 So that he who blesses himself in the
earth Shall bless himself in the God of
truth; And he who swears in the earth
Shall swear by the God of truth; Because
the former troubles are forgotten, And
because they are hidden from My eyes.

17 "For behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth; And the former shall
not be remembered or come to mind.
18 But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I create; For behold, I create
Jerusalem as a rejoicing, And her people
a joy.
19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, And joy in
My people; The voice of weeping shall
no longer be heard in her, Nor the voice
of crying.
20 "No more shall an infant from there
live but a few days, Nor an old man who
has not fulfilled his days; For the child
shall die one hundred years old, But the
sinner being one hundred years old shall
be accursed.
21 They shall build houses and inhabit
them; They shall plant vineyards and eat
their fruit.
22 They shall not build and another
inhabit; They shall not plant and another

eat; For as the days of a tree, so shall
be the days of My people, And My elect
shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
23 They shall not labor in vain, Nor bring
forth children for trouble; For they shall
be the descendants of the blessed of the
LORD, And their offspring with them.
24 "It shall come to pass That before
they call, I will answer; And while they
are still speaking, I will hear.
25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed
together, The lion shall eat straw like the
ox, And dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My
holy mountain," Says the LORD.

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1 Thus says the LORD: "Heaven
is My throne, And earth is My
footstool. Where is the house that you
will build Me? And where is the place of
My rest?
2 For all those things My hand has
made, And all those things exist," Says

the LORD. "But on this one will I look: On
him who is poor and of a contrite spirit,
And who trembles at My word.
3 "He who kills a bull is as if he slays
a man; He who sacrifices a lamb, as if
he breaks a dog’s neck; He who offers
a grain offering, as if he offers swine’s
blood; He who burns incense, as if he
blesses an idol. Just as they have chosen
their own ways, And their soul delights
in their abominations,
4 So will I choose their delusions, And
bring their fears on them; Because,
when I called, no one answered, When
I spoke they did not hear; But they did
evil before My eyes, And chose that in
which I do not delight."
5 Hear the word of the LORD, You who
tremble at His word: "Your brethren
who hated you, Who cast you out for
My name’s sake, said, ‘Let the LORD be

glorified, That we may see your joy.’ But
they shall be ashamed."
6 The sound of noise from the city! A
voice from the temple! The voice of the
LORD, Who fully repays His enemies!
7 "Before she was in labor, she gave
birth; Before her pain came, She
delivered a male child.
8 Who has heard such a thing? Who
has seen such things? Shall the earth be
made to give birth in one day? Or shall a
nation be born at once? For as soon as
Zion was in labor, She gave birth to her
children.
9 Shall I bring to the time of birth, and
not cause delivery?" says the LORD.
"Shall I who cause delivery shut up the
womb?" says your God.
10 "Rejoice with Jerusalem, And be glad
with her, all you who love her; Rejoice
for joy with her, all you who mourn for
her;

11 That you may feed and be satisfied
With the consolation of her bosom, That
you may drink deeply and be delighted
With the abundance of her glory."
12 For thus says the LORD: "Behold, I
will extend peace to her like a river, And
the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing
stream. Then you shall feed; On her sides
shall you be carried, And be dandled on
her knees.
13 As one whom his mother comforts,
So I will comfort you; And you shall be
comforted in Jerusalem."
14 When you see this, your heart shall
rejoice, And your bones shall flourish
like grass; The hand of the LORD shall
be known to His servants, And His
indignation to His enemies.
15 For behold, the LORD will come
with fire And with His chariots, like a
whirlwind, To render His anger with fury,
And His rebuke with flames of fire.

16 For by fire and by His sword The
LORD will judge all flesh; And the slain of
the LORD shall be many.
17 "Those who sanctify themselves and
purify themselves, To go to the gardens
After an idol in the midst, Eating swine’s
flesh and the abomination and the
mouse, Shall be consumed together,"
says the LORD.
18 "For I know their works and their
thoughts. It shall be that I will gather
all nations and tongues; and they shall
come and see My glory.
19 "I will set a sign among them; and
those among them who escape I will
send to the nations: to Tarshish and Pul
and Lud, who draw the bow, and Tubal
and Javan, to the coastlands afar off who
have not heard My fame nor seen My
glory. And they shall declare My glory
among the Gentiles.

[20] "Then they shall bring all your
brethren for an offering to the LORD out
of all nations, on horses and in chariots
and in litters, on mules and on camels, to
My holy mountain Jerusalem," says the
LORD, "as the children of Israel bring an
offering in a clean vessel into the house
of the LORD.
[21] "And I will also take some of them for
priests and Levites," says the LORD.
[22] "For as the new heavens and the
new earth Which I will make shall
remain before Me," says the LORD, "So
shall your descendants and your name
remain.
[23] And it shall come to pass That from
one New Moon to another, And from
one Sabbath to another, All flesh shall
come to worship before Me," says the
LORD.
[24] "And they shall go forth and look
Upon the corpses of the men Who

have transgressed against Me. For their worm does not die, And their fire is not quenched. They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh."

Jeremiah

1 1 The words of Jeremiah the son of
Hilkiah, of the priests who were in
Anathoth in the land of Benjamin,
2 to whom the word of the LORD came
in the days of Josiah the son of Amon,
king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of
his reign.
3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim
the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the
end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the
son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the
carrying away of Jerusalem captive in
the fifth month.
4 Then the word of the LORD came to
me, saying:
5 "Before I formed you in the womb
I knew you; Before you were born I

sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet
to the nations."
6 Then said I: "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I
cannot speak, for I am a youth."
7 But the LORD said to me: "Do not
say, ‘I am a youth,’ For you shall go to
all to whom I send you, And whatever I
command you, you shall speak.
8 Do not be afraid of their faces, For I
am with you to deliver you," says the
LORD.
9 Then the LORD put forth His hand and
touched my mouth, and the LORD said
to me: "Behold, I have put My words in
your mouth.
10 See, I have this day set you over the
nations and over the kingdoms, To root
out and to pull down, To destroy and to
throw down, To build and to plant."
11 Moreover the word of the LORD
came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do

you see?" And I said, "I see a branch of
an almond tree."
12 Then the LORD said to me, "You have
seen well, for I am ready to perform My
word."
13 And the word of the LORD came to
me the second time, saying, "What do
you see?" And I said, "I see a boiling pot,
and it is facing away from the north."
14 Then the LORD said to me: "Out of
the north calamity shall break forth On
all the inhabitants of the land.
15 For behold, I am calling All the
families of the kingdoms of the north,"
says the LORD; "They shall come and
each one set his throne At the entrance
of the gates of Jerusalem, Against all its
walls all around, And against all the cities
of Judah.
16 I will utter My judgments Against
them concerning all their wickedness,
Because they have forsaken Me, Burned

incense to other gods, And worshiped
the works of their own hands.
17 "Therefore prepare yourself and
arise, And speak to them all that I
command you. Do not be dismayed
before their faces, Lest I dismay you
before them.
18 For behold, I have made you this
day A fortified city and an iron pillar,
And bronze walls against the whole
land—Against the kings of Judah,
Against its princes, Against its priests,
And against the people of the land.
19 They will fight against you, But they
shall not prevail against you. For I am
with you," says the LORD, "to deliver
you."

2 1 Moreover the word of the LORD
came to me, saying,
2 "Go and cry in the hearing of
Jerusalem, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD:
"I remember you, The kindness of your

youth, The love of your betrothal, When you went after Me in the wilderness, In a land not sown.

3 Israel was holiness to the LORD, The firstfruits of His increase. All that devour him will offend; Disaster will come upon them," says the LORD.'"

4 Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob and all the families of the house of Israel.

5 Thus says the LORD: "What injustice have your fathers found in Me, That they have gone far from Me, Have followed idols, And have become idolaters?

6 Neither did they say, 'Where is the LORD, Who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, Who led us through the wilderness, Through a land of deserts and pits, Through a land of drought and the shadow of death, Through a land that no one crossed And where no one dwelt?'

7 I brought you into a bountiful country,
To eat its fruit and its goodness. But
when you entered, you defiled My land
And made My heritage an abomination.
8 The priests did not say, ‘Where is
the LORD?’ And those who handle the
law did not know Me; The rulers also
transgressed against Me; The prophets
prophesied by Baal, And walked after
things that do not profit.
9 "Therefore I will yet bring charges
against you," says the LORD, "And
against your children’s children I will
bring charges.
10 For pass beyond the coasts of Cyprus
and see, Send to Kedar and consider
diligently, And see if there has been such
a thing.
11 Has a nation changed its gods, Which
are not gods? But My people have
changed their Glory For what does not
profit.

12 Be astonished, O heavens, at this,
And be horribly afraid; Be very desolate,"
says the LORD.
13 "For My people have committed
two evils: They have forsaken Me, the
fountain of living waters, And hewn
themselves cisterns—broken cisterns
that can hold no water.
14 "Is Israel a servant? Is he a homeborn
slave? Why is he plundered?
15 The young lions roared at him, and
growled; They made his land waste; His
cities are burned, without inhabitant.
16 Also the people of Noph and
Tahpanhes Have broken the crown of
your head.
17 Have you not brought this on
yourself, In that you have forsaken the
LORD your God When He led you in the
way?
18 And now why take the road to Egypt,
To drink the waters of Sihor? Or why take

the road to Assyria, To drink the waters
of the River?
[19] Your own wickedness will correct
you, And your backslidings will rebuke
you. Know therefore and see that it is
an evil and bitter thing That you have
forsaken the LORD your God, And the
fear of Me is not in you," Says the Lord
GOD of hosts.
[20] "For of old I have broken your yoke
and burst your bonds; And you said, 'I
will not transgress,' When on every high
hill and under every green tree You lay
down, playing the harlot.
[21] Yet I had planted you a noble vine,
a seed of highest quality. How then
have you turned before Me Into the
degenerate plant of an alien vine?
[22] For though you wash yourself with
lye, and use much soap, Yet your iniquity
is marked before Me," says the Lord
GOD.

23 "How can you say, ‘I am not polluted,
I have not gone after the Baals’? See
your way in the valley; Know what you
have done: You are a swift dromedary
breaking loose in her ways,
24 A wild donkey used to the wilderness,
That sniffs at the wind in her desire; In
her time of mating, who can turn her
away? All those who seek her will not
weary themselves; In her month they
will find her.
25 Withhold your foot from being
unshod, and your throat from thirst. But
you said, ‘There is no hope. No! For I
have loved aliens, and after them I will
go.’
26 "As the thief is ashamed when he
is found out, So is the house of Israel
ashamed; They and their kings and
their princes, and their priests and their
prophets,

27 Saying to a tree, 'You are my father,'
And to a stone, 'You gave birth to me.'
For they have turned their back to Me,
and not their face. But in the time of
their trouble They will say, 'Arise and
save us.'
28 But where are your gods that you
have made for yourselves? Let them
arise, If they can save you in the time
of your trouble; For according to the
number of your cities Are your gods, O
Judah.
29 "Why will you plead with Me? You all
have transgressed against Me," says the
LORD.
30 "In vain I have chastened your
children; They received no correction.
Your sword has devoured your prophets
Like a destroying lion.
31 "O generation, see the word of the
LORD! Have I been a wilderness to Israel,
Or a land of darkness? Why do My

people say, ‘We are lords; We will come
no more to You’?
32 Can a virgin forget her ornaments, Or
a bride her attire? Yet My people have
forgotten Me days without number.
33 "Why do you beautify your way to
seek love? Therefore you have also
taught The wicked women your ways.
34 Also on your skirts is found The blood
of the lives of the poor innocents. I have
not found it by secret search, But plainly
on all these things.
35 Yet you say, ‘Because I am innocent,
Surely His anger shall turn from me.’
Behold, I will plead My case against you,
Because you say, ‘I have not sinned.’
36 Why do you gad about so much to
change your way? Also you shall be
ashamed of Egypt as you were ashamed
of Assyria.
37 Indeed you will go forth from him
With your hands on your head; For the

LORD has rejected your trusted allies,
And you will not prosper by them.
3 1 "They say, 'If a man divorces his
wife, And she goes from him And
becomes another man's, May he return
to her again?' Would not that land be
greatly polluted? But you have played
the harlot with many lovers; Yet return
to Me," says the LORD.
2 "Lift up your eyes to the desolate
heights and see: Where have you not lain
with men? By the road you have sat for
them Like an Arabian in the wilderness;
And you have polluted the land With
your harlotries and your wickedness.
3 Therefore the showers have been
withheld, And there has been no latter
rain. You have had a harlot's forehead;
You refuse to be ashamed.
4 Will you not from this time cry to
Me, 'My father, You are the guide of my
youth?

5 Will He remain angry forever? Will He keep it to the end?’ Behold, you have spoken and done evil things, As you were able."

6 The LORD said also to me in the days of Josiah the king: "Have you seen what backsliding Israel has done? She has gone up on every high mountain and under every green tree, and there played the harlot.

7 "And I said, after she had done all these things, ‘Return to Me.’ But she did not return. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it.

8 "Then I saw that for all the causes for which backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but went and played the harlot also.

9 "So it came to pass, through her casual harlotry, that she defiled the land

and committed adultery with stones and
trees.
10 "And yet for all this her treacherous
sister Judah has not turned to Me with
her whole heart, but in pretense," says
the LORD.
11 Then the LORD said to me,
"Backsliding Israel has shown herself
more righteous than treacherous Judah.
12 "Go and proclaim these words
toward the north, and say: ‘Return,
backsliding Israel,’ says the LORD; ‘I will
not cause My anger to fall on you. For I
am merciful,’ says the LORD; ‘I will not
remain angry forever.
13 Only acknowledge your iniquity,
That you have transgressed against the
LORD your God, And have scattered
your charms To alien deities under every
green tree, And you have not obeyed My
voice,’ says the LORD.

14 "Return, O backsliding children," says
the LORD; "for I am married to you. I will
take you, one from a city and two from a
family, and I will bring you to Zion.
15 "And I will give you shepherds
according to My heart, who will feed you
with knowledge and understanding.
16 "Then it shall come to pass, when
you are multiplied and increased in the
land in those days," says the LORD, "that
they will say no more, ‘The ark of the
covenant of the LORD.’ It shall not come
to mind, nor shall they remember it, nor
shall they visit it, nor shall it be made
anymore.
17 "At that time Jerusalem shall be
called The Throne of the LORD, and all
the nations shall be gathered to it, to
the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem. No
more shall they follow the dictates of
their evil hearts.

18 "In those days the house of Judah
shall walk with the house of Israel, and
they shall come together out of the land
of the north to the land that I have given
as an inheritance to your fathers.
19 "But I said: 'How can I put you among
the children And give you a pleasant
land, A beautiful heritage of the hosts of
nations?' "And I said: 'You shall call Me,
"My Father," And not turn away from
Me.'
20 Surely, as a wife treacherously
departs from her husband, So have you
dealt treacherously with Me, O house of
Israel," says the LORD.
21 A voice was heard on the desolate
heights, Weeping and supplications of
the children of Israel. For they have
perverted their way; They have forgotten
the LORD their God.
22 "Return, you backsliding children,
And I will heal your backslidings."

"Indeed we do come to You, For You are
the LORD our God.
23 Truly, in vain is salvation hoped for
from the hills, And from the multitude of
mountains; Truly, in the LORD our God Is
the salvation of Israel.
24 For shame has devoured The labor of
our fathers from our youth—Their flocks
and their herds, Their sons and their
daughters.
25 We lie down in our shame, And our
reproach covers us. For we have sinned
against the LORD our God, We and our
fathers, From our youth even to this day,
And have not obeyed the voice of the
LORD our God."

4 1 "If you will return, O Israel," says
the LORD, "Return to Me; And if you
will put away your abominations out of
My sight, Then you shall not be moved.
2 And you shall swear, 'The LORD
lives,' In truth, in judgment, and in

righteousness; The nations shall bless
themselves in Him, And in Him they shall
glory."
3 For thus says the LORD to the men of
Judah and Jerusalem: "Break up your
fallow ground, And do not sow among
thorns.
4 Circumcise yourselves to the LORD,
And take away the foreskins of your
hearts, You men of Judah and inhabitants
of Jerusalem, Lest My fury come forth
like fire, And burn so that no one can
quench it, Because of the evil of your
doings."
5 Declare in Judah and proclaim in
Jerusalem, and say: "Blow the trumpet
in the land; Cry, 'Gather together,' And
say, 'Assemble yourselves, And let us go
into the fortified cities.'
6 Set up the standard toward Zion.
Take refuge! Do not delay! For I will

bring disaster from the north, And great
destruction."
7 The lion has come up from his thicket,
And the destroyer of nations is on his
way. He has gone forth from his place To
make your land desolate. Your cities will
be laid waste, Without inhabitant.
8 For this, clothe yourself with sackcloth,
Lament and wail. For the fierce anger of
the LORD Has not turned back from us.
9 "And it shall come to pass in that day,"
says the LORD, "That the heart of the
king shall perish, And the heart of the
princes; The priests shall be astonished,
And the prophets shall wonder."
10 Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Surely
You have greatly deceived this people
and Jerusalem, Saying, ‘You shall have
peace,’ Whereas the sword reaches to
the heart."
11 At that time it will be said To this
people and to Jerusalem, "A dry wind

of the desolate heights blows in the
wilderness Toward the daughter of My
people—Not to fan or to cleanse—
12 A wind too strong for these will come
for Me; Now I will also speak judgment
against them."
13 "Behold, he shall come up like clouds,
And his chariots like a whirlwind. His
horses are swifter than eagles. Woe to
us, for we are plundered!"
14 O Jerusalem, wash your heart from
wickedness, That you may be saved.
How long shall your evil thoughts lodge
within you?
15 For a voice declares from Dan
And proclaims affliction from Mount
Ephraim:
16 "Make mention to the nations,
Yes, proclaim against Jerusalem, That
watchers come from a far country And
raise their voice against the cities of
Judah.

17 Like keepers of a field they are
against her all around, Because she has
been rebellious against Me," says the
LORD.
18 "Your ways and your doings Have
procured these things for you. This is
your wickedness, Because it is bitter,
Because it reaches to your heart."
19 O my soul, my soul! I am pained in
my very heart! My heart makes a noise
in me; I cannot hold my peace, Because
you have heard, O my soul, The sound of
the trumpet, The alarm of war.
20 Destruction upon destruction is
cried, For the whole land is plundered.
Suddenly my tents are plundered, And
my curtains in a moment.
21 How long will I see the standard, And
hear the sound of the trumpet?
22 "For My people are foolish, They have
not known Me. They are silly children,
And they have no understanding. They

are wise to do evil, But to do good they
have no knowledge."
23 I beheld the earth, and indeed it
was without form, and void; And the
heavens, they had no light.
24 I beheld the mountains, and indeed
they trembled, And all the hills moved
back and forth.
25 I beheld, and indeed there was no
man, And all the birds of the heavens
had fled.
26 I beheld, and indeed the fruitful land
was a wilderness, And all its cities were
broken down At the presence of the
LORD, By His fierce anger.
27 For thus says the LORD: "The whole
land shall be desolate; Yet I will not make
a full end.
28 For this shall the earth mourn, And
the heavens above be black, Because I
have spoken. I have purposed and will
not relent, Nor will I turn back from it.

29 The whole city shall flee from the
noise of the horsemen and bowmen.
They shall go into thickets and climb up
on the rocks. Every city shall be forsaken,
And not a man shall dwell in it.
30 "And when you are plundered, What
will you do? Though you clothe yourself
with crimson, Though you adorn yourself
with ornaments of gold, Though you
enlarge your eyes with paint, In vain you
will make yourself fair; Your lovers will
despise you; They will seek your life.
31 "For I have heard a voice as of a
woman in labor, The anguish as of her
who brings forth her first child, The
voice of the daughter of Zion bewailing
herself; She spreads her hands, saying,
'Woe is me now, for my soul is weary
Because of murderers!'

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1 "Run to and fro through the streets
of Jerusalem; See now and know;
And seek in her open places If you

can find a man, If there is anyone who
executes judgment, Who seeks the
truth, And I will pardon her.
2 Though they say, 'As the LORD lives,'
Surely they swear falsely."
3 O LORD, are not Your eyes on the
truth? You have stricken them, But they
have not grieved; You have consumed
them, But they have refused to receive
correction. They have made their faces
harder than rock; They have refused to
return.
4 Therefore I said, "Surely these are
poor. They are foolish; For they do
not know the way of the LORD, The
judgment of their God.
5 I will go to the great men and speak to
them, For they have known the way of
the LORD, The judgment of their God."
But these have altogether broken the
yoke And burst the bonds.

6 Therefore a lion from the forest shall
slay them, A wolf of the deserts shall
destroy them; A leopard will watch over
their cities. Everyone who goes out from
there shall be torn in pieces, Because
their transgressions are many; Their
backslidings have increased.
7 "How shall I pardon you for this? Your
children have forsaken Me And sworn by
those that are not gods. When I had fed
them to the full, Then they committed
adultery And assembled themselves by
troops in the harlots’ houses.
8 They were like well–fed lusty stallions;
Every one neighed after his neighbor’s
wife.
9 Shall I not punish them for these
things?" says the LORD. "And shall I not
avenge Myself on such a nation as this?
10 "Go up on her walls and destroy,
But do not make a complete end. Take

away her branches, For they are not the
LORD'S.
11 For the house of Israel and the house
of Judah Have dealt very treacherously
with Me," says the LORD.
12 They have lied about the LORD, And
said, "It is not He. Neither will evil come
upon us, Nor shall we see sword or
famine.
13 And the prophets become wind, For
the word is not in them. Thus shall it be
done to them."
14 Therefore thus says the LORD God
of hosts: "Because you speak this word,
Behold, I will make My words in your
mouth fire, And this people wood, And it
shall devour them.
15 Behold, I will bring a nation against
you from afar, O house of Israel," says
the LORD. "It is a mighty nation, It
is an ancient nation, A nation whose

language you do not know, Nor can you
understand what they say.
16 Their quiver is like an open tomb;
They are all mighty men.
17 And they shall eat up your harvest
and your bread, Which your sons and
daughters should eat. They shall eat up
your flocks and your herds; They shall
eat up your vines and your fig trees;
They shall destroy your fortified cities, In
which you trust, with the sword.
18 "Nevertheless in those days," says
the LORD, "I will not make a complete
end of you.
19 "And it will be when you say, ‘Why
does the LORD our God do all these
things to us?’ then you shall answer
them, ‘Just as you have forsaken Me and
served foreign gods in your land, so you
shall serve aliens in a land that is not
yours.’

[20] "Declare this in the house of Jacob
And proclaim it in Judah, saying,
[21] 'Hear this now, O foolish people,
Without understanding, Who have eyes
and see not, And who have ears and
hear not:
[22] Do you not fear Me?' says the LORD.
'Will you not tremble at My presence,
Who have placed the sand as the bound
of the sea, By a perpetual decree, that it
cannot pass beyond it? And though its
waves toss to and fro, Yet they cannot
prevail; Though they roar, yet they
cannot pass over it.
[23] But this people has a defiant and
rebellious heart; They have revolted and
departed.
[24] They do not say in their heart, "Let us
now fear the LORD our God, Who gives
rain, both the former and the latter, in its
season. He reserves for us the appointed
weeks of the harvest."

25 Your iniquities have turned these
things away, And your sins have withheld
good from you.
26 ‘For among My people are found
wicked men; They lie in wait as one who
sets snares; They set a trap; They catch
men.
27 As a cage is full of birds, So their
houses are full of deceit. Therefore they
have become great and grown rich.
28 They have grown fat, they are sleek;
Yes, they surpass the deeds of the
wicked; They do not plead the cause,
The cause of the fatherless; Yet they
prosper, And the right of the needy they
do not defend.
29 Shall I not punish them for these
things?’ says the LORD. ‘Shall I not
avenge Myself on such a nation as this?’
30 "An astonishing and horrible thing
Has been committed in the land:

31 The prophets prophesy falsely, And
the priests rule by their own power; And
My people love to have it so. But what
will you do in the end?
6 1 "O you children of Benjamin,
Gather yourselves to flee from the
midst of Jerusalem! Blow the trumpet in
Tekoa, And set up a signal–fire in Beth
Haccerem; For disaster appears out of
the north, And great destruction.
2 I have likened the daughter of Zion To
a lovely and delicate woman.
3 The shepherds with their flocks shall
come to her. They shall pitch their tents
against her all around. Each one shall
pasture in his own place."
4 "Prepare war against her; Arise, and
let us go up at noon. Woe to us, for the
day goes away, For the shadows of the
evening are lengthening.
5 Arise, and let us go by night, And let
us destroy her palaces."

6 For thus has the LORD of hosts said:
"Cut down trees, And build a mound
against Jerusalem. This is the city to be
punished. She is full of oppression in her
midst.
7 As a fountain wells up with water,
So she wells up with her wickedness.
Violence and plundering are heard in
her. Before Me continually are grief and
wounds.
8 Be instructed, O Jerusalem, Lest My
soul depart from you; Lest I make you
desolate, A land not inhabited."
9 Thus says the LORD of hosts: "They
shall thoroughly glean as a vine the
remnant of Israel; As a grape–gatherer,
put your hand back into the branches."
10 To whom shall I speak and give
warning, That they may hear? Indeed
their ear is uncircumcised, And they
cannot give heed. Behold, the word of

the LORD is a reproach to them; They
have no delight in it.
11 Therefore I am full of the fury of the
LORD. I am weary of holding it in. "I will
pour it out on the children outside, And
on the assembly of young men together;
For even the husband shall be taken with
the wife, The aged with him who is full
of days.
12 And their houses shall be turned over
to others, Fields and wives together; For
I will stretch out My hand Against the
inhabitants of the land," says the LORD.
13 "Because from the least of them
even to the greatest of them, Everyone
is given to covetousness; And from the
prophet even to the priest, Everyone
deals falsely.
14 They have also healed the hurt of My
people slightly, Saying, ‘Peace, peace!’
When there is no peace.

15 Were they ashamed when they had
committed abomination? No! They were
not at all ashamed; Nor did they know
how to blush. Therefore they shall fall
among those who fall; At the time I
punish them, They shall be cast down,"
says the LORD.
16 Thus says the LORD: "Stand in the
ways and see, And ask for the old paths,
where the good way is, And walk in it;
Then you will find rest for your souls. But
they said, 'We will not walk in it.'
17 Also, I set watchmen over you,
saying, 'Listen to the sound of the
trumpet!' But they said, 'We will not
listen.'
18 Therefore hear, you nations, And
know, O congregation, what is among
them.
19 Hear, O earth! Behold, I will certainly
bring calamity on this people—The fruit
of their thoughts, Because they have

not heeded My words, Nor My law, but
rejected it.
20 For what purpose to Me Comes
frankincense from Sheba, And sweet
cane from a far country? Your burnt
offerings are not acceptable, Nor your
sacrifices sweet to Me."
21 Therefore thus says the LORD:
"Behold, I will lay stumbling blocks
before this people, And the fathers and
the sons together shall fall on them. The
neighbor and his friend shall perish."
22 Thus says the LORD: "Behold, a
people comes from the north country,
And a great nation will be raised from
the farthest parts of the earth.
23 They will lay hold on bow and spear;
They are cruel and have no mercy; Their
voice roars like the sea; And they ride
on horses, As men of war set in array
against you, O daughter of Zion."

24 We have heard the report of it; Our
hands grow feeble. Anguish has taken
hold of us, Pain as of a woman in labor.
25 Do not go out into the field, Nor walk
by the way. Because of the sword of the
enemy, Fear is on every side.
26 O daughter of my people, Dress in
sackcloth And roll about in ashes! Make
mourning as for an only son, most bitter
lamentation; For the plunderer will
suddenly come upon us.
27 "I have set you as an assayer and a
fortress among My people, That you
may know and test their way.
28 They are all stubborn rebels, walking
as slanderers. They are bronze and iron,
They are all corrupters;
29 The bellows blow fiercely, The lead
is consumed by the fire; The smelter
refines in vain, For the wicked are not
drawn off.

30 People will call them rejected silver,
Because the LORD has rejected them."

7 1 The word that came to Jeremiah
from the LORD, saying,
2 "Stand in the gate of the LORD'S
house, and proclaim there this word,
and say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, all
you of Judah who enter in at these gates
to worship the LORD!'"
3 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God
of Israel: "Amend your ways and your
doings, and I will cause you to dwell in
this place.
4 "Do not trust in these lying words,
saying, 'The temple of the LORD, the
temple of the LORD, the temple of the
LORD are these.'
5 "For if you thoroughly amend your
ways and your doings, if you thoroughly
execute judgment between a man and
his neighbor,

6 "if you do not oppress the stranger,
the fatherless, and the widow, and do
not shed innocent blood in this place, or
walk after other gods to your hurt,
7 "then I will cause you to dwell in this
place, in the land that I gave to your
fathers forever and ever.
8 "Behold, you trust in lying words that
cannot profit.
9 "Will you steal, murder, commit
adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to
Baal, and walk after other gods whom
you do not know,
10 "and then come and stand before
Me in this house which is called by My
name, and say, 'We are delivered to do
all these abominations'?
11 "Has this house, which is called by
My name, become a den of thieves in
your eyes? Behold, I, even I, have seen
it," says the LORD.

12 "But go now to My place which was
in Shiloh, where I set My name at the
first, and see what I did to it because of
the wickedness of My people Israel.
13 "And now, because you have done
all these works," says the LORD, "and
I spoke to you, rising up early and
speaking, but you did not hear, and I
called you, but you did not answer,
14 "therefore I will do to the house
which is called by My name, in which
you trust, and to this place which I gave
to you and your fathers, as I have done
to Shiloh.
15 "And I will cast you out of My sight,
as I have cast out all your brethren—the
whole posterity of Ephraim.
16 "Therefore do not pray for this
people, nor lift up a cry or prayer for
them, nor make intercession to Me; for I
will not hear you.

17 "Do you not see what they do in
the cities of Judah and in the streets of
Jerusalem?
18 "The children gather wood, the
fathers kindle the fire, and the women
knead dough, to make cakes for the
queen of heaven; and they pour out
drink offerings to other gods, that they
may provoke Me to anger.
19 "Do they provoke Me to anger?"
says the LORD. "Do they not provoke
themselves, to the shame of their own
faces?"
20 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
"Behold, My anger and My fury will be
poured out on this place—on man and
on beast, on the trees of the field and on
the fruit of the ground. And it will burn
and not be quenched."
21 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God
of Israel: "Add your burnt offerings to
your sacrifices and eat meat.

22 "For I did not speak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices.
23 "But this is what I commanded them, saying, ‘Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.’
24 "Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but followed the counsels and the dictates of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward.
25 "Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt until this day, I have even sent to you all My servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them.
26 "Yet they did not obey Me or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck. They did worse than their fathers.

27 "Therefore you shall speak all these
words to them, but they will not obey
you. You shall also call to them, but they
will not answer you.
28 "So you shall say to them, ‘This is
a nation that does not obey the voice
of the LORD their God nor receive
correction. Truth has perished and has
been cut off from their mouth.
29 ‘Cut off your hair and cast it away, and
take up a lamentation on the desolate
heights; for the LORD has rejected and
forsaken the generation of His wrath.’
30 "For the children of Judah have done
evil in My sight," says the LORD. "They
have set their abominations in the house
which is called by My name, to pollute it.
31 "And they have built the high places
of Tophet, which is in the Valley of the
Son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and
their daughters in the fire, which I did

not command, nor did it come into My
heart.
32 "Therefore behold, the days are
coming," says the LORD, "when it will
no more be called Tophet, or the Valley
of the Son of Hinnom, but the Valley of
Slaughter; for they will bury in Tophet
until there is no room.
33 "The corpses of this people will be
food for the birds of the heaven and for
the beasts of the earth. And no one will
frighten them away.
34 "Then I will cause to cease from the
cities of Judah and from the streets
of Jerusalem the voice of mirth and
the voice of gladness, the voice of the
bridegroom and the voice of the bride.
For the land shall be desolate.
8 1 "At that time," says the LORD, "they
shall bring out the bones of the kings
of Judah, and the bones of its princes,
and the bones of the priests, and the

bones of the prophets, and the bones
of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of
their graves.
2 "They shall spread them before the
sun and the moon and all the host of
heaven, which they have loved and
which they have served and after which
they have walked, which they have
sought and which they have worshiped.
They shall not be gathered nor buried;
they shall be like refuse on the face of
the earth.
3 "Then death shall be chosen rather
than life by all the residue of those who
remain of this evil family, who remain in
all the places where I have driven them,"
says the LORD of hosts.
4 "Moreover you shall say to them,
‘Thus says the LORD: "Will they fall and
not rise? Will one turn away and not
return?

5 Why has this people slidden back,
Jerusalem, in a perpetual backsliding?
They hold fast to deceit, They refuse to
return.
6 I listened and heard, But they do not
speak aright. No man repented of his
wickedness, Saying, ‘What have I done?’
Everyone turned to his own course, As
the horse rushes into the battle.
7 "Even the stork in the heavens Knows
her appointed times; And the turtledove,
the swift, and the swallow Observe the
time of their coming. But My people do
not know the judgment of the LORD.
8 "How can you say, ‘We are wise, And
the law of the LORD is with us’? Look,
the false pen of the scribe certainly
works falsehood.
9 The wise men are ashamed, They are
dismayed and taken. Behold, they have
rejected the word of the LORD; So what
wisdom do they have?

10 Therefore I will give their wives to
others, And their fields to those who will
inherit them; Because from the least
even to the greatest Everyone is given to
covetousness; From the prophet even to
the priest Everyone deals falsely.
11 For they have healed the hurt of the
daughter of My people slightly, Saying,
‘Peace, peace!’ When there is no peace.
12 Were they ashamed when they had
committed abomination? No! They were
not at all ashamed, Nor did they know
how to blush. Therefore they shall fall
among those who fall; In the time of
their punishment They shall be cast
down," says the LORD.
13 "I will surely consume them," says
the LORD. "No grapes shall be on the
vine, Nor figs on the fig tree, And the leaf
shall fade; And the things I have given
them shall pass away from them."’"

14 "Why do we sit still? Assemble
yourselves, And let us enter the fortified
cities, And let us be silent there. For the
LORD our God has put us to silence And
given us water of gall to drink, Because
we have sinned against the LORD.
15 "We looked for peace, but no good
came; And for a time of health, and
there was trouble!
16 The snorting of His horses was heard
from Dan. The whole land trembled at
the sound of the neighing of His strong
ones; For they have come and devoured
the land and all that is in it, The city and
those who dwell in it."
17 "For behold, I will send serpents
among you, Vipers which cannot be
charmed, And they shall bite you," says
the LORD.
18 I would comfort myself in sorrow; My
heart is faint in me.

19 Listen! The voice, The cry of the
daughter of my people From a far
country: "Is not the LORD in Zion? Is
not her King in her?" "Why have they
provoked Me to anger With their carved
images—With foreign idols?"
20 "The harvest is past, The summer is
ended, And we are not saved!"
21 For the hurt of the daughter of
my people I am hurt. I am mourning;
Astonishment has taken hold of me.
22 Is there no balm in Gilead, Is there no
physician there? Why then is there no
recovery For the health of the daughter
of my people?

9 1 Oh, that my head were waters, And
my eyes a fountain of tears, That I
might weep day and night For the slain
of the daughter of my people!
2 Oh, that I had in the wilderness A
lodging place for travelers; That I might
leave my people, And go from them! For

they are all adulterers, An assembly of
treacherous men.
3 "And like their bow they have bent
their tongues for lies. They are not
valiant for the truth on the earth. For
they proceed from evil to evil, And they
do not know Me," says the LORD.
4 "Everyone take heed to his neighbor,
And do not trust any brother; For every
brother will utterly supplant, And every
neighbor will walk with slanderers.
5 Everyone will deceive his neighbor,
And will not speak the truth; They have
taught their tongue to speak lies; They
weary themselves to commit iniquity.
6 Your dwelling place is in the midst of
deceit; Through deceit they refuse to
know Me," says the LORD.
7 Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts:
"Behold, I will refine them and try them;
For how shall I deal with the daughter of
My people?

8 Their tongue is an arrow shot out; It
speaks deceit; One speaks peaceably to
his neighbor with his mouth, But in his
heart he lies in wait.
9 Shall I not punish them for these
things?" says the LORD. "Shall I not
avenge Myself on such a nation as this?"
10 I will take up a weeping and wailing
for the mountains, And for the dwelling
places of the wilderness a lamentation,
Because they are burned up, So that no
one can pass through; Nor can men hear
the voice of the cattle. Both the birds of
the heavens and the beasts have fled;
They are gone.
11 "I will make Jerusalem a heap of
ruins, a den of jackals. I will make the
cities of Judah desolate, without an
inhabitant."
12 Who is the wise man who may
understand this? And who is he to whom
the mouth of the LORD has spoken, that

he may declare it? Why does the land
perish and burn up like a wilderness, so
that no one can pass through?
13 And the LORD said, "Because they
have forsaken My law which I set before
them, and have not obeyed My voice,
nor walked according to it,
14 "but they have walked according to
the dictates of their own hearts and after
the Baals, which their fathers taught
them,"
15 therefore thus says the LORD of
hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold, I will
feed them, this people, with wormwood,
and give them water of gall to drink.
16 "I will scatter them also among the
Gentiles, whom neither they nor their
fathers have known. And I will send a
sword after them until I have consumed
them."
17 Thus says the LORD of hosts:
"Consider and call for the mourning

women, That they may come; And send for skillful wailing women, That they may come.

18 Let them make haste And take up a wailing for us, That our eyes may run with tears, And our eyelids gush with water.

19 For a voice of wailing is heard from Zion: 'How we are plundered! We are greatly ashamed, Because we have forsaken the land, Because we have been cast out of our dwellings.'"

20 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O women, And let your ear receive the word of His mouth; Teach your daughters wailing, And everyone her neighbor a lamentation.

21 For death has come through our windows, Has entered our palaces, To kill off the children—no longer to be outside! And the young men—no longer on the streets!

22 Speak, "Thus says the LORD: ‘Even
the carcasses of men shall fall as refuse
on the open field, Like cuttings after
the harvester, And no one shall gather
them.’"
23 Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise
man glory in his wisdom, Let not the
mighty man glory in his might, Nor let
the rich man glory in his riches;
24 But let him who glories glory in this,
That he understands and knows Me, That
I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness,
judgment, and righteousness in the
earth. For in these I delight," says the
LORD.
25 "Behold, the days are coming," says
the LORD, "that I will punish all who are
circumcised with the uncircumcised—
26 "Egypt, Judah, Edom, the people
of Ammon, Moab, and all who are in
the farthest corners, who dwell in the
wilderness. For all these nations are

uncircumcised, and all the house of
Israel are uncircumcised in the heart."

10 1 Hear the word which the LORD
speaks to you, O house of Israel.
2 Thus says the LORD: "Do not learn the
way of the Gentiles; Do not be dismayed
at the signs of heaven, For the Gentiles
are dismayed at them.
3 For the customs of the peoples are
futile; For one cuts a tree from the
forest, The work of the hands of the
workman, with the ax.
4 They decorate it with silver and gold;
They fasten it with nails and hammers
So that it will not topple.
5 They are upright, like a palm tree,
And they cannot speak; They must be
carried, Because they cannot go by
themselves. Do not be afraid of them,
For they cannot do evil, Nor can they do
any good."

6 Inasmuch as there is none like You, O
LORD (You are great, and Your name is
great in might),
7 Who would not fear You, O King of the
nations? For this is Your rightful due. For
among all the wise men of the nations,
And in all their kingdoms, There is none
like You.
8 But they are altogether dull–hearted
and foolish; A wooden idol is a worthless
doctrine.
9 Silver is beaten into plates; It is
brought from Tarshish, And gold from
Uphaz, The work of the craftsman And
of the hands of the metalsmith; Blue and
purple are their clothing; They are all the
work of skillful men.
10 But the LORD is the true God; He is
the living God and the everlasting King.
At His wrath the earth will tremble, And
the nations will not be able to endure
His indignation.

11 Thus you shall say to them: "The gods
that have not made the heavens and the
earth shall perish from the earth and
from under these heavens."
12 He has made the earth by His power,
He has established the world by His
wisdom, And has stretched out the
heavens at His discretion.
13 When He utters His voice, There is
a multitude of waters in the heavens:
"And He causes the vapors to ascend
from the ends of the earth. He makes
lightning for the rain, He brings the wind
out of His treasuries."
14 Everyone is dull–hearted, without
knowledge; Every metalsmith is put to
shame by an image; For his molded
image is falsehood, And there is no
breath in them.
15 They are futile, a work of errors; In
the time of their punishment they shall
perish.

16 The Portion of Jacob is not like them,
For He is the Maker of all things, And
Israel is the tribe of His inheritance; The
LORD of hosts is His name.
17 Gather up your wares from the land,
O inhabitant of the fortress!
18 For thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will
throw out at this time The inhabitants
of the land, And will distress them, That
they may find it so."
19 Woe is me for my hurt! My wound
is severe. But I say, "Truly this is an
infirmity, And I must bear it."
20 My tent is plundered, And all my
cords are broken; My children have gone
from me, And they are no more. There is
no one to pitch my tent anymore, Or set
up my curtains.
21 For the shepherds have become
dull–hearted, And have not sought the
LORD; Therefore they shall not prosper,
And all their flocks shall be scattered.

22 Behold, the noise of the report has
come, And a great commotion out of
the north country, To make the cities of
Judah desolate, a den of jackals.
23 O LORD, I know the way of man is not
in himself; It is not in man who walks to
direct his own steps.
24 O LORD, correct me, but with justice;
Not in Your anger, lest You bring me to
nothing.
25 Pour out Your fury on the Gentiles,
who do not know You, And on the
families who do not call on Your name;
For they have eaten up Jacob, Devoured
him and consumed him, And made his
dwelling place desolate.

11 1 The word that came to Jeremiah
from the LORD, saying,
2 "Hear the words of this covenant, and
speak to the men of Judah and to the
inhabitants of Jerusalem;

3 "and say to them, ‘Thus says the
LORD God of Israel: "Cursed is the man
who does not obey the words of this
covenant
4 "which I commanded your fathers in
the day I brought them out of the land
of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying,
‘Obey My voice, and do according to all
that I command you; so shall you be My
people, and I will be your God,’
5 "that I may establish the oath which I
have sworn to your fathers, to give them
‘a land flowing with milk and honey,’ as
it is this day."’" And I answered and said,
"So be it, LORD."
6 Then the LORD said to me, "Proclaim
all these words in the cities of Judah and
in the streets of Jerusalem, saying: ‘Hear
the words of this covenant and do them.
7 ‘For I earnestly exhorted your fathers
in the day I brought them up out of the

land of Egypt, until this day, rising early
and exhorting, saying, "Obey My voice."
8 ‘Yet they did not obey or incline
their ear, but everyone followed the
dictates of his evil heart; therefore I will
bring upon them all the words of this
covenant, which I commanded them to
do, but which they have not done.’"
9 And the LORD said to me, "A
conspiracy has been found among the
men of Judah and among the inhabitants
of Jerusalem.
10 "They have turned back to the
iniquities of their forefathers who
refused to hear My words, and they have
gone after other gods to serve them; the
house of Israel and the house of Judah
have broken My covenant which I made
with their fathers."
11 Therefore thus says the LORD:
"Behold, I will surely bring calamity on
them which they will not be able to

escape; and though they cry out to Me, I
will not listen to them.
12 "Then the cities of Judah and the
inhabitants of Jerusalem will go and
cry out to the gods to whom they offer
incense, but they will not save them at
all in the time of their trouble.
13 "For according to the number of
your cities were your gods, O Judah; and
according to the number of the streets
of Jerusalem you have set up altars
to that shameful thing, altars to burn
incense to Baal.
14 "So do not pray for this people, or lift
up a cry or prayer for them; for I will not
hear them in the time that they cry out
to Me because of their trouble.
15 "What has My beloved to do in My
house, Having done lewd deeds with
many? And the holy flesh has passed
from you. When you do evil, then you
rejoice.

16 The LORD called your name, Green
Olive Tree, Lovely and of Good Fruit.
With the noise of a great tumult He has
kindled fire on it, And its branches are
broken.
17 "For the LORD of hosts, who planted
you, has pronounced doom against you
for the evil of the house of Israel and
of the house of Judah, which they have
done against themselves to provoke Me
to anger in offering incense to Baal."
18 Now the LORD gave me knowledge
of it, and I know it; for You showed me
their doings.
19 But I was like a docile lamb brought
to the slaughter; and I did not know that
they had devised schemes against me,
saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its
fruit, and let us cut him off from the
land of the living, that his name may be
remembered no more."

20 But, O LORD of hosts, You who judge
righteously, Testing the mind and the
heart, Let me see Your vengeance on
them, For to You I have revealed my
cause.
21 "Therefore thus says the LORD
concerning the men of Anathoth who
seek your life, saying, ‘Do not prophesy
in the name of the LORD, lest you die by
our hand’ —
22 "therefore thus says the LORD of
hosts: ‘Behold, I will punish them. The
young men shall die by the sword, their
sons and their daughters shall die by
famine;
23 ‘and there shall be no remnant of
them, for I will bring catastrophe on the
men of Anathoth, even the year of their
punishment.’"

12 1 Righteous are You, O LORD,
when I plead with You; Yet let me
talk with You about Your judgments. Why

does the way of the wicked prosper?
Why are those happy who deal so
treacherously?
2 You have planted them, yes, they have
taken root; They grow, yes, they bear
fruit. You are near in their mouth But far
from their mind.
3 But You, O LORD, know me; You have
seen me, And You have tested my heart
toward You. Pull them out like sheep for
the slaughter, And prepare them for the
day of slaughter.
4 How long will the land mourn, And
the herbs of every field wither? The
beasts and birds are consumed, For the
wickedness of those who dwell there,
Because they said, "He will not see our
final end."
5 "If you have run with the footmen,
and they have wearied you, Then how
can you contend with horses? And if in
the land of peace, In which you trusted,

they wearied you, Then how will you do
in the floodplain of the Jordan?
6 For even your brothers, the house
of your father, Even they have dealt
treacherously with you; Yes, they have
called a multitude after you. Do not
believe them, Even though they speak
smooth words to you.
7 "I have forsaken My house, I have left
My heritage; I have given the dearly
beloved of My soul into the hand of her
enemies.
8 My heritage is to Me like a lion in the
forest; It cries out against Me; Therefore
I have hated it.
9 My heritage is to Me like a speckled
vulture; The vultures all around are
against her. Come, assemble all the
beasts of the field, Bring them to devour!
10 "Many rulers have destroyed My
vineyard, They have trodden My portion

underfoot; They have made My pleasant
portion a desolate wilderness.
11 They have made it desolate;
Desolate, it mourns to Me; The whole
land is made desolate, Because no one
takes it to heart.
12 The plunderers have come On all the
desolate heights in the wilderness, For
the sword of the LORD shall devour From
one end of the land to the other end of
the land; No flesh shall have peace.
13 They have sown wheat but reaped
thorns; They have put themselves to
pain but do not profit. But be ashamed
of your harvest Because of the fierce
anger of the LORD."
14 Thus says the LORD: "Against all My
evil neighbors who touch the inheritance
which I have caused My people Israel to
inherit—behold, I will pluck them out
of their land and pluck out the house of
Judah from among them.

15 "Then it shall be, after I have plucked
them out, that I will return and have
compassion on them and bring them
back, everyone to his heritage and
everyone to his land.
16 "And it shall be, if they will learn
carefully the ways of My people, to
swear by My name, 'As the LORD lives,'
as they taught My people to swear by
Baal, then they shall be established in
the midst of My people.
17 "But if they do not obey, I will utterly
pluck up and destroy that nation," says
the LORD.

13

1 Thus the LORD said to me: "Go
and get yourself a linen sash, and
put it around your waist, but do not put
it in water."
2 So I got a sash according to the word
of the LORD, and put it around my waist.
3 And the word of the LORD came to me
the second time, saying,

4 "Take the sash that you acquired, which is around your waist, and arise, go to the Euphrates, and hide it there in a hole in the rock."
5 So I went and hid it by the Euphrates, as the LORD commanded me.
6 Now it came to pass after many days that the LORD said to me, "Arise, go to the Euphrates, and take from there the sash which I commanded you to hide there."
7 Then I went to the Euphrates and dug, and I took the sash from the place where I had hidden it; and there was the sash, ruined. It was profitable for nothing.
8 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
9 "Thus says the LORD: 'In this manner I will ruin the pride of Judah and the great pride of Jerusalem.
10 'This evil people, who refuse to hear My words, who follow the dictates of

their hearts, and walk after other gods
to serve them and worship them, shall
be just like this sash which is profitable
for nothing.
11 ‘For as the sash clings to the waist of
a man, so I have caused the whole house
of Israel and the whole house of Judah
to cling to Me,’ says the LORD, ‘that they
may become My people, for renown, for
praise, and for glory; but they would not
hear.’
12 "Therefore you shall speak to them
this word: ‘Thus says the LORD God of
Israel: "Every bottle shall be filled with
wine."’ And they will say to you, ‘Do we
not certainly know that every bottle will
be filled with wine?’
13 "Then you shall say to them, ‘Thus
says the LORD: "Behold, I will fill all the
inhabitants of this land—even the kings
who sit on David’s throne, the priests,

the prophets, and all the inhabitants of
Jerusalem—with drunkenness!
14 "And I will dash them one against
another, even the fathers and the sons
together," says the LORD. "I will not
pity nor spare nor have mercy, but will
destroy them."'"
15 Hear and give ear: Do not be proud,
For the LORD has spoken.
16 Give glory to the LORD your God
Before He causes darkness, And
before your feet stumble On the dark
mountains, And while you are looking
for light, He turns it into the shadow of
death And makes it dense darkness.
17 But if you will not hear it, My soul
will weep in secret for your pride; My
eyes will weep bitterly And run down
with tears, Because the LORD'S flock has
been taken captive.
18 Say to the king and to the queen
mother, "Humble yourselves; Sit down,

For your rule shall collapse, the crown of
your glory."
19 The cities of the South shall be shut
up, And no one shall open them; Judah
shall be carried away captive, all of it; It
shall be wholly carried away captive.
20 Lift up your eyes and see Those who
come from the north. Where is the flock
that was given to you, Your beautiful
sheep?
21 What will you say when He punishes
you? For you have taught them To be
chieftains, to be head over you. Will not
pangs seize you, Like a woman in labor?
22 And if you say in your heart, "Why
have these things come upon me?" For
the greatness of your iniquity Your skirts
have been uncovered, Your heels made
bare.
23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin or
the leopard its spots? Then may you also
do good who are accustomed to do evil.

24 "Therefore I will scatter them like
stubble That passes away by the wind of
the wilderness.
25 This is your lot, The portion of your
measures from Me," says the LORD,
"Because you have forgotten Me And
trusted in falsehood.
26 Therefore I will uncover your skirts
over your face, That your shame may
appear.
27 I have seen your adulteries And your
lustful neighings, The lewdness of your
harlotry, Your abominations on the hills
in the fields. Woe to you, O Jerusalem!
Will you still not be made clean?"

14 1 The word of the LORD that
came to Jeremiah concerning the
droughts.
2 "Judah mourns, And her gates
languish; They mourn for the land, And
the cry of Jerusalem has gone up.

3 Their nobles have sent their lads for
water; They went to the cisterns and
found no water. They returned with their
vessels empty; They were ashamed and
confounded And covered their heads.
4 Because the ground is parched, For
there was no rain in the land, The
plowmen were ashamed; They covered
their heads.
5 Yes, the deer also gave birth in the
field, But left because there was no
grass.
6 And the wild donkeys stood in the
desolate heights; They sniffed at the
wind like jackals; Their eyes failed
because there was no grass."
7 O LORD, though our iniquities testify
against us, Do it for Your name’s sake;
For our backslidings are many, We have
sinned against You.
8 O the Hope of Israel, his Savior in time
of trouble, Why should You be like a

stranger in the land, And like a traveler
who turns aside to tarry for a night?
9 Why should You be like a man
astonished, Like a mighty one who
cannot save? Yet You, O LORD, are in our
midst, And we are called by Your name;
Do not leave us!
10 Thus says the LORD to this people:
"Thus they have loved to wander; They
have not restrained their feet. Therefore
the LORD does not accept them; He
will remember their iniquity now, And
punish their sins."
11 Then the LORD said to me, "Do not
pray for this people, for their good.
12 "When they fast, I will not hear their
cry; and when they offer burnt offering
and grain offering, I will not accept them.
But I will consume them by the sword,
by the famine, and by the pestilence."
13 Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold,
the prophets say to them, ‘You shall

not see the sword, nor shall you have
famine, but I will give you assured peace
in this place.'"
14 And the LORD said to me, "The
prophets prophesy lies in My name. I
have not sent them, commanded them,
nor spoken to them; they prophesy to
you a false vision, divination, a worthless
thing, and the deceit of their heart.
15 "Therefore thus says the LORD
concerning the prophets who prophesy
in My name, whom I did not send, and
who say, 'Sword and famine shall not
be in this land' —'By sword and famine
those prophets shall be consumed!
16 'And the people to whom they
prophesy shall be cast out in the streets
of Jerusalem because of the famine and
the sword; they will have no one to bury
them—them nor their wives, their sons
nor their daughters—for I will pour their
wickedness on them.'

17 "Therefore you shall say this word to
them: ‘Let my eyes flow with tears night
and day, And let them not cease; For the
virgin daughter of my people Has been
broken with a mighty stroke, with a very
severe blow.
18 If I go out to the field, Then behold,
those slain with the sword! And if I enter
the city, Then behold, those sick from
famine! Yes, both prophet and priest go
about in a land they do not know.’"
19 Have You utterly rejected Judah? Has
Your soul loathed Zion? Why have You
stricken us so that there is no healing for
us? We looked for peace, but there was
no good; And for the time of healing,
and there was trouble.
20 We acknowledge, O LORD, our
wickedness And the iniquity of our
fathers, For we have sinned against You.
21 Do not abhor us, for Your name’s
sake; Do not disgrace the throne of Your

glory. Remember, do not break Your
covenant with us.
22 Are there any among the idols of the
nations that can cause rain? Or can the
heavens give showers? Are You not He,
O LORD our God? Therefore we will wait
for You, Since You have made all these.

15 1 Then the LORD said to me, "Even
if Moses and Samuel stood before
Me, My mind would not be favorable
toward this people. Cast them out of My
sight, and let them go forth.
2 "And it shall be, if they say to you,
'Where should we go?' then you shall
tell them, 'Thus says the LORD: "Such as
are for death, to death; And such as are
for the sword, to the sword; And such
as are for the famine, to the famine;
And such as are for the captivity, to the
captivity."'
3 "And I will appoint over them four
forms of destruction," says the LORD:

"the sword to slay, the dogs to drag, the
birds of the heavens and the beasts of
the earth to devour and destroy.
4 "I will hand them over to trouble, to
all kingdoms of the earth, because of
Manasseh the son of Hezekiah, king of
Judah, for what he did in Jerusalem.
5 "For who will have pity on you, O
Jerusalem? Or who will bemoan you? Or
who will turn aside to ask how you are
doing?
6 You have forsaken Me," says the LORD,
"You have gone backward. Therefore I
will stretch out My hand against you and
destroy you; I am weary of relenting!
7 And I will winnow them with a
winnowing fan in the gates of the land;
I will bereave them of children; I will
destroy My people, Since they do not
return from their ways.
8 Their widows will be increased to
Me more than the sand of the seas;

I will bring against them, Against the
mother of the young men, A plunderer
at noonday; I will cause anguish and
terror to fall on them suddenly.
9 "She languishes who has borne seven;
She has breathed her last; Her sun has
gone down While it was yet day; She
has been ashamed and confounded. And
the remnant of them I will deliver to the
sword Before their enemies," says the
LORD.
10 Woe is me, my mother, That you
have borne me, A man of strife and a
man of contention to the whole earth! I
have neither lent for interest, Nor have
men lent to me for interest. Every one of
them curses me.
11 The LORD said: "Surely it will be well
with your remnant; Surely I will cause
the enemy to intercede with you In the
time of adversity and in the time of
affliction.

12 Can anyone break iron, The northern
iron and the bronze?
13 Your wealth and your treasures I will
give as plunder without price, Because of
all your sins, Throughout your territories.
14 And I will make you cross over with
your enemies Into a land which you do
not know; For a fire is kindled in My
anger, Which shall burn upon you."
15 O LORD, You know; Remember me
and visit me, And take vengeance for
me on my persecutors. In Your enduring
patience, do not take me away. Know
that for Your sake I have suffered rebuke.
16 Your words were found, and I ate
them, And Your word was to me the joy
and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called
by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.
17 I did not sit in the assembly of the
mockers, Nor did I rejoice; I sat alone
because of Your hand, For You have filled
me with indignation.

18 Why is my pain perpetual And my
wound incurable, Which refuses to be
healed? Will You surely be to me like an
unreliable stream, As waters that fail?
19 Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you
return, Then I will bring you back; You
shall stand before Me; If you take out
the precious from the vile, You shall be
as My mouth. Let them return to you,
But you must not return to them.
20 And I will make you to this people a
fortified bronze wall; And they will fight
against you, But they shall not prevail
against you; For I am with you to save
you And deliver you," says the LORD.
21 "I will deliver you from the hand of
the wicked, And I will redeem you from
the grip of the terrible."

16 1 The word of the LORD also came
to me, saying,

2 "You shall not take a wife, nor shall
you have sons or daughters in this
place."
3 For thus says the LORD concerning
the sons and daughters who are born in
this place, and concerning their mothers
who bore them and their fathers who
begot them in this land:
4 "They shall die gruesome deaths; they
shall not be lamented nor shall they
be buried, but they shall be like refuse
on the face of the earth. They shall be
consumed by the sword and by famine,
and their corpses shall be meat for the
birds of heaven and for the beasts of the
earth."
5 For thus says the LORD: "Do not enter
the house of mourning, nor go to lament
or bemoan them; for I have taken away
My peace from this people," says the
LORD, "lovingkindness and mercies.

6 "Both the great and the small shall die
in this land. They shall not be buried;
neither shall men lament for them, cut
themselves, nor make themselves bald
for them.
7 "Nor shall men break bread in
mourning for them, to comfort them
for the dead; nor shall men give them
the cup of consolation to drink for their
father or their mother.
8 "Also you shall not go into the house
of feasting to sit with them, to eat and
drink."
9 For thus says the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel: "Behold, I will cause to
cease from this place, before your eyes
and in your days, the voice of mirth and
the voice of gladness, the voice of the
bridegroom and the voice of the bride.
10 "And it shall be, when you show this
people all these words, and they say to
you, 'Why has the LORD pronounced all

this great disaster against us? Or what is
our iniquity? Or what is our sin that we
have committed against the LORD our
God?'
11 "then you shall say to them, 'Because
your fathers have forsaken Me,' says
the LORD; 'they have walked after
other gods and have served them and
worshiped them, and have forsaken Me
and not kept My law.
12 'And you have done worse than your
fathers, for behold, each one follows the
dictates of his own evil heart, so that no
one listens to Me.
13 'Therefore I will cast you out of this
land into a land that you do not know,
neither you nor your fathers; and there
you shall serve other gods day and night,
where I will not show you favor.'
14 "Therefore behold, the days are
coming," says the LORD, "that it shall
no more be said, 'The LORD lives who

brought up the children of Israel from
the land of Egypt,’
15 "but, ‘The LORD lives who brought
up the children of Israel from the land of
the north and from all the lands where
He had driven them.’ For I will bring
them back into their land which I gave to
their fathers.
16 "Behold, I will send for many
fishermen," says the LORD, "and they
shall fish them; and afterward I will send
for many hunters, and they shall hunt
them from every mountain and every
hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.
17 "For My eyes are on all their ways;
they are not hidden from My face, nor is
their iniquity hidden from My eyes.
18 "And first I will repay double for their
iniquity and their sin, because they have
defiled My land; they have filled My
inheritance with the carcasses of their
detestable and abominable idols."

19 O LORD, my strength and my fortress,
My refuge in the day of affliction, The
Gentiles shall come to You From the ends
of the earth and say, "Surely our fathers
have inherited lies, Worthlessness and
unprofitable things."
20 Will a man make gods for himself,
Which are not gods?
21 "Therefore behold, I will this once
cause them to know, I will cause them to
know My hand and My might; And they
shall know that My name is the LORD.

17 1 "The sin of Judah is written with
a pen of iron; With the point of
a diamond it is engraved On the tablet
of their heart, And on the horns of your
altars,
2 While their children remember Their
altars and their wooden images By the
green trees on the high hills.
3 O My mountain in the field, I will
give as plunder your wealth, all your

treasures, And your high places of sin
within all your borders.
4 And you, even yourself, Shall let go
of your heritage which I gave you; And I
will cause you to serve your enemies In
the land which you do not know; For you
have kindled a fire in My anger which
shall burn forever."
5 Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the
man who trusts in man And makes flesh
his strength, Whose heart departs from
the LORD.
6 For he shall be like a shrub in the
desert, And shall not see when good
comes, But shall inhabit the parched
places in the wilderness, In a salt land
which is not inhabited.
7 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the
LORD, And whose hope is the LORD.
8 For he shall be like a tree planted by
the waters, Which spreads out its roots
by the river, And will not fear when heat

comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.
9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?
10 I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.
11 "As a partridge that broods but does not hatch, So is he who gets riches, but not by right; It will leave him in the midst of his days, And at his end he will be a fool."
12 A glorious high throne from the beginning Is the place of our sanctuary.
13 O LORD, the hope of Israel, All who forsake You shall be ashamed. "Those who depart from Me Shall be written in the earth, Because they have forsaken the LORD, The fountain of living waters."

14 Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be
healed; Save me, and I shall be saved,
For You are my praise.
15 Indeed they say to me, "Where is the
word of the LORD? Let it come now!"
16 As for me, I have not hurried away
from being a shepherd who follows You,
Nor have I desired the woeful day; You
know what came out of my lips; It was
right there before You.
17 Do not be a terror to me; You are my
hope in the day of doom.
18 Let them be ashamed who persecute
me, But do not let me be put to shame;
Let them be dismayed, But do not let me
be dismayed. Bring on them the day of
doom, And destroy them with double
destruction!
19 Thus the LORD said to me: "Go and
stand in the gate of the children of the
people, by which the kings of Judah

come in and by which they go out, and
in all the gates of Jerusalem;
20 "and say to them, ‘Hear the word
of the LORD, you kings of Judah, and
all Judah, and all the inhabitants of
Jerusalem, who enter by these gates.
21 ‘Thus says the LORD: "Take heed to
yourselves, and bear no burden on the
Sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates
of Jerusalem;
22 "nor carry a burden out of your
houses on the Sabbath day, nor do any
work, but hallow the Sabbath day, as I
commanded your fathers.
23 "But they did not obey nor incline
their ear, but made their neck stiff,
that they might not hear nor receive
instruction.
24 "And it shall be, if you heed Me
carefully," says the LORD, "to bring no
burden through the gates of this city on

the Sabbath day, but hallow the Sabbath
day, to do no work in it,
25 "then shall enter the gates of this city
kings and princes sitting on the throne of
David, riding in chariots and on horses,
they and their princes, accompanied by
the men of Judah and the inhabitants
of Jerusalem; and this city shall remain
forever.
26 "And they shall come from the
cities of Judah and from the places
around Jerusalem, from the land of
Benjamin and from the lowland, from
the mountains and from the South,
bringing burnt offerings and sacrifices,
grain offerings and incense, bringing
sacrifices of praise to the house of the
LORD.
27 "But if you will not heed Me to hallow
the Sabbath day, such as not carrying
a burden when entering the gates of
Jerusalem on the Sabbath day, then I

will kindle a fire in its gates, and it shall
devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it
shall not be quenched."’"

18 1 The word which came to
Jeremiah from the LORD, saying:
2 "Arise and go down to the potter’s
house, and there I will cause you to hear
My words."
3 Then I went down to the potter’s
house, and there he was, making
something at the wheel.
4 And the vessel that he made of clay
was marred in the hand of the potter; so
he made it again into another vessel, as
it seemed good to the potter to make.
5 Then the word of the LORD came to
me, saying:
6 "O house of Israel, can I not do with
you as this potter?" says the LORD.
"Look, as the clay is in the potter’s hand,
so are you in My hand, O house of Israel!

7 "The instant I speak concerning a
nation and concerning a kingdom, to
pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it,
8 "if that nation against whom I have
spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of
the disaster that I thought to bring upon
it.
9 "And the instant I speak concerning
a nation and concerning a kingdom, to
build and to plant it,
10 "if it does evil in My sight so that
it does not obey My voice, then I will
relent concerning the good with which I
said I would benefit it.
11 "Now therefore, speak to the men
of Judah and to the inhabitants of
Jerusalem, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD:
"Behold, I am fashioning a disaster and
devising a plan against you. Return now
every one from his evil way, and make
your ways and your doings good."’"

12 And they said, "That is hopeless! So
we will walk according to our own plans,
and we will every one obey the dictates
of his evil heart."
13 Therefore thus says the LORD: "Ask
now among the Gentiles, Who has heard
such things? The virgin of Israel has done
a very horrible thing.
14 Will a man leave the snow water of
Lebanon, Which comes from the rock of
the field? Will the cold flowing waters be
forsaken for strange waters?
15 "Because My people have forgotten
Me, They have burned incense to
worthless idols. And they have caused
themselves to stumble in their ways,
From the ancient paths, To walk in
pathways and not on a highway,
16 To make their land desolate and a
perpetual hissing; Everyone who passes
by it will be astonished And shake his
head.

17 I will scatter them as with an east
wind before the enemy; I will show them
the back and not the face In the day of
their calamity."

18 Then they said, "Come and let us
devise plans against Jeremiah; for the
law shall not perish from the priest, nor
counsel from the wise, nor the word
from the prophet. Come and let us attack
him with the tongue, and let us not give
heed to any of his words."

19 Give heed to me, O LORD, And listen
to the voice of those who contend with
me!

20 Shall evil be repaid for good? For they
have dug a pit for my life. Remember
that I stood before You To speak good
for them, To turn away Your wrath from
them.

21 Therefore deliver up their children to
the famine, And pour out their blood By
the force of the sword; Let their wives

become widows And bereaved of their children. Let their men be put to death, Their young men be slain By the sword in battle.
22 Let a cry be heard from their houses, When You bring a troop suddenly upon them; For they have dug a pit to take me, And hidden snares for my feet.
23 Yet, LORD, You know all their counsel Which is against me, to slay me. Provide no atonement for their iniquity, Nor blot out their sin from Your sight; But let them be overthrown before You. Deal thus with them In the time of Your anger.

19 1 Thus says the LORD: "Go and get a potter's earthen flask, and take some of the elders of the people and some of the elders of the priests.
2 "And go out to the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, which is by the entry of the Potsherd Gate; and proclaim there the words that I will tell you,

3 "and say, ‘Hear the word of the LORD,
O kings of Judah and inhabitants of
Jerusalem. Thus says the LORD of hosts,
the God of Israel: "Behold, I will bring
such a catastrophe on this place, that
whoever hears of it, his ears will tingle.
4 "Because they have forsaken Me and
made this an alien place, because they
have burned incense in it to other gods
whom neither they, their fathers, nor
the kings of Judah have known, and have
filled this place with the blood of the
innocents
5 "(they have also built the high places
of Baal, to burn their sons with fire for
burnt offerings to Baal, which I did not
command or speak, nor did it come into
My mind),
6 "therefore behold, the days are
coming," says the LORD, "that this place
shall no more be called Tophet or the

Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but the
Valley of Slaughter.
7 "And I will make void the counsel of
Judah and Jerusalem in this place, and
I will cause them to fall by the sword
before their enemies and by the hands
of those who seek their lives; their
corpses I will give as meat for the birds
of the heaven and for the beasts of the
earth.
8 "I will make this city desolate and a
hissing; everyone who passes by it will
be astonished and hiss because of all its
plagues.
9 "And I will cause them to eat the
flesh of their sons and the flesh of their
daughters, and everyone shall eat the
flesh of his friend in the siege and in the
desperation with which their enemies
and those who seek their lives shall drive
them to despair."'

10 "Then you shall break the flask in the
sight of the men who go with you,
11 "and say to them, ‘Thus says the
LORD of hosts: "Even so I will break this
people and this city, as one breaks a
potter’s vessel, which cannot be made
whole again; and they shall bury them in
Tophet till there is no place to bury.
12 "Thus I will do to this place," says the
LORD, "and to its inhabitants, and make
this city like Tophet.
13 "And the houses of Jerusalem and
the houses of the kings of Judah shall be
defiled like the place of Tophet, because
of all the houses on whose roofs they
have burned incense to all the host of
heaven, and poured out drink offerings
to other gods."’"
14 Then Jeremiah came from Tophet,
where the LORD had sent him to
prophesy; and he stood in the court

of the Lord's house and said to all the
people,
15 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel: 'Behold, I will bring on
this city and on all her towns all the
doom that I have pronounced against it,
because they have stiffened their necks
that they might not hear My words.'"

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1 Now Pashhur the son of Immer,
the priest who was also chief
governor in the house of the LORD,
heard that Jeremiah prophesied these
things.
2 Then Pashhur struck Jeremiah the
prophet, and put him in the stocks that
were in the high gate of Benjamin, which
was by the house of the LORD.
3 And it happened on the next day that
Pashhur brought Jeremiah out of the
stocks. Then Jeremiah said to him, "The
LORD has not called your name Pashhur,
but Magor–Missabib.

4 "For thus says the LORD: ‘Behold, I will
make you a terror to yourself and to all
your friends; and they shall fall by the
sword of their enemies, and your eyes
shall see it. I will give all Judah into the
hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall
carry them captive to Babylon and slay
them with the sword.
5 ‘Moreover I will deliver all the wealth
of this city, all its produce, and all its
precious things; all the treasures of the
kings of Judah I will give into the hand of
their enemies, who will plunder them,
seize them, and carry them to Babylon.
6 ‘And you, Pashhur, and all who dwell
in your house, shall go into captivity. You
shall go to Babylon, and there you shall
die, and be buried there, you and all your
friends, to whom you have prophesied
lies.’"
7 O LORD, You induced me, and I was
persuaded; You are stronger than I, and

have prevailed. I am in derision daily;
Everyone mocks me.
8 For when I spoke, I cried out; I
shouted, "Violence and plunder!"
Because the word of the LORD was made
to me A reproach and a derision daily.
9 Then I said, "I will not make mention
of Him, Nor speak anymore in His name."
But His word was in my heart like a
burning fire Shut up in my bones; I was
weary of holding it back, And I could not.
10 For I heard many mocking: "Fear on
every side!" "Report," they say, "and
we will report it!" All my acquaintances
watched for my stumbling, saying,
"Perhaps he can be induced; Then we
will prevail against him, And we will take
our revenge on him."
11 But the LORD is with me as a
mighty, awesome One. Therefore my
persecutors will stumble, and will not
prevail. They will be greatly ashamed, for

they will not prosper. Their everlasting
confusion will never be forgotten.
12 But, O LORD of hosts, You who test
the righteous, And see the mind and
heart, Let me see Your vengeance on
them; For I have pleaded my cause
before You.
13 Sing to the LORD! Praise the LORD!
For He has delivered the life of the poor
From the hand of evildoers.
14 Cursed be the day in which I was
born! Let the day not be blessed in which
my mother bore me!
15 Let the man be cursed Who brought
news to my father, saying, "A male child
has been born to you!" Making him very
glad.
16 And let that man be like the cities
Which the LORD overthrew, and did
not relent; Let him hear the cry in the
morning And the shouting at noon,

17 Because he did not kill me from the
womb, That my mother might have
been my grave, And her womb always
enlarged with me.
18 Why did I come forth from the womb
to see labor and sorrow, That my days
should be consumed with shame?
21 1 The word which came to
Jeremiah from the LORD when
King Zedekiah sent to him Pashhur the
son of Melchiah, and Zephaniah the son
of Maaseiah, the priest, saying,
2 "Please inquire of the LORD for us,
for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon
makes war against us. Perhaps the LORD
will deal with us according to all His
wonderful works, that the king may go
away from us."
3 Then Jeremiah said to them, "Thus
you shall say to Zedekiah,
4 'Thus says the LORD God of Israel:
"Behold, I will turn back the weapons of

war that are in your hands, with which
you fight against the king of Babylon and
the Chaldeans who besiege you outside
the walls; and I will assemble them in
the midst of this city.
5 "I Myself will fight against you with
an outstretched hand and with a strong
arm, even in anger and fury and great
wrath.
6 "I will strike the inhabitants of this
city, both man and beast; they shall die
of a great pestilence.
7 "And afterward," says the LORD, "I
will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, his
servants and the people, and such as are
left in this city from the pestilence and
the sword and the famine, into the hand
of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, into
the hand of their enemies, and into the
hand of those who seek their life; and
he shall strike them with the edge of the

sword. He shall not spare them, or have
pity or mercy."'
8 "Now you shall say to this people,
'Thus says the LORD: "Behold, I set
before you the way of life and the way of
death.
9 "He who remains in this city shall
die by the sword, by famine, and by
pestilence; but he who goes out and
defects to the Chaldeans who besiege
you, he shall live, and his life shall be as
a prize to him.
10 "For I have set My face against this
city for adversity and not for good," says
the LORD. "It shall be given into the hand
of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn
it with fire."'
11 "And concerning the house of the
king of Judah, say, 'Hear the word of the
LORD,
12 'O house of David! Thus says
the LORD: "Execute judgment in the

morning; And deliver him who is
plundered Out of the hand of the
oppressor, Lest My fury go forth like fire
And burn so that no one can quench it,
Because of the evil of your doings.
13 "Behold, I am against you, O
inhabitant of the valley, And rock of the
plain," says the LORD, "Who say, 'Who
shall come down against us? Or who
shall enter our dwellings?'
14 But I will punish you according to the
fruit of your doings," says the LORD; "I
will kindle a fire in its forest, And it shall
devour all things around it."'"
22 1 Thus says the LORD: "Go down
to the house of the king of Judah,
and there speak this word,
2 "and say, 'Hear the word of the LORD,
O king of Judah, you who sit on the
throne of David, you and your servants
and your people who enter these gates!

3 ‘Thus says the LORD: "Execute
judgment and righteousness, and deliver
the plundered out of the hand of the
oppressor. Do no wrong and do no
violence to the stranger, the fatherless,
or the widow, nor shed innocent blood
in this place.
4 "For if you indeed do this thing, then
shall enter the gates of this house, riding
on horses and in chariots, accompanied
by servants and people, kings who sit on
the throne of David.
5 "But if you will not hear these words,
I swear by Myself," says the LORD, "that
this house shall become a desolation."’"
6 For thus says the LORD to the house
of the king of Judah: "You are Gilead to
Me, The head of Lebanon; Yet I surely
will make you a wilderness, Cities which
are not inhabited.
7 I will prepare destroyers against you,
Everyone with his weapons; They shall

cut down your choice cedars And cast
them into the fire.
8 "And many nations will pass by
this city; and everyone will say to his
neighbor, ‘Why has the LORD done so to
this great city?’
9 "Then they will answer, ‘Because they
have forsaken the covenant of the LORD
their God, and worshiped other gods
and served them.’"
10 Weep not for the dead, nor bemoan
him; Weep bitterly for him who goes
away, For he shall return no more, Nor
see his native country.
11 For thus says the LORD concerning
Shallum the son of Josiah, king of Judah,
who reigned instead of Josiah his father,
who went from this place: "He shall not
return here anymore,
12 "but he shall die in the place where
they have led him captive, and shall see
this land no more.

13 "Woe to him who builds his house
by unrighteousness And his chambers
by injustice, Who uses his neighbor’s
service without wages And gives him
nothing for his work,
14 Who says, ‘I will build myself a wide
house with spacious chambers, And cut
out windows for it, Paneling it with cedar
And painting it with vermilion.’
15 "Shall you reign because you enclose
yourself in cedar? Did not your father
eat and drink, And do justice and
righteousness? Then it was well with
him.
16 He judged the cause of the poor and
needy; Then it was well. Was not this
knowing Me?" says the LORD.
17 "Yet your eyes and your heart are
for nothing but your covetousness, For
shedding innocent blood, And practicing
oppression and violence."

18 Therefore thus says the LORD concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah: "They shall not lament for him, Saying, ‘Alas, my brother!’ or ‘Alas, my sister!’ They shall not lament for him, Saying, ‘Alas, master!’ or ‘Alas, his glory!’
19 He shall be buried with the burial of a donkey, Dragged and cast out beyond the gates of Jerusalem.
20 "Go up to Lebanon, and cry out, And lift up your voice in Bashan; Cry from Abarim, For all your lovers are destroyed.
21 I spoke to you in your prosperity, But you said, ‘I will not hear.’ This has been your manner from your youth, That you did not obey My voice.
22 The wind shall eat up all your rulers, And your lovers shall go into captivity; Surely then you will be ashamed and humiliated For all your wickedness.
23 O inhabitant of Lebanon, Making your nest in the cedars, How gracious

will you be when pangs come upon you,
Like the pain of a woman in labor?
24 "As I live," says the LORD, "though
Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, king of
Judah, were the signet on My right hand,
yet I would pluck you off;
25 "and I will give you into the hand of
those who seek your life, and into the
hand of those whose face you fear—the
hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon
and the hand of the Chaldeans.
26 "So I will cast you out, and your
mother who bore you, into another
country where you were not born; and
there you shall die.
27 "But to the land to which they desire
to return, there they shall not return.
28 "Is this man Coniah a despised,
broken idol—A vessel in which is no
pleasure? Why are they cast out, he and
his descendants, And cast into a land
which they do not know?

29 O earth, earth, earth, Hear the word
of the LORD!
30 Thus says the LORD: ‘Write this man
down as childless, A man who shall
not prosper in his days; For none of his
descendants shall prosper, Sitting on the
throne of David, And ruling anymore in
Judah.’"

23 1 "Woe to the shepherds who
destroy and scatter the sheep of
My pasture!" says the LORD.
2 Therefore thus says the LORD God
of Israel against the shepherds who
feed My people: "You have scattered
My flock, driven them away, and not
attended to them. Behold, I will attend
to you for the evil of your doings," says
the LORD.
3 "But I will gather the remnant of My
flock out of all countries where I have
driven them, and bring them back to

their folds; and they shall be fruitful and
increase.
4 "I will set up shepherds over them
who will feed them; and they shall fear
no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they
be lacking," says the LORD.
5 "Behold, the days are coming," says
the LORD, "That I will raise to David a
Branch of righteousness; A King shall
reign and prosper, And execute judgment
and righteousness in the earth.
6 In His days Judah will be saved, And
Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His
name by which He will be called: THE
LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.
7 "Therefore, behold, the days are
coming," says the LORD, "that they shall
no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who
brought up the children of Israel from
the land of Egypt,’
8 "but, ‘As the LORD lives who brought
up and led the descendants of the house

of Israel from the north country and
from all the countries where I had driven
them.’ And they shall dwell in their own
land."
9 My heart within me is broken Because
of the prophets; All my bones shake. I
am like a drunken man, And like a man
whom wine has overcome, Because
of the LORD, And because of His holy
words.
10 For the land is full of adulterers; For
because of a curse the land mourns. The
pleasant places of the wilderness are
dried up. Their course of life is evil, And
their might is not right.
11 "For both prophet and priest are
profane; Yes, in My house I have found
their wickedness," says the LORD.
12 "Therefore their way shall be to them
Like slippery ways; In the darkness they
shall be driven on And fall in them; For I

will bring disaster on them, The year of
their punishment," says the LORD.
13 "And I have seen folly in the prophets
of Samaria: They prophesied by Baal And
caused My people Israel to err.
14 Also I have seen a horrible thing
in the prophets of Jerusalem: They
commit adultery and walk in lies;
They also strengthen the hands of
evildoers, So that no one turns back
from his wickedness. All of them are like
Sodom to Me, And her inhabitants like
Gomorrah.
15 "Therefore thus says the LORD of
hosts concerning the prophets: ‘Behold,
I will feed them with wormwood, And
make them drink the water of gall;
For from the prophets of Jerusalem
Profaneness has gone out into all the
land.’"
16 Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do
not listen to the words of the prophets

who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; They speak a vision of their own heart, Not from the mouth of the LORD.

17 They continually say to those who despise Me, ‘The LORD has said, "You shall have peace"’; And to everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, ‘No evil shall come upon you.’"

18 For who has stood in the counsel of the LORD, And has perceived and heard His word? Who has marked His word and heard it?

19 Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD has gone forth in fury—A violent whirlwind! It will fall violently on the head of the wicked.

20 The anger of the LORD will not turn back Until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart.

In the latter days you will understand it
perfectly.
21 "I have not sent these prophets, yet
they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet
they prophesied.
22 But if they had stood in My counsel,
And had caused My people to hear My
words, Then they would have turned
them from their evil way And from the
evil of their doings.
23 "Am I a God near at hand," says the
LORD, "And not a God afar off?
24 Can anyone hide himself in secret
places, So I shall not see him?" says the
LORD; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?"
says the LORD.
25 "I have heard what the prophets
have said who prophesy lies in My
name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have
dreamed!'
26 "How long will this be in the heart of
the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed

they are prophets of the deceit of their
own heart,
27 "who try to make My people forget
My name by their dreams which
everyone tells his neighbor, as their
fathers forgot My name for Baal.
28 "The prophet who has a dream, let
him tell a dream; And he who has My
word, let him speak My word faithfully.
What is the chaff to the wheat?" says
the LORD.
29 "Is not My word like a fire?" says the
LORD, "And like a hammer that breaks
the rock in pieces?
30 "Therefore behold, I am against the
prophets," says the LORD, "who steal My
words every one from his neighbor.
31 "Behold, I am against the prophets,"
says the LORD, "who use their tongues
and say, ‘He says.’
32 "Behold, I am against those who
prophesy false dreams," says the LORD,

"and tell them, and cause My people to
err by their lies and by their recklessness.
Yet I did not send them or command
them; therefore they shall not profit this
people at all," says the LORD.
33 "So when these people or the
prophet or the priest ask you, saying,
'What is the oracle of the LORD?' you
shall then say to them, 'What oracle?' I
will even forsake you," says the LORD.
34 "And as for the prophet and the
priest and the people who say, 'The
oracle of the LORD!' I will even punish
that man and his house.
35 "Thus every one of you shall say
to his neighbor, and every one to his
brother, 'What has the LORD answered?'
and, 'What has the LORD spoken?'
36 "And the oracle of the LORD you shall
mention no more. For every man's word
will be his oracle, for you have perverted

the words of the living God, the LORD of
hosts, our God.
37 "Thus you shall say to the prophet,
'What has the LORD answered you?'
and, 'What has the LORD spoken?'
38 "But since you say, 'The oracle of the
LORD!' therefore thus says the LORD:
'Because you say this word, "The oracle
of the LORD!" and I have sent to you,
saying, "Do not say, 'The oracle of the
LORD!'"
39 'therefore behold, I, even I, will
utterly forget you and forsake you, and
the city that I gave you and your fathers,
and will cast you out of My presence.
40 'And I will bring an everlasting
reproach upon you, and a perpetual
shame, which shall not be forgotten.'"
24 1 The LORD showed me, and
there were two baskets of figs
set before the temple of the LORD, after
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had

carried away captive Jeconiah the son of
Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and the princes
of Judah with the craftsmen and smiths,
from Jerusalem, and had brought them
to Babylon.
2 One basket had very good figs, like
the figs that are first ripe; and the other
basket had very bad figs which could not
be eaten, they were so bad.
3 Then the LORD said to me, "What do
you see, Jeremiah?" And I said, "Figs, the
good figs, very good; and the bad, very
bad, which cannot be eaten, they are so
bad."
4 Again the word of the LORD came to
me, saying,
5 "Thus says the LORD, the God of
Israel: ‘Like these good figs, so will I
acknowledge those who are carried
away captive from Judah, whom I have
sent out of this place for their own good,
into the land of the Chaldeans.

6 ‘For I will set My eyes on them for
good, and I will bring them back to this
land; I will build them and not pull them
down, and I will plant them and not
pluck them up.
7 ‘Then I will give them a heart to know
Me, that I am the LORD; and they shall
be My people, and I will be their God, for
they shall return to Me with their whole
heart.
8 ‘And as the bad figs which cannot
be eaten, they are so bad’ —surely
thus says the LORD—‘so will I give up
Zedekiah the king of Judah, his princes,
the residue of Jerusalem who remain in
this land, and those who dwell in the
land of Egypt.
9 ‘I will deliver them to trouble into
all the kingdoms of the earth, for their
harm, to be a reproach and a byword, a
taunt and a curse, in all places where I
shall drive them.

10 ‘And I will send the sword, the
famine, and the pestilence among them,
till they are consumed from the land
that I gave to them and their fathers.’"

25
1 The word that came to Jeremiah
concerning all the people of
Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim
the son of Josiah, king of Judah (which
was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar
king of Babylon),
2 which Jeremiah the prophet spoke
to all the people of Judah and to all the
inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying:
3 "From the thirteenth year of Josiah
the son of Amon, king of Judah, even to
this day, this is the twenty–third year in
which the word of the LORD has come
to me; and I have spoken to you, rising
early and speaking, but you have not
listened.
4 "And the LORD has sent to you all His
servants the prophets, rising early and

sending them, but you have not listened
nor inclined your ear to hear.
5 "They said, ‘Repent now everyone of
his evil way and his evil doings, and dwell
in the land that the LORD has given to
you and your fathers forever and ever.
6 ‘Do not go after other gods to serve
them and worship them, and do not
provoke Me to anger with the works of
your hands; and I will not harm you.’
7 "Yet you have not listened to Me,"
says the LORD, "that you might provoke
Me to anger with the works of your
hands to your own hurt.
8 "Therefore thus says the LORD of
hosts: ‘Because you have not heard My
words,
9 ‘behold, I will send and take all
the families of the north,’ says the
LORD, ‘and Nebuchadnezzar the king of
Babylon, My servant, and will bring them
against this land, against its inhabitants,

and against these nations all around,
and will utterly destroy them, and make
them an astonishment, a hissing, and
perpetual desolations.
10 'Moreover I will take from them the
voice of mirth and the voice of gladness,
the voice of the bridegroom and the
voice of the bride, the sound of the
millstones and the light of the lamp.
11 'And this whole land shall be a
desolation and an astonishment, and
these nations shall serve the king of
Babylon seventy years.
12 'Then it will come to pass, when
seventy years are completed, that I will
punish the king of Babylon and that
nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for
their iniquity,' says the LORD; 'and I will
make it a perpetual desolation.
13 'So I will bring on that land all My
words which I have pronounced against
it, all that is written in this book, which

Jeremiah has prophesied concerning all
the nations.
14 ‘(For many nations and great kings
shall be served by them also; and I will
repay them according to their deeds
and according to the works of their own
hands.)’"
15 For thus says the LORD God of Israel
to me: "Take this wine cup of fury from
My hand, and cause all the nations, to
whom I send you, to drink it.
16 "And they will drink and stagger and
go mad because of the sword that I will
send among them."
17 Then I took the cup from the LORD’S
hand, and made all the nations drink, to
whom the LORD had sent me:
18 Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, its
kings and its princes, to make them a
desolation, an astonishment, a hissing,
and a curse, as it is this day;

19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, his servants,
his princes, and all his people;
20 all the mixed multitude, all the
kings of the land of Uz, all the kings
of the land of the Philistines (namely,
Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron, and the remnant
of Ashdod);
21 Edom, Moab, and the people of
Ammon;
22 all the kings of Tyre, all the kings of
Sidon, and the kings of the coastlands
which are across the sea;
23 Dedan, Tema, Buz, and all who are in
the farthest corners;
24 all the kings of Arabia and all the
kings of the mixed multitude who dwell
in the desert;
25 all the kings of Zimri, all the kings of
Elam, and all the kings of the Medes;
26 all the kings of the north, far and
near, one with another; and all the
kingdoms of the world which are on

the face of the earth. Also the king of
Sheshach shall drink after them.
27 "Therefore you shall say to them,
‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of
Israel: "Drink, be drunk, and vomit! Fall
and rise no more, because of the sword
which I will send among you."’
28 "And it shall be, if they refuse to take
the cup from your hand to drink, then
you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the
LORD of hosts: "You shall certainly drink!
29 "For behold, I begin to bring calamity
on the city which is called by My name,
and should you be utterly unpunished?
You shall not be unpunished, for I will
call for a sword on all the inhabitants of
the earth," says the LORD of hosts.’
30 "Therefore prophesy against them
all these words, and say to them: ‘The
LORD will roar from on high, And utter
His voice from His holy habitation; He
will roar mightily against His fold. He

will give a shout, as those who tread the
grapes, Against all the inhabitants of the
earth.
31 A noise will come to the ends of the
earth—For the LORD has a controversy
with the nations; He will plead His case
with all flesh. He will give those who are
wicked to the sword,' says the LORD."
32 Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Behold,
disaster shall go forth From nation to
nation, And a great whirlwind shall be
raised up From the farthest parts of the
earth.
33 "And at that day the slain of the LORD
shall be from one end of the earth even
to the other end of the earth. They shall
not be lamented, or gathered, or buried;
they shall become refuse on the ground.
34 "Wail, shepherds, and cry! Roll about
in the ashes, You leaders of the flock!
For the days of your slaughter and your

dispersions are fulfilled; You shall fall like
a precious vessel.
35 And the shepherds will have no way
to flee, Nor the leaders of the flock to
escape.
36 A voice of the cry of the shepherds,
And a wailing of the leaders to the
flock will be heard. For the LORD has
plundered their pasture,
37 And the peaceful dwellings are cut
down Because of the fierce anger of the
LORD.
38 He has left His lair like the lion;
For their land is desolate Because of
the fierceness of the Oppressor, And
because of His fierce anger."

26 1 In the beginning of the reign of
Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king
of Judah, this word came from the LORD,
saying,
2 "Thus says the LORD: 'Stand in the
court of the LORD'S house, and speak

to all the cities of Judah, which come
to worship in the LORD'S house, all the
words that I command you to speak to
them. Do not diminish a word.
3 ‘Perhaps everyone will listen and
turn from his evil way, that I may relent
concerning the calamity which I purpose
to bring on them because of the evil of
their doings.’
4 "And you shall say to them, ‘Thus says
the LORD: "If you will not listen to Me, to
walk in My law which I have set before
you,
5 "to heed the words of My servants the
prophets whom I sent to you, both rising
up early and sending them (but you have
not heeded),
6 "then I will make this house like
Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to
all the nations of the earth."’"

7 So the priests and the prophets and
all the people heard Jeremiah speaking
these words in the house of the LORD.
8 Now it happened, when Jeremiah had
made an end of speaking all that the
LORD had commanded him to speak to
all the people, that the priests and the
prophets and all the people seized him,
saying, "You will surely die!
9 "Why have you prophesied in the
name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house
shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be
desolate, without an inhabitant’?" And
all the people were gathered against
Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.
10 When the princes of Judah heard
these things, they came up from the
king’s house to the house of the LORD
and sat down in the entry of the New
Gate of the LORD’S house.
11 And the priests and the prophets
spoke to the princes and all the people,

saying, "This man deserves to die! For he
has prophesied against this city, as you
have heard with your ears."
12 Then Jeremiah spoke to all the
princes and all the people, saying: "The
LORD sent me to prophesy against this
house and against this city with all the
words that you have heard.
13 "Now therefore, amend your ways
and your doings, and obey the voice of
the LORD your God; then the LORD will
relent concerning the doom that He has
pronounced against you.
14 "As for me, here I am, in your hand;
do with me as seems good and proper to
you.
15 "But know for certain that if you
put me to death, you will surely bring
innocent blood on yourselves, on this
city, and on its inhabitants; for truly the
LORD has sent me to you to speak all
these words in your hearing."

16 So the princes and all the people said
to the priests and the prophets, "This
man does not deserve to die. For he has
spoken to us in the name of the LORD
our God."
17 Then certain of the elders of the land
rose up and spoke to all the assembly of
the people, saying:
18 "Micah of Moresheth prophesied in
the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and
spoke to all the people of Judah, saying,
‘Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Zion
shall be plowed like a field, Jerusalem
shall become heaps of ruins, And the
mountain of the temple Like the bare
hills of the forest."’
19 "Did Hezekiah king of Judah and
all Judah ever put him to death? Did
he not fear the LORD and seek the
LORD’S favor? And the LORD relented
concerning the doom which He had

pronounced against them. But we are
doing great evil against ourselves."
20 Now there was also a man who
prophesied in the name of the LORD,
Urijah the son of Shemaiah of Kirjath
Jearim, who prophesied against this city
and against this land according to all the
words of Jeremiah.
21 And when Jehoiakim the king, with
all his mighty men and all the princes,
heard his words, the king sought to put
him to death; but when Urijah heard
it, he was afraid and fled, and went to
Egypt.
22 Then Jehoiakim the king sent men to
Egypt: Elnathan the son of Achbor, and
other men who went with him to Egypt.
23 And they brought Urijah from Egypt
and brought him to Jehoiakim the king,
who killed him with the sword and cast
his dead body into the graves of the
common people.

24 Nevertheless the hand of Ahikam the
son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, so
that they should not give him into the
hand of the people to put him to death.

27

1 In the beginning of the reign of
Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king
of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah
from the LORD, saying,
2 "Thus says the LORD to me: 'Make for
yourselves bonds and yokes, and put
them on your neck,
3 'and send them to the king of Edom,
the king of Moab, the king of the
Ammonites, the king of Tyre, and
the king of Sidon, by the hand of the
messengers who come to Jerusalem to
Zedekiah king of Judah.
4 'And command them to say to their
masters, "Thus says the LORD of hosts,
the God of Israel—thus you shall say to
your masters:

5 ‘I have made the earth, the man and
the beast that are on the ground, by My
great power and by My outstretched
arm, and have given it to whom it
seemed proper to Me.
6 ‘And now I have given all these lands
into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the
king of Babylon, My servant; and the
beasts of the field I have also given him
to serve him.
7 ‘So all nations shall serve him and his
son and his son’s son, until the time of
his land comes; and then many nations
and great kings shall make him serve
them.
8 ‘And it shall be, that the nation
and kingdom which will not serve
Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon,
and which will not put its neck under the
yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation
I will punish,’ says the LORD, ‘with the

sword, the famine, and the pestilence,
until I have consumed them by his hand.
9 ‘Therefore do not listen to your
prophets, your diviners, your dreamers,
your soothsayers, or your sorcerers, who
speak to you, saying, "You shall not serve
the king of Babylon."
10 ‘For they prophesy a lie to you, to
remove you far from your land; and I will
drive you out, and you will perish.
11 ‘But the nations that bring their
necks under the yoke of the king of
Babylon and serve him, I will let them
remain in their own land,’ says the LORD,
‘and they shall till it and dwell in it.’"’"
12 I also spoke to Zedekiah king of Judah
according to all these words, saying,
"Bring your necks under the yoke of the
king of Babylon, and serve him and his
people, and live!
13 "Why will you die, you and your
people, by the sword, by the famine,

and by the pestilence, as the LORD has
spoken against the nation that will not
serve the king of Babylon?
14 "Therefore do not listen to the words
of the prophets who speak to you,
saying, ‘You shall not serve the king of
Babylon,’ for they prophesy a lie to you;
15 "for I have not sent them," says the
LORD, "yet they prophesy a lie in My
name, that I may drive you out, and that
you may perish, you and the prophets
who prophesy to you."
16 Also I spoke to the priests and to
all this people, saying, "Thus says the
LORD: ‘Do not listen to the words of your
prophets who prophesy to you, saying,
"Behold, the vessels of the LORD’S house
will now shortly be brought back from
Babylon"; for they prophesy a lie to you.
17 ‘Do not listen to them; serve the king
of Babylon, and live! Why should this
city be laid waste?

18 ‘But if they are prophets, and if the
word of the LORD is with them, let them
now make intercession to the LORD of
hosts, that the vessels which are left in
the house of the LORD, in the house of
the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, do
not go to Babylon.’
19 "For thus says the LORD of hosts
concerning the pillars, concerning
the Sea, concerning the carts, and
concerning the remainder of the vessels
that remain in this city,
20 "which Nebuchadnezzar king of
Babylon did not take, when he carried
away captive Jeconiah the son of
Jehoiakim, king of Judah, from Jerusalem
to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah
and Jerusalem—
21 "yes, thus says the LORD of hosts,
the God of Israel, concerning the vessels
that remain in the house of the LORD,

and in the house of the king of Judah
and of Jerusalem:
22 ‘They shall be carried to Babylon,
and there they shall be until the day that
I visit them,’ says the LORD. ‘Then I will
bring them up and restore them to this
place.’"

28 1 And it happened in the same
year, at the beginning of the
reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the
fourth year and in the fifth month, that
Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet,
who was from Gibeon, spoke to me in
the house of the LORD in the presence of
the priests and of all the people, saying,
2 "Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel, saying: ‘I have broken the
yoke of the king of Babylon.
3 ‘Within two full years I will bring back
to this place all the vessels of the LORD’S
house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of

Babylon took away from this place and
carried to Babylon.
4 'And I will bring back to this place
Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of
Judah, with all the captives of Judah
who went to Babylon,' says the LORD,
'for I will break the yoke of the king of
Babylon.'"
5 Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to
the prophet Hananiah in the presence of
the priests and in the presence of all the
people who stood in the house of the
LORD,
6 and the prophet Jeremiah said,
"Amen! The LORD do so; the LORD
perform your words which you have
prophesied, to bring back the vessels
of the LORD'S house and all who were
carried away captive, from Babylon to
this place.

7 "Nevertheless hear now this word
that I speak in your hearing and in the
hearing of all the people:
8 "The prophets who have been before
me and before you of old prophesied
against many countries and great
kingdoms—of war and disaster and
pestilence.
9 "As for the prophet who prophesies
of peace, when the word of the prophet
comes to pass, the prophet will be
known as one whom the LORD has truly
sent."
10 Then Hananiah the prophet took the
yoke off the prophet Jeremiah’s neck
and broke it.
11 And Hananiah spoke in the presence
of all the people, saying, "Thus says the
LORD: ‘Even so I will break the yoke of
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from
the neck of all nations within the space

of two full years.’" And the prophet
Jeremiah went his way.
12 Now the word of the LORD came to
Jeremiah, after Hananiah the prophet
had broken the yoke from the neck of
the prophet Jeremiah, saying,
13 "Go and tell Hananiah, saying, ‘Thus
says the LORD: "You have broken the
yokes of wood, but you have made in
their place yokes of iron."
14 ‘For thus says the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel: "I have put a yoke of iron
on the neck of all these nations, that
they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of
Babylon; and they shall serve him. I have
given him the beasts of the field also."’"
15 Then the prophet Jeremiah said
to Hananiah the prophet, "Hear now,
Hananiah, the LORD has not sent you,
but you make this people trust in a lie.
16 "Therefore thus says the LORD:
‘Behold, I will cast you from the face

of the earth. This year you shall die,
because you have taught rebellion
against the LORD.’"
17 So Hananiah the prophet died the
same year in the seventh month.

29

1 Now these are the words of
the letter that Jeremiah the
prophet sent from Jerusalem to the
remainder of the elders who were
carried away captive—to the priests,
the prophets, and all the people whom
Nebuchadnezzar had carried away
captive from Jerusalem to Babylon.
2 (This happened after Jeconiah the
king, the queen mother, the eunuchs,
the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, the
craftsmen, and the smiths had departed
from Jerusalem.)
3 The letter was sent by the hand
of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and
Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, whom
Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon,

to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon,
saying,
4 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel, to all who were carried
away captive, whom I have caused to be
carried away from Jerusalem to Babylon:
5 Build houses and dwell in them; plant
gardens and eat their fruit.
6 Take wives and beget sons and
daughters; and take wives for your sons
and give your daughters to husbands, so
that they may bear sons and daughters–
–that you may be increased there, and
not diminished.
7 And seek the peace of the city where
I have caused you to be carried away
captive, and pray to the LORD for it; for
in its peace you will have peace.
8 For thus says the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel: Do not let your prophets
and your diviners who are in your midst

deceive you, nor listen to your dreams
which you cause to be dreamed.
9 For they prophesy falsely to you in My
name; I have not sent them, says the
LORD.
10 For thus says the LORD: After seventy
years are completed at Babylon, I will
visit you and perform My good word
toward you, and cause you to return to
this place.
11 For I know the thoughts that I think
toward you, says the LORD, thoughts
of peace and not of evil, to give you a
future and a hope.
12 Then you will call upon Me and go
and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.
13 And you will seek Me and find Me,
when you search for Me with all your
heart.
14 I will be found by you, says the LORD,
and I will bring you back from your
captivity; I will gather you from all the

nations and from all the places where I
have driven you, says the LORD, and I
will bring you to the place from which I
cause you to be carried away captive.
15 Because you have said, "The LORD
has raised up prophets for us in Babylon"
—
16 therefore thus says the LORD
concerning the king who sits on the
throne of David, concerning all the
people who dwell in this city, and
concerning your brethren who have not
gone out with you into captivity—
17 thus says the LORD of hosts: Behold, I
will send on them the sword, the famine,
and the pestilence, and will make them
like rotten figs that cannot be eaten,
they are so bad.
18 And I will pursue them with the
sword, with famine, and with pestilence;
and I will deliver them to trouble among
all the kingdoms of the earth—to be a

curse, an astonishment, a hissing, and a
reproach among all the nations where I
have driven them,
19 because they have not heeded My
words, says the LORD, which I sent to
them by My servants the prophets, rising
up early and sending them; neither
would you heed, says the LORD.
20 Therefore hear the word of the LORD,
all you of the captivity, whom I have sent
from Jerusalem to Babylon.
21 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel, concerning Ahab the son
of Kolaiah, and Zedekiah the son of
Maaseiah, who prophesy a lie to you in
My name: Behold, I will deliver them
into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of
Babylon, and he shall slay them before
your eyes.
22 And because of them a curse shall
be taken up by all the captivity of Judah
who are in Babylon, saying, "The LORD

make you like Zedekiah and Ahab, whom
the king of Babylon roasted in the fire";
23 because they have done disgraceful
things in Israel, have committed adultery
with their neighbors' wives, and have
spoken lying words in My name, which
I have not commanded them. Indeed I
know, and am a witness, says the LORD.
24 You shall also speak to Shemaiah the
Nehelamite, saying,
25 Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel, saying: You have sent
letters in your name to all the people
who are at Jerusalem, to Zephaniah the
son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the
priests, saying,
26 "The LORD has made you priest
instead of Jehoiada the priest, so that
there should be officers in the house
of the LORD over every man who is
demented and considers himself a

prophet, that you should put him in
prison and in the stocks.
27 Now therefore, why have you not
reproved Jeremiah of Anathoth who
makes himself a prophet to you?
28 For he has sent to us in Babylon,
saying, ‘This captivity is long; build
houses and dwell in them, and plant
gardens and eat their fruit.’"
29 Now Zephaniah the priest read this
letter in the hearing of Jeremiah the
prophet.
30 Then the word of the LORD came to
Jeremiah, saying:
31 Send to all those in captivity,
saying, Thus says the LORD concerning
Shemaiah the Nehelamite: Because
Shemaiah has prophesied to you, and I
have not sent him, and he has caused
you to trust in a lie—
32 therefore thus says the LORD:
Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the

Nehelamite and his family: he shall not have anyone to dwell among this people, nor shall he see the good that I will do for My people, says the LORD, because he has taught rebellion against the LORD.

30 1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
2 "Thus speaks the LORD God of Israel, saying: ‘Write in a book for yourself all the words that I have spoken to you.
3 ‘For behold, the days are coming,’ says the LORD, ‘that I will bring back from captivity My people Israel and Judah,’ says the LORD. ‘And I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.’"
4 Now these are the words that the LORD spoke concerning Israel and Judah.
5 "For thus says the LORD: ‘We have heard a voice of trembling, Of fear, and not of peace.

6 Ask now, and see, Whether a man
is ever in labor with child? So why do
I see every man with his hands on his
loins Like a woman in labor, And all faces
turned pale?
7 Alas! For that day is great, So that
none is like it; And it is the time of Jacob's
trouble, But he shall be saved out of it.
8 'For it shall come to pass in that day,'
Says the LORD of hosts, 'That I will break
his yoke from your neck, And will burst
your bonds; Foreigners shall no more
enslave them.
9 But they shall serve the LORD their
God, And David their king, Whom I will
raise up for them.
10 'Therefore do not fear, O My servant
Jacob,' says the LORD, 'Nor be dismayed,
O Israel; For behold, I will save you from
afar, And your seed from the land of
their captivity. Jacob shall return, have

rest and be quiet, And no one shall make
him afraid.
11 For I am with you,’ says the LORD, ‘to
save you; Though I make a full end of all
nations where I have scattered you, Yet
I will not make a complete end of you.
But I will correct you in justice, And will
not let you go altogether unpunished.’
12 "For thus says the LORD: ‘Your
affliction is incurable, Your wound is
severe.
13 There is no one to plead your cause,
That you may be bound up; You have no
healing medicines.
14 All your lovers have forgotten you;
They do not seek you; For I have
wounded you with the wound of an
enemy, With the chastisement of a cruel
one, For the multitude of your iniquities,
Because your sins have increased.
15 Why do you cry about your affliction?
Your sorrow is incurable. Because of the

multitude of your iniquities, Because
your sins have increased, I have done
these things to you.
16 ‘Therefore all those who devour
you shall be devoured; And all your
adversaries, every one of them, shall go
into captivity; Those who plunder you
shall become plunder, And all who prey
upon you I will make a prey.
17 For I will restore health to you And
heal you of your wounds,’ says the LORD,
‘Because they called you an outcast
saying: "This is Zion; No one seeks her."’
18 "Thus says the LORD: ‘Behold, I will
bring back the captivity of Jacob’s tents,
And have mercy on his dwelling places;
The city shall be built upon its own
mound, And the palace shall remain
according to its own plan.
19 Then out of them shall proceed
thanksgiving And the voice of those who
make merry; I will multiply them, and

they shall not diminish; I will also glorify
them, and they shall not be small.
20 Their children also shall be as
before, And their congregation shall be
established before Me; And I will punish
all who oppress them.
21 Their nobles shall be from among
them, And their governor shall come
from their midst; Then I will cause him
to draw near, And he shall approach Me;
For who is this who pledged his heart to
approach Me?' says the LORD.
22 'You shall be My people, And I will be
your God.'"
23 Behold, the whirlwind of the LORD
Goes forth with fury, A continuing
whirlwind; It will fall violently on the
head of the wicked.
24 The fierce anger of the LORD will not
return until He has done it, And until He
has performed the intents of His heart.
In the latter days you will consider it.

31 [1] "At the same time," says the
LORD, "I will be the God of all the
families of Israel, and they shall be My
people."
[2] Thus says the LORD: "The people who
survived the sword Found grace in the
wilderness—Israel, when I went to give
him rest."
[3] The LORD has appeared of old to
me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with
an everlasting love; Therefore with
lovingkindness I have drawn you.
[4] Again I will build you, and you shall be
rebuilt, O virgin of Israel! You shall again
be adorned with your tambourines, And
shall go forth in the dances of those who
rejoice.
[5] You shall yet plant vines on the
mountains of Samaria; The planters shall
plant and eat them as ordinary food.
[6] For there shall be a day When the
watchmen will cry on Mount Ephraim,

‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion, To the
LORD our God.’"
7 For thus says the LORD: "Sing with
gladness for Jacob, And shout among
the chief of the nations; Proclaim, give
praise, and say, ‘O LORD, save Your
people, The remnant of Israel!’
8 Behold, I will bring them from the
north country, And gather them from
the ends of the earth, Among them the
blind and the lame, The woman with
child And the one who labors with child,
together; A great throng shall return
there.
9 They shall come with weeping, And
with supplications I will lead them. I
will cause them to walk by the rivers of
waters, In a straight way in which they
shall not stumble; For I am a Father to
Israel, And Ephraim is My firstborn.
10 "Hear the word of the LORD, O
nations, And declare it in the isles afar

off, and say, 'He who scattered Israel will
gather him, And keep him as a shepherd
does his flock.'
11 For the LORD has redeemed Jacob,
And ransomed him from the hand of one
stronger than he.
12 Therefore they shall come and sing
in the height of Zion, Streaming to the
goodness of the LORD—For wheat and
new wine and oil, For the young of the
flock and the herd; Their souls shall be
like a well–watered garden, And they
shall sorrow no more at all.
13 "Then shall the virgin rejoice in the
dance, And the young men and the old,
together; For I will turn their mourning
to joy, Will comfort them, And make
them rejoice rather than sorrow.
14 I will satiate the soul of the priests
with abundance, And My people shall
be satisfied with My goodness, says the
LORD."

15 Thus says the LORD: "A voice was
heard in Ramah, Lamentation and
bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her
children, Refusing to be comforted for
her children, Because they are no more."
16 Thus says the LORD: "Refrain your
voice from weeping, And your eyes from
tears; For your work shall be rewarded,
says the LORD, And they shall come back
from the land of the enemy.
17 There is hope in your future, says
the LORD, That your children shall come
back to their own border.
18 "I have surely heard Ephraim
bemoaning himself: ‘You have chastised
me, and I was chastised, Like an
untrained bull; Restore me, and I will
return, For You are the LORD my God.
19 Surely, after my turning, I repented;
And after I was instructed, I struck myself
on the thigh; I was ashamed, yes, even

humiliated, Because I bore the reproach
of my youth.'
20 Is Ephraim My dear son? Is he a
pleasant child? For though I spoke
against him, I earnestly remember him
still; Therefore My heart yearns for him;
I will surely have mercy on him, says the
LORD.
21 "Set up signposts, Make landmarks;
Set your heart toward the highway, The
way in which you went. Turn back, O
virgin of Israel, Turn back to these your
cities.
22 How long will you gad about, O you
backsliding daughter? For the LORD has
created a new thing in the earth—A
woman shall encompass a man."
23 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel: "They shall again use this
speech in the land of Judah and in its
cities, when I bring back their captivity:

‘The LORD bless you, O home of justice,
and mountain of holiness!’
24 "And there shall dwell in Judah itself,
and in all its cities together, farmers and
those going out with flocks.
25 "For I have satiated the weary soul,
and I have replenished every sorrowful
soul."
26 After this I awoke and looked around,
and my sleep was sweet to me.
27 "Behold, the days are coming, says
the LORD, that I will sow the house of
Israel and the house of Judah with the
seed of man and the seed of beast.
28 "And it shall come to pass, that as I
have watched over them to pluck up, to
break down, to throw down, to destroy,
and to afflict, so I will watch over them
to build and to plant, says the LORD.
29 "In those days they shall say no more:
‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, And
the children’s teeth are set on edge.’

30 "But every one shall die for his own
iniquity; every man who eats the sour
grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge.
31 "Behold, the days are coming, says
the LORD, when I will make a new
covenant with the house of Israel and
with the house of Judah—
32 "not according to the covenant that I
made with their fathers in the day that I
took them by the hand to lead them out
of the land of Egypt, My covenant which
they broke, though I was a husband to
them, says the LORD.
33 "But this is the covenant that I will
make with the house of Israel after those
days, says the LORD: I will put My law in
their minds, and write it on their hearts;
and I will be their God, and they shall be
My people.
34 "No more shall every man teach his
neighbor, and every man his brother,
saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall

know Me, from the least of them to the
greatest of them, says the LORD. For I
will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I
will remember no more."
35 Thus says the LORD, Who gives the
sun for a light by day, The ordinances
of the moon and the stars for a light
by night, Who disturbs the sea, And its
waves roar (The LORD of hosts is His
name):
36 "If those ordinances depart From
before Me, says the LORD, Then the seed
of Israel shall also cease From being a
nation before Me forever."
37 Thus says the LORD: "If heaven above
can be measured, And the foundations
of the earth searched out beneath, I will
also cast off all the seed of Israel For all
that they have done, says the LORD.
38 "Behold, the days are coming, says
the LORD, that the city shall be built for

the LORD from the Tower of Hananel to
the Corner Gate.
39 "The surveyor's line shall again
extend straight forward over the hill
Gareb; then it shall turn toward Goath.
40 "And the whole valley of the dead
bodies and of the ashes, and all the
fields as far as the Brook Kidron, to the
corner of the Horse Gate toward the
east, shall be holy to the LORD. It shall
not be plucked up or thrown down
anymore forever."
32 1 The word that came to Jeremiah
from the LORD in the tenth year
of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the
eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar.
2 For then the king of Babylon's army
besieged Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the
prophet was shut up in the court of the
prison, which was in the king of Judah's
house.

3 For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut
him up, saying, "Why do you prophesy
and say, ‘Thus says the LORD: "Behold,
I will give this city into the hand of the
king of Babylon, and he shall take it;
4 "and Zedekiah king of Judah shall not
escape from the hand of the Chaldeans,
but shall surely be delivered into the
hand of the king of Babylon, and shall
speak with him face to face, and see him
eye to eye;
5 "then he shall lead Zedekiah to
Babylon, and there he shall be until I
visit him," says the LORD; "though you
fight with the Chaldeans, you shall not
succeed"’?"
6 And Jeremiah said, "The word of the
LORD came to me, saying,
7 ‘Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum
your uncle will come to you, saying, "Buy
my field which is in Anathoth, for the
right of redemption is yours to buy it."’

8 "Then Hanamel my uncle's son
came to me in the court of the prison
according to the word of the LORD, and
said to me, 'Please buy my field that is
in Anathoth, which is in the country of
Benjamin; for the right of inheritance is
yours, and the redemption yours; buy it
for yourself.' Then I knew that this was
the word of the LORD.
9 "So I bought the field from Hanamel,
the son of my uncle who was in
Anathoth, and weighed out to him the
money—seventeen shekels of silver.
10 "And I signed the deed and sealed it,
took witnesses, and weighed the money
on the scales.
11 "So I took the purchase deed, both
that which was sealed according to the
law and custom, and that which was
open;
12 "and I gave the purchase deed
to Baruch the son of Neriah, son of

Mahseiah, in the presence of Hanamel
my uncle's son, and in the presence of
the witnesses who signed the purchase
deed, before all the Jews who sat in the
court of the prison.
13 "Then I charged Baruch before them,
saying,
14 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel: "Take these deeds, both
this purchase deed which is sealed and
this deed which is open, and put them
in an earthen vessel, that they may last
many days."
15 'For thus says the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel: "Houses and fields and
vineyards shall be possessed again in
this land."'
16 "Now when I had delivered the
purchase deed to Baruch the son of
Neriah, I prayed to the LORD, saying:
17 'Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have
made the heavens and the earth by

Your great power and outstretched arm.
There is nothing too hard for You.
18 'You show lovingkindness to
thousands, and repay the iniquity of the
fathers into the bosom of their children
after them—the Great, the Mighty God,
whose name is the LORD of hosts.
19 'You are great in counsel and mighty
in work, for Your eyes are open to all
the ways of the sons of men, to give
everyone according to his ways and
according to the fruit of his doings.
20 'You have set signs and wonders in
the land of Egypt, to this day, and in
Israel and among other men; and You
have made Yourself a name, as it is this
day.
21 'You have brought Your people Israel
out of the land of Egypt with signs and
wonders, with a strong hand and an
outstretched arm, and with great terror;

22 ‘You have given them this land, of
which You swore to their fathers to give
them—"a land flowing with milk and
honey."
23 ‘And they came in and took
possession of it, but they have not
obeyed Your voice or walked in Your law.
They have done nothing of all that You
commanded them to do; therefore You
have caused all this calamity to come
upon them.
24 ‘Look, the siege mounds! They have
come to the city to take it; and the city
has been given into the hand of the
Chaldeans who fight against it, because
of the sword and famine and pestilence.
What You have spoken has happened;
there You see it!
25 ‘And You have said to me, O Lord
GOD, "Buy the field for money, and take
witnesses"! —yet the city has been
given into the hand of the Chaldeans.’"

26 Then the word of the LORD came to
Jeremiah, saying,
27 "Behold, I am the LORD, the God of
all flesh. Is there anything too hard for
Me?
28 "Therefore thus says the LORD:
'Behold, I will give this city into the
hand of the Chaldeans, into the hand of
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he
shall take it.
29 'And the Chaldeans who fight against
this city shall come and set fire to this
city and burn it, with the houses on
whose roofs they have offered incense
to Baal and poured out drink offerings to
other gods, to provoke Me to anger;
30 'because the children of Israel and
the children of Judah have done only
evil before Me from their youth. For the
children of Israel have provoked Me only
to anger with the work of their hands,"
says the LORD.

31 ‘For this city has been to Me a
provocation of My anger and My fury
from the day that they built it, even to
this day; so I will remove it from before
My face
32 ‘because of all the evil of the children
of Israel and the children of Judah,
which they have done to provoke Me to
anger—they, their kings, their princes,
their priests, their prophets, the men of
Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
33 ‘And they have turned to Me the
back, and not the face; though I taught
them, rising up early and teaching them,
yet they have not listened to receive
instruction.
34 ‘But they set their abominations in
the house which is called by My name,
to defile it.
35 ‘And they built the high places of
Baal which are in the Valley of the Son
of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their

daughters to pass through the fire to
Molech, which I did not command them,
nor did it come into My mind that they
should do this abomination, to cause
Judah to sin.’
36 "Now therefore, thus says the LORD,
the God of Israel, concerning this city
of which you say, ‘It shall be delivered
into the hand of the king of Babylon by
the sword, by the famine, and by the
pestilence’:
37 ‘Behold, I will gather them out of all
countries where I have driven them in
My anger, in My fury, and in great wrath;
I will bring them back to this place, and I
will cause them to dwell safely.
38 ‘They shall be My people, and I will
be their God;
39 ‘then I will give them one heart and
one way, that they may fear Me forever,
for the good of them and their children
after them.

40 'And I will make an everlasting
covenant with them, that I will not turn
away from doing them good; but I will
put My fear in their hearts so that they
will not depart from Me.
41 'Yes, I will rejoice over them to do
them good, and I will assuredly plant
them in this land, with all My heart and
with all My soul.'
42 "For thus says the LORD: 'Just as I
have brought all this great calamity on
this people, so I will bring on them all
the good that I have promised them.
43 'And fields will be bought in this land
of which you say, "It is desolate, without
man or beast; it has been given into the
hand of the Chaldeans."
44 'Men will buy fields for money,
sign deeds and seal them, and take
witnesses, in the land of Benjamin, in the
places around Jerusalem, in the cities
of Judah, in the cities of the mountains,

in the cities of the lowland, and in the
cities of the South; for I will cause their
captives to return,’ says the LORD."
33 1 Moreover the word of the LORD
came to Jeremiah a second time,
while he was still shut up in the court of
the prison, saying,
2 "Thus says the LORD who made it, the
LORD who formed it to establish it (the
LORD is His name):
3 ‘Call to Me, and I will answer you, and
show you great and mighty things, which
you do not know.’
4 "For thus says the LORD, the God of
Israel, concerning the houses of this city
and the houses of the kings of Judah,
which have been pulled down to fortify
against the siege mounds and the sword:
5 ‘They come to fight with the
Chaldeans, but only to fill their places
with the dead bodies of men whom I
will slay in My anger and My fury, all

for whose wickedness I have hidden My
face from this city.
6 'Behold, I will bring it health and
healing; I will heal them and reveal to
them the abundance of peace and truth.
7 'And I will cause the captives of Judah
and the captives of Israel to return, and
will rebuild those places as at the first.
8 'I will cleanse them from all their
iniquity by which they have sinned
against Me, and I will pardon all their
iniquities by which they have sinned and
by which they have transgressed against
Me.
9 'Then it shall be to Me a name of joy,
a praise, and an honor before all nations
of the earth, who shall hear all the good
that I do to them; they shall fear and
tremble for all the goodness and all the
prosperity that I provide for it.'
10 "Thus says the LORD: 'Again there
shall be heard in this place—of which

you say, "It is desolate, without man
and without beast" —in the cities of
Judah, in the streets of Jerusalem that
are desolate, without man and without
inhabitant and without beast,
11 'the voice of joy and the voice of
gladness, the voice of the bridegroom
and the voice of the bride, the voice of
those who will say: "Praise the LORD
of hosts, For the LORD is good, For His
mercy endures forever" —and of those
who will bring the sacrifice of praise into
the house of the LORD. For I will cause
the captives of the land to return as at
the first,' says the LORD.
12 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'In this
place which is desolate, without man
and without beast, and in all its cities,
there shall again be a dwelling place
of shepherds causing their flocks to lie
down.

13 ‘In the cities of the mountains, in
the cities of the lowland, in the cities
of the South, in the land of Benjamin,
in the places around Jerusalem, and in
the cities of Judah, the flocks shall again
pass under the hands of him who counts
them,’ says the LORD.
14 ‘Behold, the days are coming,’ says
the LORD, ‘that I will perform that good
thing which I have promised to the house
of Israel and to the house of Judah:
15 ‘In those days and at that time I will
cause to grow up to David A Branch
of righteousness; He shall execute
judgment and righteousness in the
earth.
16 In those days Judah will be saved,
And Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this
is the name by which she will be called:
THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.’

17 "For thus says the LORD: 'David shall
never lack a man to sit on the throne of
the house of Israel;
18 'nor shall the priests, the Levites, lack
a man to offer burnt offerings before
Me, to kindle grain offerings, and to
sacrifice continually.'"
19 And the word of the LORD came to
Jeremiah, saying,
20 "Thus says the LORD: 'If you can
break My covenant with the day and My
covenant with the night, so that there
will not be day and night in their season,
21 'then My covenant may also be
broken with David My servant, so that
he shall not have a son to reign on his
throne, and with the Levites, the priests,
My ministers.
22 'As the host of heaven cannot
be numbered, nor the sand of the
sea measured, so will I multiply the

descendants of David My servant and
the Levites who minister to Me.’"
23 Moreover the word of the LORD
came to Jeremiah, saying,
24 "Have you not considered what these
people have spoken, saying, ‘The two
families which the LORD has chosen, He
has also cast them off’? Thus they have
despised My people, as if they should no
more be a nation before them.
25 "Thus says the LORD: ‘If My covenant
is not with day and night, and if I have
not appointed the ordinances of heaven
and earth,
26 ‘then I will cast away the descendants
of Jacob and David My servant, so that I
will not take any of his descendants to be
rulers over the descendants of Abraham,
Isaac, and Jacob. For I will cause their
captives to return, and will have mercy
on them.’"

34 [1] The word which came to
Jeremiah from the LORD, when
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and
all his army, all the kingdoms of the
earth under his dominion, and all the
people, fought against Jerusalem and all
its cities, saying,
[2] "Thus says the LORD, the God of
Israel: ‘Go and speak to Zedekiah king of
Judah and tell him, "Thus says the LORD:
‘Behold, I will give this city into the hand
of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn
it with fire.
[3] ‘And you shall not escape from his
hand, but shall surely be taken and
delivered into his hand; your eyes shall
see the eyes of the king of Babylon, he
shall speak with you face to face, and
you shall go to Babylon.’"’
[4] "Yet hear the word of the LORD, O
Zedekiah king of Judah! Thus says the

LORD concerning you: ‘You shall not die
by the sword.
5 ‘You shall die in peace; as in the
ceremonies of your fathers, the former
kings who were before you, so they
shall burn incense for you and lament
for you, saying, "Alas, lord!" For I have
pronounced the word, says the LORD.’"
6 Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke all
these words to Zedekiah king of Judah in
Jerusalem,
7 when the king of Babylon’s army
fought against Jerusalem and all the
cities of Judah that were left, against
Lachish and Azekah; for only these
fortified cities remained of the cities of
Judah.
8 This is the word that came to Jeremiah
from the LORD, after King Zedekiah had
made a covenant with all the people
who were at Jerusalem to proclaim
liberty to them:

9 that every man should set free his
male and female slave—a Hebrew man
or woman—that no one should keep a
Jewish brother in bondage.
10 Now when all the princes and all
the people, who had entered into the
covenant, heard that everyone should
set free his male and female slaves, that
no one should keep them in bondage
anymore, they obeyed and let them go.
11 But afterward they changed their
minds and made the male and female
slaves return, whom they had set free,
and brought them into subjection as
male and female slaves.
12 Therefore the word of the LORD
came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
13 "Thus says the LORD, the God of
Israel: 'I made a covenant with your
fathers in the day that I brought them
out of the land of Egypt, out of the house
of bondage, saying,

14 "At the end of seven years let every
man set free his Hebrew brother, who
has been sold to him; and when he has
served you six years, you shall let him go
free from you." But your fathers did not
obey Me nor incline their ear.
15 ‘Then you recently turned and did
what was right in My sight—every man
proclaiming liberty to his neighbor; and
you made a covenant before Me in the
house which is called by My name.
16 ‘Then you turned around and
profaned My name, and every one of
you brought back his male and female
slaves, whom you had set at liberty, at
their pleasure, and brought them back
into subjection, to be your male and
female slaves.’
17 "Therefore thus says the LORD: ‘You
have not obeyed Me in proclaiming
liberty, every one to his brother and
every one to his neighbor. Behold,

I proclaim liberty to you,' says the
LORD—'to the sword, to pestilence,
and to famine! And I will deliver you to
trouble among all the kingdoms of the
earth.
18 'And I will give the men who have
transgressed My covenant, who have not
performed the words of the covenant
which they made before Me, when they
cut the calf in two and passed between
the parts of it—
19 'the princes of Judah, the princes of
Jerusalem, the eunuchs, the priests, and
all the people of the land who passed
between the parts of the calf—
20 'I will give them into the hand of their
enemies and into the hand of those who
seek their life. Their dead bodies shall be
for meat for the birds of the heaven and
the beasts of the earth.
21 'And I will give Zedekiah king of Judah
and his princes into the hand of their

enemies, into the hand of those who
seek their life, and into the hand of the
king of Babylon's army which has gone
back from you.
22 'Behold, I will command,' says the
LORD, 'and cause them to return to this
city. They will fight against it and take
it and burn it with fire; and I will make
the cities of Judah a desolation without
inhabitant.'"

35 1 The word which came to
Jeremiah from the LORD in the
days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king
of Judah, saying,
2 "Go to the house of the Rechabites,
speak to them, and bring them into
the house of the LORD, into one of the
chambers, and give them wine to drink."
3 Then I took Jaazaniah the son of
Jeremiah, the son of Habazziniah, his
brothers and all his sons, and the whole
house of the Rechabites,

4 and I brought them into the house of
the LORD, into the chamber of the sons
of Hanan the son of Igdaliah, a man of
God, which was by the chamber of the
princes, above the chamber of Maaseiah
the son of Shallum, the keeper of the
door.
5 Then I set before the sons of the
house of the Rechabites bowls full of
wine, and cups; and I said to them,
"Drink wine."
6 But they said, "We will drink no wine,
for Jonadab the son of Rechab, our
father, commanded us, saying, ‘You
shall drink no wine, you nor your sons,
forever.
7 ‘You shall not build a house, sow seed,
plant a vineyard, nor have any of these;
but all your days you shall dwell in tents,
that you may live many days in the land
where you are sojourners.’

8 "Thus we have obeyed the voice of
Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, in
all that he charged us, to drink no wine
all our days, we, our wives, our sons, or
our daughters,
9 "nor to build ourselves houses to
dwell in; nor do we have vineyard, field,
or seed.
10 "But we have dwelt in tents, and
have obeyed and done according to all
that Jonadab our father commanded us.
11 "But it came to pass, when
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came
up into the land, that we said, ‘Come,
let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the
army of the Chaldeans and for fear of
the army of the Syrians.’ So we dwell at
Jerusalem."
12 Then came the word of the LORD to
Jeremiah, saying,
13 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel: ‘Go and tell the men of

Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
"Will you not receive instruction to obey
My words?" says the LORD.
14 "The words of Jonadab the son of
Rechab, which he commanded his sons,
not to drink wine, are performed; for to
this day they drink none, and obey their
father’s commandment. But although
I have spoken to you, rising early and
speaking, you did not obey Me.
15 "I have also sent to you all My
servants the prophets, rising up early
and sending them, saying, ‘Turn now
everyone from his evil way, amend your
doings, and do not go after other gods
to serve them; then you will dwell in the
land which I have given you and your
fathers.’ But you have not inclined your
ear, nor obeyed Me.
16 "Surely the sons of Jonadab the
son of Rechab have performed the
commandment of their father, which he

commanded them, but this people has
not obeyed Me."'
17 "Therefore thus says the LORD God
of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Behold, I will
bring on Judah and on all the inhabitants
of Jerusalem all the doom that I have
pronounced against them; because I
have spoken to them but they have not
heard, and I have called to them but
they have not answered.'"
18 And Jeremiah said to the house of
the Rechabites, "Thus says the LORD
of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Because
you have obeyed the commandment
of Jonadab your father, and kept all his
precepts and done according to all that
he commanded you,
19 'therefore thus says the LORD of
hosts, the God of Israel: "Jonadab the
son of Rechab shall not lack a man to
stand before Me forever."'"

36 [1] Now it came to pass in the
fourth year of Jehoiakim the son
of Josiah, king of Judah, that this word
came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying:
[2] "Take a scroll of a book and write on it
all the words that I have spoken to you
against Israel, against Judah, and against
all the nations, from the day I spoke to
you, from the days of Josiah even to this
day.
[3] "It may be that the house of Judah will
hear all the adversities which I purpose
to bring upon them, that everyone may
turn from his evil way, that I may forgive
their iniquity and their sin."
[4] Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son
of Neriah; and Baruch wrote on a scroll
of a book, at the instruction of Jeremiah,
all the words of the LORD which He had
spoken to him.

5 And Jeremiah commanded Baruch,
saying, "I am confined, I cannot go into
the house of the LORD.
6 "You go, therefore, and read from
the scroll which you have written at my
instruction, the words of the LORD, in
the hearing of the people in the LORD'S
house on the day of fasting. And you
shall also read them in the hearing of all
Judah who come from their cities.
7 "It may be that they will present
their supplication before the LORD, and
everyone will turn from his evil way.
For great is the anger and the fury that
the LORD has pronounced against this
people."
8 And Baruch the son of Neriah did
according to all that Jeremiah the
prophet commanded him, reading from
the book the words of the LORD in the
LORD'S house.

9 Now it came to pass in the fifth year
of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of
Judah, in the ninth month, that they
proclaimed a fast before the LORD to
all the people in Jerusalem, and to all
the people who came from the cities of
Judah to Jerusalem.
10 Then Baruch read from the book the
words of Jeremiah in the house of the
LORD, in the chamber of Gemariah the
son of Shaphan the scribe, in the upper
court at the entry of the New Gate of
the LORD'S house, in the hearing of all
the people.
11 When Michaiah the son of Gemariah,
the son of Shaphan, heard all the words
of the LORD from the book,
12 he then went down to the king's
house, into the scribe's chamber; and
there all the princes were sitting—
Elishama the scribe, Delaiah the son of
Shemaiah, Elnathan the son of Achbor,

Gemariah the son of Shaphan, Zedekiah
the son of Hananiah, and all the princes.
13 Then Michaiah declared to them
all the words that he had heard when
Baruch read the book in the hearing of
the people.
14 Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi
the son of Nethaniah, the son of
Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, to Baruch,
saying, "Take in your hand the scroll
from which you have read in the hearing
of the people, and come." So Baruch the
son of Neriah took the scroll in his hand
and came to them.
15 And they said to him, "Sit down now,
and read it in our hearing." So Baruch
read it in their hearing.
16 Now it happened, when they had
heard all the words, that they looked in
fear from one to another, and said to
Baruch, "We will surely tell the king of all
these words."

17 And they asked Baruch, saying, "Tell
us now, how did you write all these
words—at his instruction?"
18 So Baruch answered them, "He
proclaimed with his mouth all these
words to me, and I wrote them with ink
in the book."
19 Then the princes said to Baruch, "Go
and hide, you and Jeremiah; and let no
one know where you are."
20 And they went to the king, into the
court; but they stored the scroll in the
chamber of Elishama the scribe, and told
all the words in the hearing of the king.
21 So the king sent Jehudi to bring the
scroll, and he took it from Elishama
the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read
it in the hearing of the king and in the
hearing of all the princes who stood
beside the king.

22 Now the king was sitting in the winter
house in the ninth month, with a fire
burning on the hearth before him.
23 And it happened, when Jehudi had
read three or four columns, that the king
cut it with the scribe's knife and cast it
into the fire that was on the hearth, until
all the scroll was consumed in the fire
that was on the hearth.
24 Yet they were not afraid, nor did they
tear their garments, the king nor any of
his servants who heard all these words.
25 Nevertheless Elnathan, Delaiah, and
Gemariah implored the king not to burn
the scroll; but he would not listen to
them.
26 And the king commanded Jerahmeel
the king's son, Seraiah the son of Azriel,
and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to
seize Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the
prophet, but the LORD hid them.

27 Now after the king had burned the
scroll with the words which Baruch had
written at the instruction of Jeremiah,
the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah,
saying:
28 "Take yet another scroll, and write on
it all the former words that were in the
first scroll which Jehoiakim the king of
Judah has burned.
29 "And you shall say to Jehoiakim king
of Judah, ‘Thus says the LORD: "You have
burned this scroll, saying, ‘Why have you
written in it that the king of Babylon will
certainly come and destroy this land,
and cause man and beast to cease from
here?’"
30 ‘Therefore thus says the LORD
concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah: "He
shall have no one to sit on the throne of
David, and his dead body shall be cast
out to the heat of the day and the frost
of the night.

31 "I will punish him, his family, and
his servants for their iniquity; and I will
bring on them, on the inhabitants of
Jerusalem, and on the men of Judah
all the doom that I have pronounced
against them; but they did not heed."’"
32 Then Jeremiah took another scroll
and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the
son of Neriah, who wrote on it at the
instruction of Jeremiah all the words of
the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah
had burned in the fire. And besides,
there were added to them many similar
words.

37
1 Now King Zedekiah the son
of Josiah reigned instead of
Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon made
king in the land of Judah.
2 But neither he nor his servants nor
the people of the land gave heed to the

words of the LORD which He spoke by
the prophet Jeremiah.
3 And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal
the son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah
the son of Maaseiah, the priest, to the
prophet Jeremiah, saying, "Pray now to
the LORD our God for us."
4 Now Jeremiah was coming and going
among the people, for they had not yet
put him in prison.
5 Then Pharaoh's army came up from
Egypt; and when the Chaldeans who
were besieging Jerusalem heard news of
them, they departed from Jerusalem.
6 Then the word of the LORD came to
the prophet Jeremiah, saying,
7 "Thus says the LORD, the God of
Israel, 'Thus you shall say to the king of
Judah, who sent you to Me to inquire of
Me: "Behold, Pharaoh's army which has
come up to help you will return to Egypt,
to their own land.

8 "And the Chaldeans shall come back
and fight against this city, and take it and
burn it with fire."'
9 "Thus says the LORD: 'Do not deceive
yourselves, saying, "The Chaldeans will
surely depart from us," for they will not
depart.
10 'For though you had defeated the
whole army of the Chaldeans who fight
against you, and there remained only
wounded men among them, they would
rise up, every man in his tent, and burn
the city with fire.'"
11 And it happened, when the army of
the Chaldeans left the siege of Jerusalem
for fear of Pharaoh's army,
12 that Jeremiah went out of Jerusalem
to go into the land of Benjamin to claim
his property there among the people.
13 And when he was in the Gate of
Benjamin, a captain of the guard was
there whose name was Irijah the son of

Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and
he seized Jeremiah the prophet, saying,
"You are defecting to the Chaldeans!"
14 Then Jeremiah said, "False! I am not
defecting to the Chaldeans." But he
did not listen to him. So Irijah seized
Jeremiah and brought him to the princes.
15 Therefore the princes were angry
with Jeremiah, and they struck him
and put him in prison in the house of
Jonathan the scribe. For they had made
that the prison.
16 When Jeremiah entered the dungeon
and the cells, and Jeremiah had
remained there many days,
17 then Zedekiah the king sent and took
him out. The king asked him secretly in
his house, and said, "Is there any word
from the LORD?" And Jeremiah said,
"There is." Then he said, "You shall be
delivered into the hand of the king of
Babylon!"

18 Moreover Jeremiah said to King
Zedekiah, "What offense have I
committed against you, against your
servants, or against this people, that you
have put me in prison?
19 "Where now are your prophets who
prophesied to you, saying, ‘The king of
Babylon will not come against you or
against this land’?
20 "Therefore please hear now, O my
lord the king. Please, let my petition be
accepted before you, and do not make
me return to the house of Jonathan the
scribe, lest I die there."
21 Then Zedekiah the king commanded
that they should commit Jeremiah to the
court of the prison, and that they should
give him daily a piece of bread from the
bakers’ street, until all the bread in the
city was gone. Thus Jeremiah remained
in the court of the prison.

38 [1] Now Shephatiah the son of
Mattan, Gedaliah the son of
Pashhur, Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and
Pashhur the son of Malchiah heard the
words that Jeremiah had spoken to all
the people, saying,
[2] "Thus says the LORD: ‘He who remains
in this city shall die by the sword, by
famine, and by pestilence; but he who
goes over to the Chaldeans shall live;
his life shall be as a prize to him, and he
shall live.’
[3] "Thus says the LORD: ‘This city shall
surely be given into the hand of the king
of Babylon’s army, which shall take it.’"
[4] Therefore the princes said to the king,
"Please, let this man be put to death,
for thus he weakens the hands of the
men of war who remain in this city, and
the hands of all the people, by speaking
such words to them. For this man does

not seek the welfare of this people, but
their harm."
5 Then Zedekiah the king said, "Look,
he is in your hand. For the king can do
nothing against you."
6 So they took Jeremiah and cast him
into the dungeon of Malchiah the king’s
son, which was in the court of the prison,
and they let Jeremiah down with ropes.
And in the dungeon there was no water,
but mire. So Jeremiah sank in the mire.
7 Now Ebed–Melech the Ethiopian, one
of the eunuchs, who was in the king’s
house, heard that they had put Jeremiah
in the dungeon. When the king was
sitting at the Gate of Benjamin,
8 Ebed–Melech went out of the king’s
house and spoke to the king, saying:
9 "My lord the king, these men have
done evil in all that they have done to
Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have
cast into the dungeon, and he is likely to

die from hunger in the place where he is.
For there is no more bread in the city."
10 Then the king commanded Ebed–
Melech the Ethiopian, saying, "Take
from here thirty men with you, and
lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the
dungeon before he dies."
11 So Ebed–Melech took the men with
him and went into the house of the
king under the treasury, and took from
there old clothes and old rags, and let
them down by ropes into the dungeon
to Jeremiah.
12 Then Ebed–Melech the Ethiopian
said to Jeremiah, "Please put these old
clothes and rags under your armpits,
under the ropes." And Jeremiah did so.
13 So they pulled Jeremiah up with
ropes and lifted him out of the dungeon.
And Jeremiah remained in the court of
the prison.

14 Then Zedekiah the king sent and had
Jeremiah the prophet brought to him at
the third entrance of the house of the
LORD. And the king said to Jeremiah,
"I will ask you something. Hide nothing
from me."
15 Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "If I
declare it to you, will you not surely put
me to death? And if I give you advice,
you will not listen to me."
16 So Zedekiah the king swore secretly
to Jeremiah, saying, "As the LORD lives,
who made our very souls, I will not put
you to death, nor will I give you into the
hand of these men who seek your life."
17 Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah,
"Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts,
the God of Israel: 'If you surely surrender
to the king of Babylon's princes, then
your soul shall live; this city shall not
be burned with fire, and you and your
house shall live.

18 ‘But if you do not surrender to the
king of Babylon’s princes, then this
city shall be given into the hand of the
Chaldeans; they shall burn it with fire,
and you shall not escape from their
hand.’"
19 And Zedekiah the king said to
Jeremiah, "I am afraid of the Jews who
have defected to the Chaldeans, lest
they deliver me into their hand, and they
abuse me."
20 But Jeremiah said, "They shall not
deliver you. Please, obey the voice of the
LORD which I speak to you. So it shall be
well with you, and your soul shall live.
21 "But if you refuse to surrender, this is
the word that the LORD has shown me:
22 ‘Now behold, all the women who are
left in the king of Judah’s house shall
be surrendered to the king of Babylon’s
princes, and those women shall say:
"Your close friends have set upon you

And prevailed against you; Your feet
have sunk in the mire, And they have
turned away again."
23 ‘So they shall surrender all your
wives and children to the Chaldeans. You
shall not escape from their hand, but
shall be taken by the hand of the king of
Babylon. And you shall cause this city to
be burned with fire.’"
24 Then Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, "Let
no one know of these words, and you
shall not die.
25 "But if the princes hear that I have
talked with you, and they come to you
and say to you, ‘Declare to us now what
you have said to the king, and also what
the king said to you; do not hide it from
us, and we will not put you to death,’
26 "then you shall say to them, ‘I
presented my request before the king,
that he would not make me return to
Jonathan’s house to die there.’"

[27] Then all the princes came to
Jeremiah and asked him. And he told
them according to all these words that
the king had commanded. So they
stopped speaking with him, for the
conversation had not been heard.
[28] Now Jeremiah remained in the court
of the prison until the day that Jerusalem
was taken. And he was there when
Jerusalem was taken.

39 [1] In the ninth year of Zedekiah
king of Judah, in the tenth month,
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all
his army came against Jerusalem, and
besieged it.
[2] In the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in
the fourth month, on the ninth day of
the month, the city was penetrated.
[3] Then all the princes of the king of
Babylon came in and sat in the Middle
Gate: Nergal–Sharezer, Samgar–Nebo,
Sarsechim, Rabsaris, Nergal–Sarezer,

Rabmag, with the rest of the princes of
the king of Babylon.
4 So it was, when Zedekiah the king of
Judah and all the men of war saw them,
that they fled and went out of the city
by night, by way of the king's garden, by
the gate between the two walls. And he
went out by way of the plain.
5 But the Chaldean army pursued
them and overtook Zedekiah in the
plains of Jericho. And when they had
captured him, they brought him up to
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, to
Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he
pronounced judgment on him.
6 Then the king of Babylon killed the
sons of Zedekiah before his eyes in
Riblah; the king of Babylon also killed all
the nobles of Judah.
7 Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes,
and bound him with bronze fetters to
carry him off to Babylon.

8 And the Chaldeans burned the king’s
house and the houses of the people
with fire, and broke down the walls of
Jerusalem.
9 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of
the guard carried away captive to
Babylon the remnant of the people who
remained in the city and those who
defected to him, with the rest of the
people who remained.
10 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the
guard left in the land of Judah the poor
people, who had nothing, and gave them
vineyards and fields at the same time.
11 Now Nebuchadnezzar king of
Babylon gave charge concerning
Jeremiah to Nebuzaradan the captain of
the guard, saying,
12 "Take him and look after him, and do
him no harm; but do to him just as he
says to you."

13 So Nebuzaradan the captain of the
guard sent Nebushasban, Rabsaris,
Nergal–Sharezer, Rabmag, and all the
king of Babylon’s chief officers;
14 then they sent someone to take
Jeremiah from the court of the prison,
and committed him to Gedaliah the son
of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, that
he should take him home. So he dwelt
among the people.
15 Meanwhile the word of the LORD
had come to Jeremiah while he was shut
up in the court of the prison, saying,
16 "Go and speak to Ebed–Melech the
Ethiopian, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD
of hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold, I
will bring My words upon this city for
adversity and not for good, and they
shall be performed in that day before
you.
17 "But I will deliver you in that day,"
says the LORD, "and you shall not be

given into the hand of the men of whom
you are afraid.
18 "For I will surely deliver you, and
you shall not fall by the sword; but your
life shall be as a prize to you, because
you have put your trust in Me," says the
LORD.'"

40 1 The word that came to Jeremiah
from the LORD after Nebuzaradan
the captain of the guard had let him go
from Ramah, when he had taken him
bound in chains among all who were
carried away captive from Jerusalem and
Judah, who were carried away captive to
Babylon.
2 And the captain of the guard took
Jeremiah and said to him: "The LORD
your God has pronounced this doom on
this place.
3 "Now the LORD has brought it, and
has done just as He said. Because you
people have sinned against the LORD,

and not obeyed His voice, therefore this
thing has come upon you.
4 "And now look, I free you this day
from the chains that were on your hand.
If it seems good to you to come with me
to Babylon, come, and I will look after
you. But if it seems wrong for you to
come with me to Babylon, remain here.
See, all the land is before you; wherever
it seems good and convenient for you to
go, go there."
5 Now while Jeremiah had not yet gone
back, Nebuzaradan said, "Go back to
Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of
Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has
made governor over the cities of Judah,
and dwell with him among the people.
Or go wherever it seems convenient for
you to go." So the captain of the guard
gave him rations and a gift and let him
go.

6 Then Jeremiah went to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, to Mizpah, and dwelt with him among the people who were left in the land.

7 And when all the captains of the armies who were in the fields, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed to him men, women, children, and the poorest of the land who had not been carried away captive to Babylon,

8 then they came to Gedaliah at Mizpah—Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men.

9 And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, took an oath before them and their men, saying, "Do not be

afraid to serve the Chaldeans. Dwell in
the land and serve the king of Babylon,
and it shall be well with you.
10 "As for me, I will indeed dwell at
Mizpah and serve the Chaldeans who
come to us. But you, gather wine and
summer fruit and oil, put them in your
vessels, and dwell in your cities that you
have taken."
11 Likewise, when all the Jews who
were in Moab, among the Ammonites, in
Edom, and who were in all the countries,
heard that the king of Babylon had left
a remnant of Judah, and that he had set
over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam,
the son of Shaphan,
12 then all the Jews returned out of all
places where they had been driven, and
came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah at
Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer
fruit in abundance.

13 Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah
and all the captains of the forces that
were in the fields came to Gedaliah at
Mizpah,
14 and said to him, "Do you certainly
know that Baalis the king of the
Ammonites has sent Ishmael the son of
Nethaniah to murder you?" But Gedaliah
the son of Ahikam did not believe them.
15 Then Johanan the son of Kareah
spoke secretly to Gedaliah in Mizpah,
saying, "Let me go, please, and I will
kill Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and
no one will know it. Why should he
murder you, so that all the Jews who are
gathered to you would be scattered, and
the remnant in Judah perish?"
16 But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said
to Johanan the son of Kareah, "You shall
not do this thing, for you speak falsely
concerning Ishmael."

41 [1] Now it came to pass in the
seventh month that Ishmael the
son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama,
of the royal family and of the officers of
the king, came with ten men to Gedaliah
the son of Ahikam, at Mizpah. And there
they ate bread together in Mizpah.
[2] Then Ishmael the son of Nethaniah,
and the ten men who were with him,
arose and struck Gedaliah the son of
Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, with the
sword, and killed him whom the king of
Babylon had made governor over the
land.
[3] Ishmael also struck down all the
Jews who were with him, that is, with
Gedaliah at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans
who were found there, the men of war.
[4] And it happened, on the second day
after he had killed Gedaliah, when as yet
no one knew it,

5 that certain men came from Shechem,
from Shiloh, and from Samaria, eighty
men with their beards shaved and their
clothes torn, having cut themselves,
with offerings and incense in their hand,
to bring them to the house of the LORD.
6 Now Ishmael the son of Nethaniah
went out from Mizpah to meet them,
weeping as he went along; and it
happened as he met them that he said
to them, "Come to Gedaliah the son of
Ahikam!"
7 So it was, when they came into the
midst of the city, that Ishmael the son
of Nethaniah killed them and cast them
into the midst of a pit, he and the men
who were with him.
8 But ten men were found among them
who said to Ishmael, "Do not kill us, for
we have treasures of wheat, barley, oil,
and honey in the field." So he desisted

and did not kill them among their
brethren.
9 Now the pit into which Ishmael had
cast all the dead bodies of the men
whom he had slain, because of Gedaliah,
was the same one Asa the king had
made for fear of Baasha king of Israel.
Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it
with the slain.
10 Then Ishmael carried away captive
all the rest of the people who were in
Mizpah, the king’s daughters and all
the people who remained in Mizpah,
whom Nebuzaradan the captain of
the guard had committed to Gedaliah
the son of Ahikam. And Ishmael the
son of Nethaniah carried them away
captive and departed to go over to the
Ammonites.
11 But when Johanan the son of Kareah
and all the captains of the forces that

were with him heard of all the evil that
Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done,
12 they took all the men and went to
fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah;
and they found him by the great pool
that is in Gibeon.
13 So it was, when all the people who
were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son
of Kareah, and all the captains of the
forces who were with him, that they
were glad.
14 Then all the people whom Ishmael
had carried away captive from Mizpah
turned around and came back, and went
to Johanan the son of Kareah.
15 But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah
escaped from Johanan with eight men
and went to the Ammonites.
16 Then Johanan the son of Kareah, and
all the captains of the forces that were
with him, took from Mizpah all the rest
of the people whom he had recovered

from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah after
he had murdered Gedaliah the son of
Ahikam—the mighty men of war and
the women and the children and the
eunuchs, whom he had brought back
from Gibeon.
17 And they departed and dwelt in the
habitation of Chimham, which is near
Bethlehem, as they went on their way to
Egypt,
18 because of the Chaldeans; for they
were afraid of them, because Ishmael
the son of Nethaniah had murdered
Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the
king of Babylon had made governor in
the land.

42 1 Now all the captains of the
forces, Johanan the son of
Kareah, Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah,
and all the people, from the least to the
greatest, came near

2 and said to Jeremiah the prophet,
"Please, let our petition be acceptable
to you, and pray for us to the LORD your
God, for all this remnant (since we are
left but a few of many, as you can see),
3 "that the LORD your God may show
us the way in which we should walk and
the thing we should do."
4 Then Jeremiah the prophet said to
them, "I have heard. Indeed, I will pray
to the LORD your God according to your
words, and it shall be, that whatever the
LORD answers you, I will declare it to
you. I will keep nothing back from you."
5 So they said to Jeremiah, "Let the
LORD be a true and faithful witness
between us, if we do not do according
to everything which the LORD your God
sends us by you.
6 "Whether it is pleasing or displeasing,
we will obey the voice of the LORD our
God to whom we send you, that it may

be well with us when we obey the voice
of the LORD our God."
7 And it happened after ten days that
the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah.
8 Then he called Johanan the son of
Kareah, all the captains of the forces
which were with him, and all the people
from the least even to the greatest,
9 and said to them, "Thus says the
LORD, the God of Israel, to whom you
sent me to present your petition before
Him:
10 'If you will still remain in this land,
then I will build you and not pull you
down, and I will plant you and not pluck
you up. For I relent concerning the
disaster that I have brought upon you.
11 'Do not be afraid of the king of
Babylon, of whom you are afraid; do not
be afraid of him,' says the LORD, 'for I
am with you, to save you and deliver you
from his hand.

12 ‘And I will show you mercy, that he
may have mercy on you and cause you
to return to your own land.’
13 "But if you say, ‘We will not dwell in
this land,’ disobeying the voice of the
LORD your God,
14 "saying, ‘No, but we will go to the
land of Egypt where we shall see no war,
nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor
be hungry for bread, and there we will
dwell’ —
15 "Then hear now the word of the
LORD, O remnant of Judah! Thus says
the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: ‘If
you wholly set your faces to enter Egypt,
and go to dwell there,
16 ‘then it shall be that the sword which
you feared shall overtake you there in
the land of Egypt; the famine of which
you were afraid shall follow close after
you there in Egypt; and there you shall
die.

17 ‘So shall it be with all the men who
set their faces to go to Egypt to dwell
there. They shall die by the sword, by
famine, and by pestilence. And none of
them shall remain or escape from the
disaster that I will bring upon them.’
18 "For thus says the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel: ‘As My anger and My fury
have been poured out on the inhabitants
of Jerusalem, so will My fury be poured
out on you when you enter Egypt. And
you shall be an oath, an astonishment, a
curse, and a reproach; and you shall see
this place no more.’
19 "The LORD has said concerning
you, O remnant of Judah, ‘Do not go
to Egypt!’ Know certainly that I have
admonished you this day.
20 "For you were hypocrites in your
hearts when you sent me to the LORD
your God, saying, ‘Pray for us to the
LORD our God, and according to all that

the LORD your God says, so declare to us
and we will do it.’
21 "And I have this day declared it to
you, but you have not obeyed the voice
of the LORD your God, or anything which
He has sent you by me.
22 "Now therefore, know certainly that
you shall die by the sword, by famine,
and by pestilence in the place where you
desire to go to dwell."
43 1 Now it happened, when
Jeremiah had stopped speaking
to all the people all the words of the
LORD their God, for which the LORD
their God had sent him to them, all these
words,
2 that Azariah the son of Hoshaiah,
Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the
proud men spoke, saying to Jeremiah,
"You speak falsely! The LORD our God
has not sent you to say, ‘Do not go to
Egypt to dwell there.’

3 "But Baruch the son of Neriah has
set you against us, to deliver us into the
hand of the Chaldeans, that they may
put us to death or carry us away captive
to Babylon."
4 So Johanan the son of Kareah, all the
captains of the forces, and all the people
would not obey the voice of the LORD,
to remain in the land of Judah.
5 But Johanan the son of Kareah and all
the captains of the forces took all the
remnant of Judah who had returned
to dwell in the land of Judah, from all
nations where they had been driven—
6 men, women, children, the king's
daughters, and every person whom
Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard
had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam,
the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the
prophet and Baruch the son of Neriah.

7 So they went to the land of Egypt, for
they did not obey the voice of the LORD.
And they went as far as Tahpanhes.
8 Then the word of the LORD came to
Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,
9 "Take large stones in your hand, and
hide them in the sight of the men of
Judah, in the clay in the brick courtyard
which is at the entrance to Pharaoh's
house in Tahpanhes;
10 "and say to them, 'Thus says the
LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold,
I will send and bring Nebuchadnezzar
the king of Babylon, My servant, and will
set his throne above these stones that I
have hidden. And he will spread his royal
pavilion over them.
11 "When he comes, he shall strike the
land of Egypt and deliver to death those
appointed for death, and to captivity
those appointed for captivity, and to the
sword those appointed for the sword.

12 "I will kindle a fire in the houses of
the gods of Egypt, and he shall burn
them and carry them away captive. And
he shall array himself with the land
of Egypt, as a shepherd puts on his
garment, and he shall go out from there
in peace.
13 "He shall also break the sacred pillars
of Beth Shemesh that are in the land of
Egypt; and the houses of the gods of the
Egyptians he shall burn with fire."’"
44 1 The word that came to Jeremiah
concerning all the Jews who
dwell in the land of Egypt, who dwell at
Migdol, at Tahpanhes, at Noph, and in
the country of Pathros, saying,
2 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God
of Israel: ‘You have seen all the calamity
that I have brought on Jerusalem and on
all the cities of Judah; and behold, this
day they are a desolation, and no one
dwells in them,

3 'because of their wickedness which
they have committed to provoke Me to
anger, in that they went to burn incense
and to serve other gods whom they did
not know, they nor you nor your fathers.
4 'However I have sent to you all My
servants the prophets, rising early and
sending them, saying, "Oh, do not do
this abominable thing that I hate!"
5 'But they did not listen or incline their
ear to turn from their wickedness, to
burn no incense to other gods.
6 'So My fury and My anger were
poured out and kindled in the cities of
Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem;
and they are wasted and desolate, as it
is this day.'
7 "Now therefore, thus says the LORD,
the God of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Why
do you commit this great evil against
yourselves, to cut off from you man and

woman, child and infant, out of Judah,
leaving none to remain,
8 'in that you provoke Me to wrath
with the works of your hands, burning
incense to other gods in the land of
Egypt where you have gone to dwell,
that you may cut yourselves off and be
a curse and a reproach among all the
nations of the earth?
9 'Have you forgotten the wickedness
of your fathers, the wickedness of the
kings of Judah, the wickedness of their
wives, your own wickedness, and the
wickedness of your wives, which they
committed in the land of Judah and in
the streets of Jerusalem?
10 'They have not been humbled, to this
day, nor have they feared; they have not
walked in My law or in My statutes that I
set before you and your fathers.'
11 "Therefore thus says the LORD of
hosts, the God of Israel: 'Behold, I will

set My face against you for catastrophe
and for cutting off all Judah.
12 'And I will take the remnant of Judah
who have set their faces to go into the
land of Egypt to dwell there, and they
shall all be consumed and fall in the land
of Egypt. They shall be consumed by the
sword and by famine. They shall die,
from the least to the greatest, by the
sword and by famine; and they shall be
an oath, an astonishment, a curse and a
reproach!
13 'For I will punish those who dwell in
the land of Egypt, as I have punished
Jerusalem, by the sword, by famine, and
by pestilence,
14 'so that none of the remnant of Judah
who have gone into the land of Egypt
to dwell there shall escape or survive,
lest they return to the land of Judah, to
which they desire to return and dwell.

For none shall return except those who
escape.'"
15 Then all the men who knew that their
wives had burned incense to other gods,
with all the women who stood by, a
great multitude, and all the people who
dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Pathros,
answered Jeremiah, saying:
16 "As for the word that you have
spoken to us in the name of the LORD,
we will not listen to you!
17 "But we will certainly do whatever
has gone out of our own mouth, to burn
incense to the queen of heaven and
pour out drink offerings to her, as we
have done, we and our fathers, our kings
and our princes, in the cities of Judah
and in the streets of Jerusalem. For then
we had plenty of food, were well–off,
and saw no trouble.
18 "But since we stopped burning
incense to the queen of heaven and

pouring out drink offerings to her, we
have lacked everything and have been
consumed by the sword and by famine."
19 The women also said, "And when we
burned incense to the queen of heaven
and poured out drink offerings to her,
did we make cakes for her, to worship
her, and pour out drink offerings to her
without our husbands' permission?"
20 Then Jeremiah spoke to all the
people—the men, the women, and all
the people who had given him that
answer—saying:
21 "The incense that you burned in
the cities of Judah and in the streets of
Jerusalem, you and your fathers, your
kings and your princes, and the people
of the land, did not the LORD remember
them, and did it not come into His mind?
22 "So the LORD could no longer bear
it, because of the evil of your doings
and because of the abominations which

you committed. Therefore your land is
a desolation, an astonishment, a curse,
and without an inhabitant, as it is this
day.
23 "Because you have burned incense
and because you have sinned against the
LORD, and have not obeyed the voice
of the LORD or walked in His law, in His
statutes or in His testimonies, therefore
this calamity has happened to you, as at
this day."
24 Moreover Jeremiah said to all the
people and to all the women, "Hear the
word of the LORD, all Judah who are in
the land of Egypt!
25 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel, saying: ‘You and your wives
have spoken with your mouths and
fulfilled with your hands, saying, "We
will surely keep our vows that we have
made, to burn incense to the queen of
heaven and pour out drink offerings to

her." You will surely keep your vows and
perform your vows!’
26 "Therefore hear the word of the
LORD, all Judah who dwell in the land of
Egypt: ‘Behold, I have sworn by My great
name,’ says the LORD, ‘that My name
shall no more be named in the mouth of
any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt,
saying, "The Lord GOD lives."
27 ‘Behold, I will watch over them for
adversity and not for good. And all the
men of Judah who are in the land of
Egypt shall be consumed by the sword
and by famine, until there is an end to
them.
28 ‘Yet a small number who escape the
sword shall return from the land of Egypt
to the land of Judah; and all the remnant
of Judah, who have gone to the land of
Egypt to dwell there, shall know whose
words will stand, Mine or theirs.

29 'And this shall be a sign to you,'
says the LORD, 'that I will punish you in
this place, that you may know that My
words will surely stand against you for
adversity.'
30 "Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will
give Pharaoh Hophra king of Egypt into
the hand of his enemies and into the
hand of those who seek his life, as I gave
Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand
of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, his
enemy who sought his life.'"

45 1 The word that Jeremiah the
prophet spoke to Baruch the son
of Neriah, when he had written these
words in a book at the instruction of
Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim
the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying,
2 "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel,
to you, O Baruch:

3 ‘You said, "Woe is me now! For the
LORD has added grief to my sorrow. I
fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest."’
4 "Thus you shall say to him, ‘Thus says
the LORD: "Behold, what I have built I
will break down, and what I have planted
I will pluck up, that is, this whole land.
5 "And do you seek great things for
yourself? Do not seek them; for behold, I
will bring adversity on all flesh," says the
LORD. "But I will give your life to you as a
prize in all places, wherever you go."’"

46 1 The word of the LORD which
came to Jeremiah the prophet
against the nations.
2 Against Egypt. Concerning the army of
Pharaoh Necho, king of Egypt, which was
by the River Euphrates in Carchemish,
and which Nebuchadnezzar king of
Babylon defeated in the fourth year
of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of
Judah:

3 "Order the buckler and shield, And
draw near to battle!
4 Harness the horses, And mount up,
you horsemen! Stand forth with your
helmets, Polish the spears, Put on the
armor!
5 Why have I seen them dismayed and
turned back? Their mighty ones are
beaten down; They have speedily fled,
And did not look back, For fear was all
around," says the LORD.
6 "Do not let the swift flee away, Nor the
mighty man escape; They will stumble
and fall Toward the north, by the River
Euphrates.
7 "Who is this coming up like a flood,
Whose waters move like the rivers?
8 Egypt rises up like a flood, And its
waters move like the rivers; And he says,
‘I will go up and cover the earth, I will
destroy the city and its inhabitants.’

9 Come up, O horses, and rage, O
chariots! And let the mighty men come
forth: The Ethiopians and the Libyans
who handle the shield, And the Lydians
who handle and bend the bow.
10 For this is the day of the Lord GOD
of hosts, A day of vengeance, That He
may avenge Himself on His adversaries.
The sword shall devour; It shall be
satiated and made drunk with their
blood; For the Lord GOD of hosts has
a sacrifice In the north country by the
River Euphrates.
11 "Go up to Gilead and take balm, O
virgin, the daughter of Egypt; In vain you
will use many medicines; You shall not
be cured.
12 The nations have heard of your
shame, And your cry has filled the
land; For the mighty man has stumbled
against the mighty; They both have
fallen together."

13 The word that the LORD spoke
to Jeremiah the prophet, how
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon would
come and strike the land of Egypt.
14 "Declare in Egypt, and proclaim
in Migdol; Proclaim in Noph and in
Tahpanhes; Say, ‘Stand fast and prepare
yourselves, For the sword devours all
around you.’
15 Why are your valiant men swept
away? They did not stand Because the
LORD drove them away.
16 He made many fall; Yes, one fell upon
another. And they said, ‘Arise! Let us
go back to our own people And to the
land of our nativity From the oppressing
sword.’
17 They cried there, ‘Pharaoh, king of
Egypt, is but a noise. He has passed by
the appointed time!’
18 "As I live," says the King, Whose
name is the LORD of hosts, "Surely as

Tabor is among the mountains And as
Carmel by the sea, so he shall come.
19 O you daughter dwelling in Egypt,
Prepare yourself to go into captivity!
For Noph shall be waste and desolate,
without inhabitant.
20 "Egypt is a very pretty heifer, But
destruction comes, it comes from the
north.
21 Also her mercenaries are in her midst
like fat bulls, For they also are turned
back, They have fled away together.
They did not stand, For the day of their
calamity had come upon them, The time
of their punishment.
22 Her noise shall go like a serpent, For
they shall march with an army And come
against her with axes, Like those who
chop wood.
23 "They shall cut down her forest,"
says the LORD, "Though it cannot be

searched, Because they are innumerable,
And more numerous than grasshoppers.
24 The daughter of Egypt shall be
ashamed; She shall be delivered into the
hand Of the people of the north."
25 The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel,
says: "Behold, I will bring punishment
on Amon of No, and Pharaoh and Egypt,
with their gods and their kings—Pharaoh
and those who trust in him.
26 "And I will deliver them into the hand
of those who seek their lives, into the
hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon
and the hand of his servants. Afterward
it shall be inhabited as in the days of
old," says the LORD.
27 "But do not fear, O My servant Jacob,
And do not be dismayed, O Israel! For
behold, I will save you from afar, And
your offspring from the land of their
captivity; Jacob shall return, have rest

and be at ease; No one shall make him
afraid.
28 Do not fear, O Jacob My servant,"
says the LORD, "For I am with you; For
I will make a complete end of all the
nations To which I have driven you, But
I will not make a complete end of you.
I will rightly correct you, For I will not
leave you wholly unpunished."
47 1 The word of the LORD that came
to Jeremiah the prophet against
the Philistines, before Pharaoh attacked
Gaza.
2 Thus says the LORD: "Behold, waters
rise out of the north, And shall be an
overflowing flood; They shall overflow
the land and all that is in it, The city and
those who dwell within; Then the men
shall cry, And all the inhabitants of the
land shall wail.
3 At the noise of the stamping hooves
of his strong horses, At the rushing of his

chariots, At the rumbling of his wheels,
The fathers will not look back for their
children, Lacking courage,
4 Because of the day that comes to
plunder all the Philistines, To cut off
from Tyre and Sidon every helper who
remains; For the LORD shall plunder the
Philistines, The remnant of the country
of Caphtor.
5 Baldness has come upon Gaza,
Ashkelon is cut off With the remnant
of their valley. How long will you cut
yourself?
6 "O you sword of the LORD, How long
until you are quiet? Put yourself up into
your scabbard, Rest and be still!
7 How can it be quiet, Seeing the LORD
has given it a charge Against Ashkelon
and against the seashore? There He has
appointed it."

48 1 Against Moab. Thus says the
LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:

"Woe to Nebo! For it is plundered,
Kirjathaim is shamed and taken; The high
stronghold is shamed and dismayed—
2 No more praise of Moab. In Heshbon
they have devised evil against her:
'Come, and let us cut her off as a nation.'
You also shall be cut down, O Madmen!
The sword shall pursue you;
3 A voice of crying shall be from
Horonaim: 'Plundering and great
destruction!'
4 "Moab is destroyed; Her little ones
have caused a cry to be heard;
5 For in the Ascent of Luhith they
ascend with continual weeping; For in
the descent of Horonaim the enemies
have heard a cry of destruction.
6 "Flee, save your lives! And be like the
juniper in the wilderness.
7 For because you have trusted in your
works and your treasures, You also shall
be taken. And Chemosh shall go forth

into captivity, His priests and his princes
together.
[8] And the plunderer shall come against
every city; No one shall escape. The
valley also shall perish, And the plain
shall be destroyed, As the LORD has
spoken.
[9] "Give wings to Moab, That she may
flee and get away; For her cities shall be
desolate, Without any to dwell in them.
[10] Cursed is he who does the work of
the LORD deceitfully, And cursed is he
who keeps back his sword from blood.
[11] "Moab has been at ease from his
youth; He has settled on his dregs, And
has not been emptied from vessel to
vessel, Nor has he gone into captivity.
Therefore his taste remained in him, And
his scent has not changed.
[12] "Therefore behold, the days are
coming," says the LORD, "That I shall
send him wine–workers Who will tip him

over And empty his vessels And break
the bottles.
13 Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh,
As the house of Israel was ashamed of
Bethel, their confidence.
14 "How can you say, ‘We are mighty
And strong men for the war’?
15 Moab is plundered and gone up from
her cities; Her chosen young men have
gone down to the slaughter," says the
King, Whose name is the LORD of hosts.
16 "The calamity of Moab is near at
hand, And his affliction comes quickly.
17 Bemoan him, all you who are around
him; And all you who know his name,
Say, ‘How the strong staff is broken, The
beautiful rod!’
18 "O daughter inhabiting Dibon, Come
down from your glory, And sit in thirst;
For the plunderer of Moab has come
against you, He has destroyed your
strongholds.

19 O inhabitant of Aroer, Stand by
the way and watch; Ask him who flees
And her who escapes; Say, ‘What has
happened?’
20 Moab is shamed, for he is broken
down. Wail and cry! Tell it in Arnon, that
Moab is plundered.
21 "And judgment has come on the
plain country: On Holon and Jahzah and
Mephaath,
22 On Dibon and Nebo and Beth
Diblathaim,
23 On Kirjathaim and Beth Gamul and
Beth Meon,
24 On Kerioth and Bozrah, On all the
cities of the land of Moab, Far or near.
25 The horn of Moab is cut off, And his
arm is broken," says the LORD.
26 "Make him drunk, Because he exalted
himself against the LORD. Moab shall
wallow in his vomit, And he shall also be
in derision.

27 For was not Israel a derision to
you? Was he found among thieves? For
whenever you speak of him, You shake
your head in scorn.
28 You who dwell in Moab, Leave the
cities and dwell in the rock, And be like
the dove which makes her nest In the
sides of the cave’s mouth.
29 "We have heard the pride of Moab
(He is exceedingly proud), Of his loftiness
and arrogance and pride, And of the
haughtiness of his heart."
30 "I know his wrath," says the LORD,
"But it is not right; His lies have made
nothing right.
31 Therefore I will wail for Moab, And I
will cry out for all Moab; I will mourn for
the men of Kir Heres.
32 O vine of Sibmah! I will weep for you
with the weeping of Jazer. Your plants
have gone over the sea, They reach to

the sea of Jazer. The plunderer has fallen
on your summer fruit and your vintage.
33 Joy and gladness are taken From
the plentiful field And from the land of
Moab; I have caused wine to fail from
the winepresses; No one will tread with
joyous shouting—Not joyous shouting!
34 "From the cry of Heshbon to Elealeh
and to Jahaz They have uttered their
voice, From Zoar to Horonaim, Like a
three–year–old heifer; For the waters of
Nimrim also shall be desolate.
35 "Moreover," says the LORD, "I will
cause to cease in Moab The one who
offers sacrifices in the high places And
burns incense to his gods.
36 Therefore My heart shall wail like
flutes for Moab, And like flutes My heart
shall wail For the men of Kir Heres.
Therefore the riches they have acquired
have perished.

37 "For every head shall be bald,
and every beard clipped; On all the
hands shall be cuts, and on the loins
sackcloth—
38 A general lamentation On all the
housetops of Moab, And in its streets;
For I have broken Moab like a vessel in
which is no pleasure," says the LORD.
39 "They shall wail: ‘How she is broken
down! How Moab has turned her back
with shame!’ So Moab shall be a derision
And a dismay to all those about her."
40 For thus says the LORD: "Behold, one
shall fly like an eagle, And spread his
wings over Moab.
41 Kerioth is taken, And the strongholds
are surprised; The mighty men’s hearts
in Moab on that day shall be Like the
heart of a woman in birth pangs.
42 And Moab shall be destroyed as
a people, Because he exalted himself
against the LORD.

43 Fear and the pit and the snare shall
be upon you, O inhabitant of Moab,"
says the LORD.
44 "He who flees from the fear shall fall
into the pit, And he who gets out of the
pit shall be caught in the snare. For upon
Moab, upon it I will bring The year of
their punishment," says the LORD.
45 "Those who fled stood under
the shadow of Heshbon Because of
exhaustion. But a fire shall come out
of Heshbon, A flame from the midst
of Sihon, And shall devour the brow of
Moab, The crown of the head of the
sons of tumult.
46 Woe to you, O Moab! The people
of Chemosh perish; For your sons have
been taken captive, And your daughters
captive.
47 "Yet I will bring back the captives of
Moab In the latter days," says the LORD.
Thus far is the judgment of Moab.

49 1 Against the Ammonites. Thus
says the LORD: "Has Israel no
sons? Has he no heir? Why then does
Milcom inherit Gad, And his people
dwell in its cities?
2 Therefore behold, the days are
coming," says the LORD, "That I will
cause to be heard an alarm of war In
Rabbah of the Ammonites; It shall be a
desolate mound, And her villages shall
be burned with fire. Then Israel shall
take possession of his inheritance," says
the LORD.
3 "Wail, O Heshbon, for Ai is plundered!
Cry, you daughters of Rabbah, Gird
yourselves with sackcloth! Lament and
run to and fro by the walls; For Milcom
shall go into captivity With his priests
and his princes together.
4 Why do you boast in the valleys, Your
flowing valley, O backsliding daughter?

Who trusted in her treasures, saying,
‘Who will come against me?’
5 Behold, I will bring fear upon you,"
Says the Lord GOD of hosts, "From all
those who are around you; You shall be
driven out, everyone headlong, And no
one will gather those who wander off.
6 But afterward I will bring back The
captives of the people of Ammon," says
the LORD.
7 Against Edom. Thus says the LORD of
hosts: "Is wisdom no more in Teman?
Has counsel perished from the prudent?
Has their wisdom vanished?
8 Flee, turn back, dwell in the depths,
O inhabitants of Dedan! For I will bring
the calamity of Esau upon him, The time
that I will punish him.
9 If grape–gatherers came to you,
Would they not leave some gleaning
grapes? If thieves by night, Would they
not destroy until they have enough?

10 But I have made Esau bare; I have
uncovered his secret places, And he
shall not be able to hide himself. His
descendants are plundered, His brethren
and his neighbors, And he is no more.
11 Leave your fatherless children, I
will preserve them alive; And let your
widows trust in Me."
12 For thus says the LORD: "Behold,
those whose judgment was not to drink
of the cup have assuredly drunk. And
are you the one who will altogether
go unpunished? You shall not go
unpunished, but you shall surely drink of
it.
13 "For I have sworn by Myself," says
the LORD, "that Bozrah shall become a
desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a
curse. And all its cities shall be perpetual
wastes."
14 I have heard a message from the
LORD, And an ambassador has been sent

to the nations: "Gather together, come
against her, And rise up to battle!
15 "For indeed, I will make you small
among nations, Despised among men.
16 Your fierceness has deceived you,
The pride of your heart, O you who dwell
in the clefts of the rock, Who hold the
height of the hill! Though you make your
nest as high as the eagle, I will bring you
down from there," says the LORD.
17 "Edom also shall be an astonishment;
Everyone who goes by it will be
astonished And will hiss at all its plagues.
18 As in the overthrow of Sodom and
Gomorrah And their neighbors," says the
LORD, "No one shall remain there, Nor
shall a son of man dwell in it.
19 "Behold, he shall come up like a lion
from the floodplain of the Jordan Against
the dwelling place of the strong; But I
will suddenly make him run away from
her. And who is a chosen man that I may

appoint over her? For who is like Me? Who will arraign Me? And who is that shepherd Who will withstand Me?"
20 Therefore hear the counsel of the LORD that He has taken against Edom, And His purposes that He has proposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out; Surely He shall make their dwelling places desolate with them.
21 The earth shakes at the noise of their fall; At the cry its noise is heard at the Red Sea.
22 Behold, He shall come up and fly like the eagle, And spread His wings over Bozrah; The heart of the mighty men of Edom in that day shall be Like the heart of a woman in birth pangs.
23 Against Damascus. "Hamath and Arpad are shamed, For they have heard bad news. They are fainthearted; There is trouble on the sea; It cannot be quiet.

24 Damascus has grown feeble; She
turns to flee, And fear has seized her.
Anguish and sorrows have taken her like
a woman in labor.
25 Why is the city of praise not deserted,
the city of My joy?
26 Therefore her young men shall fall in
her streets, And all the men of war shall
be cut off in that day," says the LORD of
hosts.
27 "I will kindle a fire in the wall of
Damascus, And it shall consume the
palaces of Ben–Hadad."
28 Against Kedar and against
the kingdoms of Hazor, which
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon shall
strike. Thus says the LORD: "Arise, go up
to Kedar, And devastate the men of the
East!
29 Their tents and their flocks they shall
take away. They shall take for themselves
their curtains, All their vessels and their

camels; And they shall cry out to them,
‘Fear is on every side!’
30 "Flee, get far away! Dwell in the
depths, O inhabitants of Hazor!" says
the LORD. "For Nebuchadnezzar king of
Babylon has taken counsel against you,
And has conceived a plan against you.
31 "Arise, go up to the wealthy nation
that dwells securely," says the LORD,
"Which has neither gates nor bars,
Dwelling alone.
32 Their camels shall be for booty, And
the multitude of their cattle for plunder.
I will scatter to all winds those in the
farthest corners, And I will bring their
calamity from all its sides," says the
LORD.
33 "Hazor shall be a dwelling for jackals,
a desolation forever; No one shall reside
there, Nor son of man dwell in it."
34 The word of the LORD that came to
Jeremiah the prophet against Elam, in

the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah
king of Judah, saying,
35 "Thus says the LORD of hosts:
‘Behold, I will break the bow of Elam,
The foremost of their might.
36 Against Elam I will bring the four
winds From the four quarters of heaven,
And scatter them toward all those winds;
There shall be no nations where the
outcasts of Elam will not go.
37 For I will cause Elam to be dismayed
before their enemies And before those
who seek their life. I will bring disaster
upon them, My fierce anger,’ says the
LORD; ‘And I will send the sword after
them Until I have consumed them.
38 I will set My throne in Elam, And
will destroy from there the king and the
princes,’ says the LORD.
39 ‘But it shall come to pass in the latter
days: I will bring back the captives of
Elam,’ says the LORD."

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1 The word that the LORD spoke
against Babylon and against the
land of the Chaldeans by Jeremiah the
prophet.
2 "Declare among the nations, Proclaim,
and set up a standard; Proclaim—do not
conceal it —Say, ‘Babylon is taken, Bel is
shamed. Merodach is broken in pieces;
Her idols are humiliated, Her images are
broken in pieces.’
3 For out of the north a nation comes up
against her, Which shall make her land
desolate, And no one shall dwell therein.
They shall move, they shall depart, Both
man and beast.
4 "In those days and in that time," says
the LORD, "The children of Israel shall
come, They and the children of Judah
together; With continual weeping they
shall come, And seek the LORD their
God.

5 They shall ask the way to Zion, With
their faces toward it, saying, ‘Come and
let us join ourselves to the LORD In a
perpetual covenant That will not be
forgotten.’
6 "My people have been lost sheep.
Their shepherds have led them astray;
They have turned them away on the
mountains. They have gone from
mountain to hill; They have forgotten
their resting place.
7 All who found them have devoured
them; And their adversaries said, ‘We
have not offended, Because they have
sinned against the LORD, the habitation
of justice, The LORD, the hope of their
fathers.’
8 "Move from the midst of Babylon, Go
out of the land of the Chaldeans; And be
like the rams before the flocks.
9 For behold, I will raise and cause to
come up against Babylon An assembly

of great nations from the north country,
And they shall array themselves against
her; From there she shall be captured.
Their arrows shall be like those of an
expert warrior; None shall return in vain.
10 And Chaldea shall become plunder;
All who plunder her shall be satisfied,"
says the LORD.
11 "Because you were glad, because you
rejoiced, You destroyers of My heritage,
Because you have grown fat like a heifer
threshing grain, And you bellow like
bulls,
12 Your mother shall be deeply
ashamed; She who bore you shall be
ashamed. Behold, the least of the
nations shall be a wilderness, A dry land
and a desert.
13 Because of the wrath of the LORD
She shall not be inhabited, But she shall
be wholly desolate. Everyone who goes

by Babylon shall be horrified And hiss at
all her plagues.
14 "Put yourselves in array against
Babylon all around, All you who bend
the bow; Shoot at her, spare no arrows,
For she has sinned against the LORD.
15 Shout against her all around; She has
given her hand, Her foundations have
fallen, Her walls are thrown down; For
it is the vengeance of the LORD. Take
vengeance on her. As she has done, so
do to her.
16 Cut off the sower from Babylon, And
him who handles the sickle at harvest
time. For fear of the oppressing sword
Everyone shall turn to his own people,
And everyone shall flee to his own land.
17 "Israel is like scattered sheep; The
lions have driven him away. First the king
of Assyria devoured him; Now at last this
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has
broken his bones."

18 Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, As I have punished the king of Assyria.
19 But I will bring back Israel to his home, And he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan; His soul shall be satisfied on Mount Ephraim and Gilead.
20 In those days and in that time," says the LORD, "The iniquity of Israel shall be sought, but there shall be none; And the sins of Judah, but they shall not be found; For I will pardon those whom I preserve.
21 "Go up against the land of Merathaim, against it, And against the inhabitants of Pekod. Waste and utterly destroy them," says the LORD, "And do according to all that I have commanded you.
22 A sound of battle is in the land, And of great destruction.

23 How the hammer of the whole earth
has been cut apart and broken! How
Babylon has become a desolation among
the nations!
24 I have laid a snare for you; You have
indeed been trapped, O Babylon, And
you were not aware; You have been
found and also caught, Because you
have contended against the LORD.
25 The LORD has opened His armory,
And has brought out the weapons of
His indignation; For this is the work of
the Lord GOD of hosts In the land of the
Chaldeans.
26 Come against her from the farthest
border; Open her storehouses; Cast her
up as heaps of ruins, And destroy her
utterly; Let nothing of her be left.
27 Slay all her bulls, Let them go down
to the slaughter. Woe to them! For
their day has come, the time of their
punishment.

28 The voice of those who flee and
escape from the land of Babylon
Declares in Zion the vengeance of the
LORD our God, The vengeance of His
temple.
29 "Call together the archers against
Babylon. All you who bend the bow,
encamp against it all around; Let none of
them escape. Repay her according to her
work; According to all she has done, do
to her; For she has been proud against
the LORD, Against the Holy One of Israel.
30 Therefore her young men shall fall in
the streets, And all her men of war shall
be cut off in that day," says the LORD.
31 "Behold, I am against you, O most
haughty one!" says the Lord GOD of
hosts; "For your day has come, The time
that I will punish you.
32 The most proud shall stumble and
fall, And no one will raise him up; I will

kindle a fire in his cities, And it will
devour all around him."
33 Thus says the LORD of hosts: "The
children of Israel were oppressed, Along
with the children of Judah; All who took
them captive have held them fast; They
have refused to let them go.
34 Their Redeemer is strong; The LORD
of hosts is His name. He will thoroughly
plead their case, That He may give rest
to the land, And disquiet the inhabitants
of Babylon.
35 "A sword is against the Chaldeans,"
says the LORD, "Against the inhabitants
of Babylon, And against her princes and
her wise men.
36 A sword is against the soothsayers,
and they will be fools. A sword is against
her mighty men, and they will be
dismayed.
37 A sword is against their horses,
Against their chariots, And against all the

mixed peoples who are in her midst; And
they will become like women. A sword is
against her treasures, and they will be
robbed.
38 A drought is against her waters, and
they will be dried up. For it is the land of
carved images, And they are insane with
their idols.
39 "Therefore the wild desert beasts
shall dwell there with the jackals, And
the ostriches shall dwell in it. It shall be
inhabited no more forever, Nor shall it be
dwelt in from generation to generation.
40 As God overthrew Sodom and
Gomorrah And their neighbors," says the
LORD, "So no one shall reside there, Nor
son of man dwell in it.
41 "Behold, a people shall come from
the north, And a great nation and many
kings Shall be raised up from the ends of
the earth.

42 They shall hold the bow and the
lance; They are cruel and shall not show
mercy. Their voice shall roar like the sea;
They shall ride on horses, Set in array,
like a man for the battle, Against you, O
daughter of Babylon.
43 "The king of Babylon has heard the
report about them, And his hands grow
feeble; Anguish has taken hold of him,
Pangs as of a woman in childbirth.
44 "Behold, he shall come up like a lion
from the floodplain of the Jordan Against
the dwelling place of the strong; But I
will make them suddenly run away from
her. And who is a chosen man that I may
appoint over her? For who is like Me?
Who will arraign Me? And who is that
shepherd Who will withstand Me?"
45 Therefore hear the counsel of the
LORD that He has taken against Babylon,
And His purposes that He has proposed
against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely

the least of the flock shall draw them
out; Surely He will make their dwelling
place desolate with them.
46 At the noise of the taking of Babylon
The earth trembles, And the cry is heard
among the nations.

51 1 Thus says the LORD: "Behold,
I will raise up against Babylon,
Against those who dwell in Leb Kamai, A
destroying wind.
2 And I will send winnowers to Babylon,
Who shall winnow her and empty her
land. For in the day of doom They shall
be against her all around.
3 Against her let the archer bend his
bow, And lift himself up against her in
his armor. Do not spare her young men;
Utterly destroy all her army.
4 Thus the slain shall fall in the land of
the Chaldeans, And those thrust through
in her streets.

5 For Israel is not forsaken, nor Judah,
By his God, the LORD of hosts, Though
their land was filled with sin against the
Holy One of Israel."
6 Flee from the midst of Babylon, And
every one save his life! Do not be cut off
in her iniquity, For this is the time of the
LORD’S vengeance; He shall recompense
her.
7 Babylon was a golden cup in the
LORD’S hand, That made all the earth
drunk. The nations drank her wine;
Therefore the nations are deranged.
8 Babylon has suddenly fallen and been
destroyed. Wail for her! Take balm for
her pain; Perhaps she may be healed.
9 We would have healed Babylon, But
she is not healed. Forsake her, and let us
go everyone to his own country; For her
judgment reaches to heaven and is lifted
up to the skies.

10 The LORD has revealed our
righteousness. Come and let us declare
in Zion the work of the LORD our God.
11 Make the arrows bright! Gather the
shields! The LORD has raised up the
spirit of the kings of the Medes. For His
plan is against Babylon to destroy it,
Because it is the vengeance of the LORD,
The vengeance for His temple.
12 Set up the standard on the walls of
Babylon; Make the guard strong, Set up
the watchmen, Prepare the ambushes.
For the LORD has both devised and done
What He spoke against the inhabitants
of Babylon.
13 O you who dwell by many waters,
Abundant in treasures, Your end
has come, The measure of your
covetousness.
14 The LORD of hosts has sworn by
Himself: "Surely I will fill you with men,

as with locusts, And they shall lift up a
shout against you."
15 He has made the earth by His power;
He has established the world by His
wisdom, And stretched out the heaven
by His understanding.
16 When He utters His voice—There is a
multitude of waters in the heavens: "He
causes the vapors to ascend from the
ends of the earth; He makes lightnings
for the rain; He brings the wind out of
His treasuries."
17 Everyone is dull–hearted, without
knowledge; Every metalsmith is put to
shame by the carved image; For his
molded image is falsehood, And there is
no breath in them.
18 They are futile, a work of errors; In
the time of their punishment they shall
perish.
19 The Portion of Jacob is not like them,
For He is the Maker of all things; And

Israel is the tribe of His inheritance. The
LORD of hosts is His name.
20 "You are My battle–ax and weapons
of war: For with you I will break the
nation in pieces; With you I will destroy
kingdoms;
21 With you I will break in pieces the
horse and its rider; With you I will break
in pieces the chariot and its rider;
22 With you also I will break in pieces
man and woman; With you I will break
in pieces old and young; With you I will
break in pieces the young man and the
maiden;
23 With you also I will break in pieces
the shepherd and his flock; With you I
will break in pieces the farmer and his
yoke of oxen; And with you I will break
in pieces governors and rulers.
24 "And I will repay Babylon And all the
inhabitants of Chaldea For all the evil

they have done In Zion in your sight,"
says the LORD.
25 "Behold, I am against you, O
destroying mountain, Who destroys all
the earth," says the LORD. "And I will
stretch out My hand against you, Roll
you down from the rocks, And make you
a burnt mountain.
26 They shall not take from you a stone
for a corner Nor a stone for a foundation,
But you shall be desolate forever," says
the LORD.
27 Set up a banner in the land, Blow the
trumpet among the nations! Prepare the
nations against her, Call the kingdoms
together against her: Ararat, Minni, and
Ashkenaz. Appoint a general against her;
Cause the horses to come up like the
bristling locusts.
28 Prepare against her the nations, With
the kings of the Medes, Its governors

and all its rulers, All the land of his
dominion.
29 And the land will tremble and sorrow;
For every purpose of the LORD shall be
performed against Babylon, To make the
land of Babylon a desolation without
inhabitant.
30 The mighty men of Babylon have
ceased fighting, They have remained in
their strongholds; Their might has failed,
They became like women; They have
burned her dwelling places, The bars of
her gate are broken.
31 One runner will run to meet another,
And one messenger to meet another, To
show the king of Babylon that his city is
taken on all sides;
32 The passages are blocked, The reeds
they have burned with fire, And the men
of war are terrified.
33 For thus says the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel: "The daughter of Babylon

is like a threshing floor When it is time
to thresh her; Yet a little while And the
time of her harvest will come."
34 "Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon
Has devoured me, he has crushed me;
He has made me an empty vessel, He
has swallowed me up like a monster; He
has filled his stomach with my delicacies,
He has spit me out.
35 Let the violence done to me and my
flesh be upon Babylon," The inhabitant
of Zion will say; "And my blood be upon
the inhabitants of Chaldea!" Jerusalem
will say.
36 Therefore thus says the LORD:
"Behold, I will plead your case and take
vengeance for you. I will dry up her sea
and make her springs dry.
37 Babylon shall become a heap,
A dwelling place for jackals, An
astonishment and a hissing, Without an
inhabitant.

38 They shall roar together like lions,
They shall growl like lions' whelps.
39 In their excitement I will prepare
their feasts; I will make them drunk, That
they may rejoice, And sleep a perpetual
sleep And not awake," says the LORD.
40 "I will bring them down Like lambs to
the slaughter, Like rams with male goats.
41 "Oh, how Sheshach is taken! Oh, how
the praise of the whole earth is seized!
How Babylon has become desolate
among the nations!
42 The sea has come up over Babylon;
She is covered with the multitude of its
waves.
43 Her cities are a desolation, A dry land
and a wilderness, A land where no one
dwells, Through which no son of man
passes.
44 I will punish Bel in Babylon, And I
will bring out of his mouth what he has
swallowed; And the nations shall not

stream to him anymore. Yes, the wall of
Babylon shall fall.
45 "My people, go out of the midst of
her! And let everyone deliver himself
from the fierce anger of the LORD.
46 And lest your heart faint, And you
fear for the rumor that will be heard in
the land (A rumor will come one year,
And after that, in another year A rumor
will come, And violence in the land,
Ruler against ruler),
47 Therefore behold, the days are
coming That I will bring judgment on the
carved images of Babylon; Her whole
land shall be ashamed, And all her slain
shall fall in her midst.
48 Then the heavens and the earth and
all that is in them Shall sing joyously over
Babylon; For the plunderers shall come
to her from the north," says the LORD.

49 As Babylon has caused the slain of
Israel to fall, So at Babylon the slain of all
the earth shall fall.
50 You who have escaped the sword,
Get away! Do not stand still! Remember
the LORD afar off, And let Jerusalem
come to your mind.
51 We are ashamed because we have
heard reproach. Shame has covered our
faces, For strangers have come into the
sanctuaries of the LORD'S house.
52 "Therefore behold, the days are
coming," says the LORD, "That I will bring
judgment on her carved images, And
throughout all her land the wounded
shall groan.
53 Though Babylon were to mount up to
heaven, And though she were to fortify
the height of her strength, Yet from Me
plunderers would come to her," says the
LORD.

54 The sound of a cry comes from
Babylon, And great destruction from the
land of the Chaldeans,
55 Because the LORD is plundering
Babylon And silencing her loud voice,
Though her waves roar like great waters,
And the noise of their voice is uttered,
56 Because the plunderer comes against
her, against Babylon, And her mighty
men are taken. Every one of their bows
is broken; For the LORD is the God of
recompense, He will surely repay.
57 "And I will make drunk Her princes
and wise men, Her governors, her
deputies, and her mighty men. And they
shall sleep a perpetual sleep And not
awake," says the King, Whose name is
the LORD of hosts.
58 Thus says the LORD of hosts: "The
broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly
broken, And her high gates shall be
burned with fire; The people will labor

in vain, And the nations, because of the
fire; And they shall be weary."
59 The word which Jeremiah the
prophet commanded Seraiah the son of
Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, when he
went with Zedekiah the king of Judah to
Babylon in the fourth year of his reign.
And Seraiah was the quartermaster.
60 So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the
evil that would come upon Babylon, all
these words that are written against
Babylon.
61 And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, "When
you arrive in Babylon and see it, and
read all these words,
62 "then you shall say, ‘O LORD, You
have spoken against this place to cut
it off, so that none shall remain in it,
neither man nor beast, but it shall be
desolate forever.’
63 "Now it shall be, when you have
finished reading this book, that you shall

tie a stone to it and throw it out into the
Euphrates.
64 "Then you shall say, 'Thus Babylon
shall sink and not rise from the
catastrophe that I will bring upon her.
And they shall be weary.'" Thus far are
the words of Jeremiah.
52 1 Zedekiah was twenty–one years
old when he became king, and
he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.
His mother's name was Hamutal the
daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.
2 He also did evil in the sight of the
LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim
had done.
3 For because of the anger of the
LORD this happened in Jerusalem and
Judah, till He finally cast them out from
His presence. Then Zedekiah rebelled
against the king of Babylon.
4 Now it came to pass in the ninth
year of his reign, in the tenth month,

on the tenth day of the month, that
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all
his army came against Jerusalem and
encamped against it; and they built a
siege wall against it all around.
5 So the city was besieged until the
eleventh year of King Zedekiah.
6 By the fourth month, on the ninth day
of the month, the famine had become
so severe in the city that there was no
food for the people of the land.
7 Then the city wall was broken through,
and all the men of war fled and went
out of the city at night by way of the
gate between the two walls, which was
by the king's garden, even though the
Chaldeans were near the city all around.
And they went by way of the plain.
8 But the army of the Chaldeans
pursued the king, and they overtook
Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho. All his
army was scattered from him.

9 So they took the king and brought him
up to the king of Babylon at Riblah in
the land of Hamath, and he pronounced
judgment on him.
10 Then the king of Babylon killed the
sons of Zedekiah before his eyes. And he
killed all the princes of Judah in Riblah.
11 He also put out the eyes of Zedekiah;
and the king of Babylon bound him in
bronze fetters, took him to Babylon, and
put him in prison till the day of his death.
12 Now in the fifth month, on the
tenth day of the month (which was the
nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar
king of Babylon), Nebuzaradan, the
captain of the guard, who served the
king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem.
13 He burned the house of the LORD
and the king's house; all the houses of
Jerusalem, that is, all the houses of the
great, he burned with fire.

14 And all the army of the Chaldeans
who were with the captain of the guard
broke down all the walls of Jerusalem all
around.
15 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the
guard carried away captive some of the
poor people, the rest of the people who
remained in the city, the defectors who
had deserted to the king of Babylon, and
the rest of the craftsmen.
16 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the
guard left some of the poor of the land
as vinedressers and farmers.
17 The bronze pillars that were in the
house of the LORD, and the carts and
the bronze Sea that were in the house of
the LORD, the Chaldeans broke in pieces,
and carried all their bronze to Babylon.
18 They also took away the pots, the
shovels, the trimmers, the bowls, the
spoons, and all the bronze utensils with
which the priests ministered.

19 The basins, the firepans, the bowls,
the pots, the lampstands, the spoons,
and the cups, whatever was solid gold
and whatever was solid silver, the
captain of the guard took away.
20 The two pillars, one Sea, the twelve
bronze bulls which were under it, and
the carts, which King Solomon had made
for the house of the LORD—the bronze
of all these articles was beyond measure.
21 Now concerning the pillars: the
height of one pillar was eighteen cubits,
a measuring line of twelve cubits could
measure its circumference, and its
thickness was four fingers; it was hollow.
22 A capital of bronze was on it; and
the height of one capital was five cubits,
with a network and pomegranates all
around the capital, all of bronze. The
second pillar, with pomegranates was
the same.

23 There were ninety–six pomegranates on the sides; all the pomegranates, all around on the network, were one hundred.

24 The captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, Zephaniah the second priest, and the three doorkeepers.

25 He also took out of the city an officer who had charge of the men of war, seven men of the king's close associates who were found in the city, the principal scribe of the army who mustered the people of the land, and sixty men of the people of the land who were found in the midst of the city.

26 And Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took these and brought them to the king of Babylon at Riblah.

27 Then the king of Babylon struck them and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried away captive from its own land.

28 These are the people whom
Nebuchadnezzar carried away captive:
in the seventh year, three thousand and
twenty–three Jews;
29 in the eighteenth year of
Nebuchadnezzar he carried away
captive from Jerusalem eight hundred
and thirty–two persons;
30 in the twenty–third year of
Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan the
captain of the guard carried away
captive of the Jews seven hundred and
forty–five persons. All the persons were
four thousand six hundred.
31 Now it came to pass in the
thirty–seventh year of the captivity of
Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth
month, on the twenty–fifth day of the
month, that Evil–Merodach king of
Babylon, in the first year of his reign,
lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of
Judah and brought him out of prison.

32 And he spoke kindly to him and gave
him a more prominent seat than those of
the kings who were with him in Babylon.
33 So Jehoiachin changed from his
prison garments, and he ate bread
regularly before the king all the days of
his life.
34 And as for his provisions, there was
a regular ration given him by the king of
Babylon, a portion for each day until the
day of his death, all the days of his life.

Lamentations

1 [1] How lonely sits the city That was
full of people! How like a widow is
she, Who was great among the nations!
The princess among the provinces Has
become a slave!
[2] She weeps bitterly in the night, Her
tears are on her cheeks; Among all her
lovers She has none to comfort her. All
her friends have dealt treacherously with
her; They have become her enemies.
[3] Judah has gone into captivity, Under
affliction and hard servitude; She dwells
among the nations, She finds no rest;
All her persecutors overtake her in dire
straits.
[4] The roads to Zion mourn Because no
one comes to the set feasts. All her gates

are desolate; Her priests sigh, Her virgins
are afflicted, And she is in bitterness.
5 Her adversaries have become the
master, Her enemies prosper; For the
LORD has afflicted her Because of the
multitude of her transgressions. Her
children have gone into captivity before
the enemy.
6 And from the daughter of Zion All her
splendor has departed. Her princes have
become like deer That find no pasture,
That flee without strength Before the
pursuer.
7 In the days of her affliction and
roaming, Jerusalem remembers all her
pleasant things That she had in the
days of old. When her people fell into
the hand of the enemy, With no one to
help her, The adversaries saw her And
mocked at her downfall.
8 Jerusalem has sinned gravely,
Therefore she has become vile. All who

honored her despise her Because they
have seen her nakedness; Yes, she sighs
and turns away.
9 Her uncleanness is in her skirts; She
did not consider her destiny; Therefore
her collapse was awesome; She had
no comforter. "O LORD, behold my
affliction, For the enemy is exalted!"
10 The adversary has spread his hand
Over all her pleasant things; For she has
seen the nations enter her sanctuary,
Those whom You commanded Not to
enter Your assembly.
11 All her people sigh, They seek bread;
They have given their valuables for
food to restore life. "See, O LORD, and
consider, For I am scorned."
12 "Is it nothing to you, all you who pass
by? Behold and see If there is any sorrow
like my sorrow, Which has been brought
on me, Which the LORD has inflicted In
the day of His fierce anger.

13 "From above He has sent fire into my
bones, And it overpowered them; He
has spread a net for my feet And turned
me back; He has made me desolate And
faint all the day.
14 "The yoke of my transgressions was
bound; They were woven together by
His hands, And thrust upon my neck.
He made my strength fail; The Lord
delivered me into the hands of those
whom I am not able to withstand.
15 "The Lord has trampled underfoot
all my mighty men in my midst; He has
called an assembly against me To crush
my young men; The Lord trampled as
in a winepress The virgin daughter of
Judah.
16 "For these things I weep; My eye, my
eye overflows with water; Because the
comforter, who should restore my life, Is
far from me. My children are desolate
Because the enemy prevailed."

17 Zion spreads out her hands, But
no one comforts her; The LORD
has commanded concerning Jacob
That those around him become his
adversaries; Jerusalem has become an
unclean thing among them.
18 "The LORD is righteous, For I rebelled
against His commandment. Hear now,
all peoples, And behold my sorrow; My
virgins and my young men Have gone
into captivity.
19 "I called for my lovers, But they
deceived me; My priests and my elders
Breathed their last in the city, While they
sought food To restore their life.
20 "See, O LORD, that I am in distress;
My soul is troubled; My heart is
overturned within me, For I have been
very rebellious. Outside the sword
bereaves, At home it is like death.
21 "They have heard that I sigh, But no
one comforts me. All my enemies have

heard of my trouble; They are glad that
You have done it. Bring on the day You
have announced, That they may become
like me.
22 "Let all their wickedness come before
You, And do to them as You have done
to me For all my transgressions; For my
sighs are many, And my heart is faint."

2

1 How the Lord has covered the
daughter of Zion With a cloud in His
anger! He cast down from heaven to the
earth The beauty of Israel, And did not
remember His footstool In the day of His
anger.
2 The Lord has swallowed up and has
not pitied All the dwelling places of
Jacob. He has thrown down in His wrath
The strongholds of the daughter of
Judah; He has brought them down to the
ground; He has profaned the kingdom
and its princes.

3 He has cut off in fierce anger Every
horn of Israel; He has drawn back His
right hand From before the enemy. He
has blazed against Jacob like a flaming
fire Devouring all around.
4 Standing like an enemy, He has bent
His bow; With His right hand, like an
adversary, He has slain all who were
pleasing to His eye; On the tent of the
daughter of Zion, He has poured out His
fury like fire.
5 The Lord was like an enemy. He has
swallowed up Israel, He has swallowed
up all her palaces; He has destroyed
her strongholds, And has increased
mourning and lamentation In the
daughter of Judah.
6 He has done violence to His
tabernacle, As if it were a garden; He has
destroyed His place of assembly; The
LORD has caused The appointed feasts
and Sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion. In

His burning indignation He has spurned
the king and the priest.
7 The Lord has spurned His altar, He has
abandoned His sanctuary; He has given
up the walls of her palaces Into the hand
of the enemy. They have made a noise in
the house of the LORD As on the day of
a set feast.
8 The LORD has purposed to destroy
The wall of the daughter of Zion. He
has stretched out a line; He has not
withdrawn His hand from destroying;
Therefore He has caused the rampart
and wall to lament; They languished
together.
9 Her gates have sunk into the ground;
He has destroyed and broken her bars.
Her king and her princes are among the
nations; The Law is no more, And her
prophets find no vision from the LORD.
10 The elders of the daughter of Zion
Sit on the ground and keep silence;

They throw dust on their heads And gird themselves with sackcloth. The virgins of Jerusalem Bow their heads to the ground.
11 My eyes fail with tears, My heart is troubled; My bile is poured on the ground Because of the destruction of the daughter of my people, Because the children and the infants Faint in the streets of the city.
12 They say to their mothers, "Where is grain and wine?" As they swoon like the wounded In the streets of the city, As their life is poured out In their mothers' bosom.
13 How shall I console you? To what shall I liken you, O daughter of Jerusalem? What shall I compare with you, that I may comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion? For your ruin is spread wide as the sea; Who can heal you?

14 Your prophets have seen for you
False and deceptive visions; They have
not uncovered your iniquity, To bring
back your captives, But have envisioned
for you false prophecies and delusions.
15 All who pass by clap their hands at
you; They hiss and shake their heads
At the daughter of Jerusalem: "Is this
the city that is called ‘The perfection of
beauty, The joy of the whole earth’?"
16 All your enemies have opened
their mouth against you; They hiss and
gnash their teeth. They say, "We have
swallowed her up! Surely this is the day
we have waited for; We have found it,
we have seen it!"
17 The LORD has done what He
purposed; He has fulfilled His word
Which He commanded in days of old.
He has thrown down and has not pitied,
And He has caused an enemy to rejoice

over you; He has exalted the horn of
your adversaries.
18 Their heart cried out to the Lord, "O
wall of the daughter of Zion, Let tears
run down like a river day and night; Give
yourself no relief; Give your eyes no rest.
19 "Arise, cry out in the night, At the
beginning of the watches; Pour out your
heart like water before the face of the
Lord. Lift your hands toward Him For
the life of your young children, Who
faint from hunger at the head of every
street."
20 "See, O LORD, and consider! To
whom have You done this? Should the
women eat their offspring, The children
they have cuddled? Should the priest
and prophet be slain In the sanctuary of
the Lord?
21 "Young and old lie On the ground in
the streets; My virgins and my young
men Have fallen by the sword; You have

slain them in the day of Your anger, You have slaughtered and not pitied.
22 "You have invited as to a feast day The terrors that surround me. In the day of the LORD’S anger There was no refugee or survivor. Those whom I have borne and brought up My enemies have destroyed."

3

1 I am the man who has seen affliction by the rod of His wrath.
2 He has led me and made me walk In darkness and not in light.
3 Surely He has turned His hand against me Time and time again throughout the day.
4 He has aged my flesh and my skin, And broken my bones.
5 He has besieged me And surrounded me with bitterness and woe.
6 He has set me in dark places Like the dead of long ago.

7 He has hedged me in so that I cannot
get out; He has made my chain heavy.
8 Even when I cry and shout, He shuts
out my prayer.
9 He has blocked my ways with hewn
stone; He has made my paths crooked.
10 He has been to me a bear lying in
wait, Like a lion in ambush.
11 He has turned aside my ways and
torn me in pieces; He has made me
desolate.
12 He has bent His bow And set me up
as a target for the arrow.
13 He has caused the arrows of His
quiver To pierce my loins.
14 I have become the ridicule of all my
people—Their taunting song all the day.
15 He has filled me with bitterness, He
has made me drink wormwood.
16 He has also broken my teeth with
gravel, And covered me with ashes.

17 You have moved my soul far from
peace; I have forgotten prosperity.
18 And I said, "My strength and my hope
Have perished from the LORD."
19 Remember my affliction and roaming,
The wormwood and the gall.
20 My soul still remembers And sinks
within me.
21 This I recall to my mind, Therefore I
have hope.
22 Through the LORD’S mercies we are
not consumed, Because His compassions
fail not.
23 They are new every morning; Great
is Your faithfulness.
24 "The LORD is my portion," says my
soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!"
25 The LORD is good to those who wait
for Him, To the soul who seeks Him.
26 It is good that one should hope and
wait quietly For the salvation of the
LORD.

27 It is good for a man to bear The yoke
in his youth.
28 Let him sit alone and keep silent,
Because God has laid it on him;
29 Let him put his mouth in the
dust—There may yet be hope.
30 Let him give his cheek to the one
who strikes him, And be full of reproach.
31 For the Lord will not cast off forever.
32 Though He causes grief, Yet He will
show compassion According to the
multitude of His mercies.
33 For He does not afflict willingly, Nor
grieve the children of men.
34 To crush under one's feet All the
prisoners of the earth,
35 To turn aside the justice due a man
Before the face of the Most High,
36 Or subvert a man in his cause—The
Lord does not approve.

37 Who is he who speaks and it
comes to pass, When the Lord has not
commanded it?
38 Is it not from the mouth of the Most
High That woe and well–being proceed?
39 Why should a living man complain, A
man for the punishment of his sins?
40 Let us search out and examine our
ways, And turn back to the LORD;
41 Let us lift our hearts and hands To
God in heaven.
42 We have transgressed and rebelled;
You have not pardoned.
43 You have covered Yourself with anger
And pursued us; You have slain and not
pitied.
44 You have covered Yourself with a
cloud, That prayer should not pass
through.
45 You have made us an offscouring and
refuse In the midst of the peoples.

46 All our enemies Have opened their
mouths against us.
47 Fear and a snare have come upon us,
Desolation and destruction.
48 My eyes overflow with rivers of water
For the destruction of the daughter of
my people.
49 My eyes flow and do not cease,
Without interruption,
50 Till the LORD from heaven Looks
down and sees.
51 My eyes bring suffering to my soul
Because of all the daughters of my city.
52 My enemies without cause Hunted
me down like a bird.
53 They silenced my life in the pit And
threw stones at me.
54 The waters flowed over my head; I
said, "I am cut off!"
55 I called on Your name, O LORD, From
the lowest pit.

56 You have heard my voice: "Do not
hide Your ear From my sighing, from my
cry for help."
57 You drew near on the day I called on
You, And said, "Do not fear!"
58 O Lord, You have pleaded the case
for my soul; You have redeemed my life.
59 O LORD, You have seen how I am
wronged; Judge my case.
60 You have seen all their vengeance, All
their schemes against me.
61 You have heard their reproach, O
LORD, All their schemes against me,
62 The lips of my enemies And their
whispering against me all the day.
63 Look at their sitting down and their
rising up; I am their taunting song.
64 Repay them, O LORD, According to
the work of their hands.
65 Give them a veiled heart; Your curse
be upon them!

66 In Your anger, Pursue and destroy
them From under the heavens of the
LORD.

4 1 How the gold has become dim!
How changed the fine gold! The
stones of the sanctuary are scattered At
the head of every street.
2 The precious sons of Zion, Valuable
as fine gold, How they are regarded as
clay pots, The work of the hands of the
potter!
3 Even the jackals present their breasts
To nurse their young; But the daughter
of my people is cruel, Like ostriches in
the wilderness.
4 The tongue of the infant clings To the
roof of its mouth for thirst; The young
children ask for bread, But no one breaks
it for them.
5 Those who ate delicacies Are desolate
in the streets; Those who were brought
up in scarlet Embrace ash heaps.

6 The punishment of the iniquity of the
daughter of my people Is greater than
the punishment of the sin of Sodom,
Which was overthrown in a moment,
With no hand to help her!
7 Her Nazirites were brighter than snow
And whiter than milk; They were more
ruddy in body than rubies, Like sapphire
in their appearance.
8 Now their appearance is blacker
than soot; They go unrecognized in the
streets; Their skin clings to their bones,
It has become as dry as wood.
9 Those slain by the sword are better off
Than those who die of hunger; For these
pine away, Stricken for lack of the fruits
of the field.
10 The hands of the compassionate
women Have cooked their own children;
They became food for them In the
destruction of the daughter of my
people.

11 The LORD has fulfilled His fury, He has
poured out His fierce anger. He kindled
a fire in Zion, And it has devoured its
foundations.
12 The kings of the earth, And all
inhabitants of the world, Would not
have believed That the adversary and
the enemy Could enter the gates of
Jerusalem—
13 Because of the sins of her prophets
And the iniquities of her priests, Who
shed in her midst The blood of the just.
14 They wandered blind in the streets;
They have defiled themselves with
blood, So that no one would touch their
garments.
15 They cried out to them, "Go away,
unclean! Go away, go away, Do not touch
us!" When they fled and wandered,
Those among the nations said, "They
shall no longer dwell here."

16 The face of the LORD scattered them;
He no longer regards them. The people
do not respect the priests Nor show
favor to the elders.
17 Still our eyes failed us, Watching
vainly for our help; In our watching we
watched For a nation that could not save
us.
18 They tracked our steps So that we
could not walk in our streets. Our end
was near; Our days were over, For our
end had come.
19 Our pursuers were swifter Than the
eagles of the heavens. They pursued us
on the mountains And lay in wait for us
in the wilderness.
20 The breath of our nostrils, the
anointed of the LORD, Was caught in
their pits, Of whom we said, "Under
his shadow We shall live among the
nations."

21 Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of
Edom, You who dwell in the land of
Uz! The cup shall also pass over to you
And you shall become drunk and make
yourself naked.
22 The punishment of your iniquity is
accomplished, O daughter of Zion; He
will no longer send you into captivity. He
will punish your iniquity, O daughter of
Edom; He will uncover your sins!

5 1 Remember, O LORD, what has
come upon us; Look, and behold our
reproach!
2 Our inheritance has been turned over
to aliens, And our houses to foreigners.
3 We have become orphans and waifs,
Our mothers are like widows.
4 We pay for the water we drink, And
our wood comes at a price.
5 They pursue at our heels; We labor
and have no rest.

6 We have given our hand to the
Egyptians And the Assyrians, to be
satisfied with bread.
7 Our fathers sinned and are no more,
But we bear their iniquities.
8 Servants rule over us; There is none to
deliver us from their hand.
9 We get our bread at the risk of our
lives, Because of the sword in the
wilderness.
10 Our skin is hot as an oven, Because
of the fever of famine.
11 They ravished the women in Zion,
The maidens in the cities of Judah.
12 Princes were hung up by their hands,
And elders were not respected.
13 Young men ground at the millstones;
Boys staggered under loads of wood.
14 The elders have ceased gathering at
the gate, And the young men from their
music.

15 The joy of our heart has ceased; Our
dance has turned into mourning.
16 The crown has fallen from our head.
Woe to us, for we have sinned!
17 Because of this our heart is faint;
Because of these things our eyes grow
dim;
18 Because of Mount Zion which is
desolate, With foxes walking about on it.
19 You, O LORD, remain forever; Your
throne from generation to generation.
20 Why do You forget us forever, And
forsake us for so long a time?
21 Turn us back to You, O LORD, and we
will be restored; Renew our days as of
old,
22 Unless You have utterly rejected us,
And are very angry with us!

Ezekiel

1 [1] Now it came to pass in the thirtieth
year, in the fourth month, on the
fifth day of the month, as I was among
the captives by the River Chebar, that
the heavens were opened and I saw
visions of God.
[2] On the fifth day of the month, which
was in the fifth year of King Jehoiachin's
captivity,
[3] the word of the LORD came expressly
to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in
the land of the Chaldeans by the River
Chebar; and the hand of the LORD was
upon him there.
[4] Then I looked, and behold, a whirlwind
was coming out of the north, a great
cloud with raging fire engulfing itself;
and brightness was all around it and

radiating out of its midst like the color of
amber, out of the midst of the fire.
5 Also from within it came the likeness
of four living creatures. And this was
their appearance: they had the likeness
of a man.
6 Each one had four faces, and each one
had four wings.
7 Their legs were straight, and the soles
of their feet were like the soles of calves'
feet. They sparkled like the color of
burnished bronze.
8 The hands of a man were under their
wings on their four sides; and each of
the four had faces and wings.
9 Their wings touched one another. The
creatures did not turn when they went,
but each one went straight forward.
10 As for the likeness of their faces, each
had the face of a man; each of the four
had the face of a lion on the right side,
each of the four had the face of an ox on

the left side, and each of the four had
the face of an eagle.
11 Thus were their faces. Their wings
stretched upward; two wings of each
one touched one another, and two
covered their bodies.
12 And each one went straight forward;
they went wherever the spirit wanted
to go, and they did not turn when they
went.
13 As for the likeness of the living
creatures, their appearance was like
burning coals of fire, like the appearance
of torches going back and forth among
the living creatures. The fire was bright,
and out of the fire went lightning.
14 And the living creatures ran back
and forth, in appearance like a flash of
lightning.
15 Now as I looked at the living
creatures, behold, a wheel was on the

earth beside each living creature with its
four faces.
16 The appearance of the wheels and
their workings was like the color of beryl,
and all four had the same likeness. The
appearance of their workings was, as it
were, a wheel in the middle of a wheel.
17 When they moved, they went toward
any one of four directions; they did not
turn aside when they went.
18 As for their rims, they were so high
they were awesome; and their rims were
full of eyes, all around the four of them.
19 When the living creatures went, the
wheels went beside them; and when the
living creatures were lifted up from the
earth, the wheels were lifted up.
20 Wherever the spirit wanted to go,
they went, because there the spirit went;
and the wheels were lifted together
with them, for the spirit of the living
creatures was in the wheels.

21 When those went, these went; when
those stood, these stood; and when
those were lifted up from the earth,
the wheels were lifted up together with
them, for the spirit of the living creatures
was in the wheels.
22 The likeness of the firmament above
the heads of the living creatures was
like the color of an awesome crystal,
stretched out over their heads.
23 And under the firmament their wings
spread out straight, one toward another.
Each one had two which covered one
side, and each one had two which
covered the other side of the body.
24 When they went, I heard the noise
of their wings, like the noise of many
waters, like the voice of the Almighty,
a tumult like the noise of an army; and
when they stood still, they let down their
wings.

25 A voice came from above the
firmament that was over their heads;
whenever they stood, they let down
their wings.
26 And above the firmament over their
heads was the likeness of a throne, in
appearance like a sapphire stone; on the
likeness of the throne was a likeness with
the appearance of a man high above it.
27 Also from the appearance of His
waist and upward I saw, as it were, the
color of amber with the appearance of
fire all around within it; and from the
appearance of His waist and downward
I saw, as it were, the appearance of fire
with brightness all around.
28 Like the appearance of a rainbow
in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the
appearance of the brightness all around
it. This was the appearance of the
likeness of the glory of the LORD. So

when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I
heard a voice of One speaking.

2 [1] And He said to me, "Son of man,
stand on your feet, and I will speak
to you."
[2] Then the Spirit entered me when He
spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and
I heard Him who spoke to me.
[3] And He said to me: "Son of man, I am
sending you to the children of Israel,
to a rebellious nation that has rebelled
against Me; they and their fathers have
transgressed against Me to this very day.
[4] "For they are impudent and stubborn
children. I am sending you to them, and
you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the
Lord GOD.’
[5] "As for them, whether they hear or
whether they refuse—for they are a
rebellious house—yet they will know
that a prophet has been among them.

6 "And you, son of man, do not be afraid
of them nor be afraid of their words,
though briers and thorns are with you
and you dwell among scorpions; do not
be afraid of their words or dismayed by
their looks, though they are a rebellious
house.
7 "You shall speak My words to them,
whether they hear or whether they
refuse, for they are rebellious.
8 "But you, son of man, hear what I say
to you. Do not be rebellious like that
rebellious house; open your mouth and
eat what I give you."
9 Now when I looked, there was a hand
stretched out to me; and behold, a scroll
of a book was in it.
10 Then He spread it before me; and
there was writing on the inside and
on the outside, and written on it were
lamentations and mourning and woe.

3 [1] Moreover He said to me, "Son of
man, eat what you find; eat this
scroll, and go, speak to the house of
Israel."
[2] So I opened my mouth, and He caused
me to eat that scroll.
[3] And He said to me, "Son of man, feed
your belly, and fill your stomach with this
scroll that I give you." So I ate, and it was
in my mouth like honey in sweetness.
[4] Then He said to me: "Son of man, go
to the house of Israel and speak with My
words to them.
[5] "For you are not sent to a people of
unfamiliar speech and of hard language,
but to the house of Israel,
[6] "not to many people of unfamiliar
speech and of hard language, whose
words you cannot understand. Surely,
had I sent you to them, they would have
listened to you.

7 "But the house of Israel will not listen
to you, because they will not listen
to Me; for all the house of Israel are
impudent and hard–hearted.
8 "Behold, I have made your face strong
against their faces, and your forehead
strong against their foreheads.
9 "Like adamant stone, harder than
flint, I have made your forehead; do not
be afraid of them, nor be dismayed at
their looks, though they are a rebellious
house."
10 Moreover He said to me: "Son of
man, receive into your heart all My
words that I speak to you, and hear with
your ears.
11 "And go, get to the captives, to the
children of your people, and speak to
them and tell them, ‘Thus says the Lord
GOD,’ whether they hear, or whether
they refuse."

12 Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I
heard behind me a great thunderous
voice: "Blessed is the glory of the LORD
from His place!"
13 I also heard the noise of the wings
of the living creatures that touched one
another, and the noise of the wheels
beside them, and a great thunderous
noise.
14 So the Spirit lifted me up and took
me away, and I went in bitterness, in the
heat of my spirit; but the hand of the
LORD was strong upon me.
15 Then I came to the captives at Tel
Abib, who dwelt by the River Chebar;
and I sat where they sat, and remained
there astonished among them seven
days.
16 Now it came to pass at the end of
seven days that the word of the LORD
came to me, saying,

17 "Son of man, I have made you a
watchman for the house of Israel;
therefore hear a word from My mouth,
and give them warning from Me:
18 "When I say to the wicked, 'You shall
surely die,' and you give him no warning,
nor speak to warn the wicked from his
wicked way, to save his life, that same
wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but
his blood I will require at your hand.
19 "Yet, if you warn the wicked, and he
does not turn from his wickedness, nor
from his wicked way, he shall die in his
iniquity; but you have delivered your
soul.
20 "Again, when a righteous man turns
from his righteousness and commits
iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block
before him, he shall die; because you did
not give him warning, he shall die in his
sin, and his righteousness which he has

done shall not be remembered; but his
blood I will require at your hand.
21 "Nevertheless if you warn the
righteous man that the righteous should
not sin, and he does not sin, he shall
surely live because he took warning; also
you will have delivered your soul."
22 Then the hand of the LORD was upon
me there, and He said to me, "Arise, go
out into the plain, and there I shall talk
with you."
23 So I arose and went out into the
plain, and behold, the glory of the LORD
stood there, like the glory which I saw by
the River Chebar; and I fell on my face.
24 Then the Spirit entered me and set
me on my feet, and spoke with me and
said to me: "Go, shut yourself inside
your house.
25 "And you, O son of man, surely they
will put ropes on you and bind you with

them, so that you cannot go out among
them.
26 "I will make your tongue cling to the
roof of your mouth, so that you shall be
mute and not be one to rebuke them,
for they are a rebellious house.
27 "But when I speak with you, I will
open your mouth, and you shall say to
them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ He who
hears, let him hear; and he who refuses,
let him refuse; for they are a rebellious
house.

4 1 "You also, son of man, take a clay
tablet and lay it before you, and
portray on it a city, Jerusalem.
2 "Lay siege against it, build a siege wall
against it, and heap up a mound against
it; set camps against it also, and place
battering rams against it all around.
3 "Moreover take for yourself an iron
plate, and set it as an iron wall between
you and the city. Set your face against it,

and it shall be besieged, and you shall
lay siege against it. This will be a sign to
the house of Israel.
4 "Lie also on your left side, and lay the
iniquity of the house of Israel upon it.
According to the number of the days
that you lie on it, you shall bear their
iniquity.
5 "For I have laid on you the years of
their iniquity, according to the number
of the days, three hundred and ninety
days; so you shall bear the iniquity of the
house of Israel.
6 "And when you have completed them,
lie again on your right side; then you
shall bear the iniquity of the house of
Judah forty days. I have laid on you a day
for each year.
7 "Therefore you shall set your face
toward the siege of Jerusalem; your
arm shall be uncovered, and you shall
prophesy against it.

8 "And surely I will restrain you so
that you cannot turn from one side to
another till you have ended the days of
your siege.
9 "Also take for yourself wheat, barley,
beans, lentils, millet, and spelt; put them
into one vessel, and make bread of them
for yourself. During the number of days
that you lie on your side, three hundred
and ninety days, you shall eat it.
10 "And your food which you eat shall
be by weight, twenty shekels a day; from
time to time you shall eat it.
11 "You shall also drink water by
measure, one–sixth of a hin; from time
to time you shall drink.
12 "And you shall eat it as barley cakes;
and bake it using fuel of human waste in
their sight."
13 Then the LORD said, "So shall the
children of Israel eat their defiled bread

among the Gentiles, where I will drive
them."
14 So I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Indeed I
have never defiled myself from my youth
till now; I have never eaten what died
of itself or was torn by beasts, nor has
abominable flesh ever come into my
mouth."
15 Then He said to me, "See, I am giving
you cow dung instead of human waste,
and you shall prepare your bread over
it."
16 Moreover He said to me, "Son of
man, surely I will cut off the supply of
bread in Jerusalem; they shall eat bread
by weight and with anxiety, and shall
drink water by measure and with dread,
17 "that they may lack bread and water,
and be dismayed with one another, and
waste away because of their iniquity.
5 1 "And you, son of man, take a sharp
sword, take it as a barber's razor, and

pass it over your head and your beard;
then take scales to weigh and divide the
hair.
2 "You shall burn with fire one–third
in the midst of the city, when the days
of the siege are finished; then you shall
take one–third and strike around it
with the sword, and one–third you shall
scatter in the wind: I will draw out a
sword after them.
3 "You shall also take a small number of
them and bind them in the edge of your
garment.
4 "Then take some of them again and
throw them into the midst of the fire,
and burn them in the fire. From there
a fire will go out into all the house of
Israel.
5 "Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘This is
Jerusalem; I have set her in the midst of
the nations and the countries all around
her.

6 ‘She has rebelled against My
judgments by doing wickedness more
than the nations, and against My
statutes more than the countries that
are all around her; for they have refused
My judgments, and they have not walked
in My statutes.’
7 "Therefore thus says the Lord
GOD: ‘Because you have multiplied
disobedience more than the nations that
are all around you, have not walked in
My statutes nor kept My judgments, nor
even done according to the judgments
of the nations that are all around you’ —
8 "therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
‘Indeed I, even I, am against you and will
execute judgments in your midst in the
sight of the nations.
9 ‘And I will do among you what I have
never done, and the like of which I will
never do again, because of all your
abominations.

10 ‘Therefore fathers shall eat their sons
in your midst, and sons shall eat their
fathers; and I will execute judgments
among you, and all of you who remain I
will scatter to all the winds.
11 ‘Therefore, as I live,’ says the Lord
GOD, ‘surely, because you have defiled
My sanctuary with all your detestable
things and with all your abominations,
therefore I will also diminish you; My eye
will not spare, nor will I have any pity.
12 ‘One–third of you shall die of the
pestilence, and be consumed with
famine in your midst; and one–third
shall fall by the sword all around you;
and I will scatter another third to all the
winds, and I will draw out a sword after
them.
13 ‘Thus shall My anger be spent, and
I will cause My fury to rest upon them,
and I will be avenged; and they shall
know that I, the LORD, have spoken it

in My zeal, when I have spent My fury
upon them.
14 'Moreover I will make you a waste
and a reproach among the nations that
are all around you, in the sight of all who
pass by.
15 'So it shall be a reproach, a taunt,
a lesson, and an astonishment to the
nations that are all around you, when I
execute judgments among you in anger
and in fury and in furious rebukes. I, the
LORD, have spoken.
16 'When I send against them the
terrible arrows of famine which shall
be for destruction, which I will send to
destroy you, I will increase the famine
upon you and cut off your supply of
bread.
17 'So I will send against you famine and
wild beasts, and they will bereave you.
Pestilence and blood shall pass through

you, and I will bring the sword against
you. I, the LORD, have spoken.'"

6 1 Now the word of the LORD came to
me, saying:
2 "Son of man, set your face toward
the mountains of Israel, and prophesy
against them,
3 "and say, 'O mountains of Israel, hear
the word of the Lord GOD!' Thus says
the Lord GOD to the mountains, to the
hills, to the ravines, and to the valleys:
"Indeed I, even I, will bring a sword
against you, and I will destroy your high
places.
4 "Then your altars shall be desolate,
your incense altars shall be broken, and
I will cast down your slain men before
your idols.
5 "And I will lay the corpses of the
children of Israel before their idols, and
I will scatter your bones all around your
altars.

6 "In all your dwelling places the cities
shall be laid waste, and the high places
shall be desolate, so that your altars may
be laid waste and made desolate, your
idols may be broken and made to cease,
your incense altars may be cut down,
and your works may be abolished.
7 "The slain shall fall in your midst, and
you shall know that I am the LORD.
8 "Yet I will leave a remnant, so that
you may have some who escape the
sword among the nations, when you are
scattered through the countries.
9 "Then those of you who escape will
remember Me among the nations where
they are carried captive, because I was
crushed by their adulterous heart which
has departed from Me, and by their
eyes which play the harlot after their
idols; they will loathe themselves for the
evils which they committed in all their
abominations.

10 "And they shall know that I am the
LORD; I have not said in vain that I would
bring this calamity upon them."
11 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Pound
your fists and stamp your feet, and say,
'Alas, for all the evil abominations of the
house of Israel! For they shall fall by the
sword, by famine, and by pestilence.
12 'He who is far off shall die by the
pestilence, he who is near shall fall by
the sword, and he who remains and is
besieged shall die by the famine. Thus
will I spend My fury upon them.
13 'Then you shall know that I am the
LORD, when their slain are among their
idols all around their altars, on every
high hill, on all the mountaintops, under
every green tree, and under every
thick oak, wherever they offered sweet
incense to all their idols.
14 'So I will stretch out My hand against
them and make the land desolate, yes,

more desolate than the wilderness
toward Diblah, in all their dwelling
places. Then they shall know that I am
the LORD.'"'"

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1 Moreover the word of the LORD
came to me, saying,
2 "And you, son of man, thus says the
Lord GOD to the land of Israel: 'An end!
The end has come upon the four corners
of the land.
3 Now the end has come upon you, And
I will send My anger against you; I will
judge you according to your ways, And I
will repay you for all your abominations.
4 My eye will not spare you, Nor will
I have pity; But I will repay your ways,
And your abominations will be in your
midst; Then you shall know that I am the
LORD!'
5 "Thus says the Lord GOD: 'A disaster, a
singular disaster; Behold, it has come!

6 An end has come, The end has come;
It has dawned for you; Behold, it has
come!
7 Doom has come to you, you who dwell
in the land; The time has come, A day of
trouble is near, And not of rejoicing in
the mountains.
8 Now upon you I will soon pour out
My fury, And spend My anger upon
you; I will judge you according to your
ways, And I will repay you for all your
abominations.
9 'My eye will not spare, Nor will I have
pity; I will repay you according to your
ways, And your abominations will be in
your midst. Then you shall know that I
am the LORD who strikes.
10 'Behold, the day! Behold, it has
come! Doom has gone out; The rod has
blossomed, Pride has budded.
11 Violence has risen up into a rod of
wickedness; None of them shall remain,

None of their multitude, None of them;
Nor shall there be wailing for them.
12 The time has come, The day draws
near. 'Let not the buyer rejoice, Nor the
seller mourn, For wrath is on their whole
multitude.
13 For the seller shall not return to what
has been sold, Though he may still be
alive; For the vision concerns the whole
multitude, And it shall not turn back; No
one will strengthen himself Who lives in
iniquity.
14 'They have blown the trumpet and
made everyone ready, But no one goes
to battle; For My wrath is on all their
multitude.
15 The sword is outside, And the
pestilence and famine within. Whoever
is in the field Will die by the sword;
And whoever is in the city, Famine and
pestilence will devour him.

16 ‘Those who survive will escape and
be on the mountains Like doves of the
valleys, All of them mourning, Each for
his iniquity.
17 Every hand will be feeble, And every
knee will be as weak as water.
18 They will also be girded with
sackcloth; Horror will cover them;
Shame will be on every face, Baldness
on all their heads.
19 ‘They will throw their silver into the
streets, And their gold will be like refuse;
Their silver and their gold will not be able
to deliver them In the day of the wrath
of the LORD; They will not satisfy their
souls, Nor fill their stomachs, Because it
became their stumbling block of iniquity.
20 ‘As for the beauty of his ornaments,
He set it in majesty; But they made from
it The images of their abominations—
Their detestable things; Therefore I have
made it Like refuse to them.

21 I will give it as plunder Into the hands
of strangers, And to the wicked of the
earth as spoil; And they shall defile it.
22 I will turn My face from them, And
they will defile My secret place; For
robbers shall enter it and defile it.
23 'Make a chain, For the land is filled
with crimes of blood, And the city is full
of violence.
24 Therefore I will bring the worst of
the Gentiles, And they will possess their
houses; I will cause the pomp of the
strong to cease, And their holy places
shall be defiled.
25 Destruction comes; They will seek
peace, but there shall be none.
26 Disaster will come upon disaster, And
rumor will be upon rumor. Then they will
seek a vision from a prophet; But the law
will perish from the priest, And counsel
from the elders.

27 ‘The king will mourn, The prince
will be clothed with desolation, And
the hands of the common people will
tremble. I will do to them according to
their way, And according to what they
deserve I will judge them; Then they
shall know that I am the LORD!’"

8 1 And it came to pass in the sixth
year, in the sixth month, on the fifth
day of the month, as I sat in my house
with the elders of Judah sitting before
me, that the hand of the Lord GOD fell
upon me there.

2 Then I looked, and there was a
likeness, like the appearance of fire—
from the appearance of His waist and
downward, fire; and from His waist
and upward, like the appearance of
brightness, like the color of amber.

3 He stretched out the form of a hand,
and took me by a lock of my hair; and
the Spirit lifted me up between earth

and heaven, and brought me in visions
of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the
north gate of the inner court, where the
seat of the image of jealousy was, which
provokes to jealousy.
4 And behold, the glory of the God of
Israel was there, like the vision that I saw
in the plain.
5 Then He said to me, "Son of man, lift
your eyes now toward the north." So
I lifted my eyes toward the north, and
there, north of the altar gate, was this
image of jealousy in the entrance.
6 Furthermore He said to me, "Son
of man, do you see what they are
doing, the great abominations that the
house of Israel commits here, to make
Me go far away from My sanctuary?
Now turn again, you will see greater
abominations."

7 So He brought me to the door of the
court; and when I looked, there was a
hole in the wall.
8 Then He said to me, "Son of man, dig
into the wall"; and when I dug into the
wall, there was a door.
9 And He said to me, "Go in, and see
the wicked abominations which they are
doing there."
10 So I went in and saw, and there—
every sort of creeping thing, abominable
beasts, and all the idols of the house of
Israel, portrayed all around on the walls.
11 And there stood before them seventy
men of the elders of the house of Israel,
and in their midst stood Jaazaniah the
son of Shaphan. Each man had a censer
in his hand, and a thick cloud of incense
went up.
12 Then He said to me, "Son of man,
have you seen what the elders of the
house of Israel do in the dark, every man

in the room of his idols? For they say,
‘The LORD does not see us, the LORD
has forsaken the land.’"
13 And He said to me, "Turn again, and
you will see greater abominations that
they are doing."
14 So He brought me to the door of the
north gate of the LORD’S house; and to
my dismay, women were sitting there
weeping for Tammuz.
15 Then He said to me, "Have you seen
this, O son of man? Turn again, you will
see greater abominations than these."
16 So He brought me into the inner
court of the LORD’S house; and there,
at the door of the temple of the LORD,
between the porch and the altar, were
about twenty–five men with their backs
toward the temple of the LORD and their
faces toward the east, and they were
worshiping the sun toward the east.

17 And He said to me, "Have you
seen this, O son of man? Is it a trivial
thing to the house of Judah to commit
the abominations which they commit
here? For they have filled the land with
violence; then they have returned to
provoke Me to anger. Indeed they put
the branch to their nose.
18 "Therefore I also will act in fury. My
eye will not spare nor will I have pity;
and though they cry in My ears with a
loud voice, I will not hear them."
9 1 Then He called out in my hearing
with a loud voice, saying, "Let those
who have charge over the city draw near,
each with a deadly weapon in his hand."
2 And suddenly six men came from
the direction of the upper gate, which
faces north, each with his battle–ax in
his hand. One man among them was
clothed with linen and had a writer's

inkhorn at his side. They went in and
stood beside the bronze altar.
3 Now the glory of the God of Israel had
gone up from the cherub, where it had
been, to the threshold of the temple.
And He called to the man clothed with
linen, who had the writer’s inkhorn at
his side;
4 and the LORD said to him, "Go through
the midst of the city, through the midst
of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the
foreheads of the men who sigh and cry
over all the abominations that are done
within it."
5 To the others He said in my hearing,
"Go after him through the city and kill;
do not let your eye spare, nor have any
pity.
6 "Utterly slay old and young men,
maidens and little children and women;
but do not come near anyone on whom
is the mark; and begin at My sanctuary."

So they began with the elders who were
before the temple.
7 Then He said to them, "Defile the
temple, and fill the courts with the slain.
Go out!" And they went out and killed in
the city.
8 So it was, that while they were killing
them, I was left alone; and I fell on my
face and cried out, and said, "Ah, Lord
GOD! Will You destroy all the remnant
of Israel in pouring out Your fury on
Jerusalem?"
9 Then He said to me, "The iniquity
of the house of Israel and Judah is
exceedingly great, and the land is full of
bloodshed, and the city full of perversity;
for they say, ‘The LORD has forsaken the
land, and the LORD does not see!’
10 "And as for Me also, My eye will
neither spare, nor will I have pity, but
I will recompense their deeds on their
own head."

11 Just then, the man clothed with linen, who had the inkhorn at his side, reported back and said, "I have done as You commanded me."

10 1 And I looked, and there in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubim, there appeared something like a sapphire stone, having the appearance of the likeness of a throne.

2 Then He spoke to the man clothed with linen, and said, "Go in among the wheels, under the cherub, fill your hands with coals of fire from among the cherubim, and scatter them over the city." And he went in as I watched.

3 Now the cherubim were standing on the south side of the temple when the man went in, and the cloud filled the inner court.

4 Then the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub, and paused over the

threshold of the temple; and the house
was filled with the cloud, and the court
was full of the brightness of the LORD'S
glory.
5 And the sound of the wings of the
cherubim was heard even in the outer
court, like the voice of Almighty God
when He speaks.
6 Then it happened, when He
commanded the man clothed in linen,
saying, "Take fire from among the
wheels, from among the cherubim," that
he went in and stood beside the wheels.
7 And the cherub stretched out his hand
from among the cherubim to the fire
that was among the cherubim, and took
some of it and put it into the hands of
the man clothed with linen, who took it
and went out.
8 The cherubim appeared to have the
form of a man's hand under their wings.

[9] And when I looked, there were four
wheels by the cherubim, one wheel by
one cherub and another wheel by each
other cherub; the wheels appeared to
have the color of a beryl stone.
[10] As for their appearance, all four
looked alike—as it were, a wheel in the
middle of a wheel.
[11] When they went, they went toward
any of their four directions; they did not
turn aside when they went, but followed
in the direction the head was facing.
They did not turn aside when they went.
[12] And their whole body, with their
back, their hands, their wings, and the
wheels that the four had, were full of
eyes all around.
[13] As for the wheels, they were called in
my hearing, "Wheel."
[14] Each one had four faces: the first face
was the face of a cherub, the second
face the face of a man, the third the face

of a lion, and the fourth the face of an
eagle.
15 And the cherubim were lifted up.
This was the living creature I saw by the
River Chebar.
16 When the cherubim went, the
wheels went beside them; and when the
cherubim lifted their wings to mount up
from the earth, the same wheels also
did not turn from beside them.
17 When the cherubim stood still, the
wheels stood still, and when one was
lifted up, the other lifted itself up, for the
spirit of the living creature was in them.
18 Then the glory of the LORD departed
from the threshold of the temple and
stood over the cherubim.
19 And the cherubim lifted their wings
and mounted up from the earth in my
sight. When they went out, the wheels
were beside them; and they stood at
the door of the east gate of the LORD'S

house, and the glory of the God of Israel
was above them.
20 This is the living creature I saw under
the God of Israel by the River Chebar,
and I knew they were cherubim.
21 Each one had four faces and each
one four wings, and the likeness of the
hands of a man was under their wings.
22 And the likeness of their faces was
the same as the faces which I had seen
by the River Chebar, their appearance
and their persons. They each went
straight forward.
11 1 Then the Spirit lifted me up and
brought me to the East Gate of
the LORD'S house, which faces eastward;
and there at the door of the gate were
twenty–five men, among whom I saw
Jaazaniah the son of Azzur, and Pelatiah
the son of Benaiah, princes of the
people.

2 And He said to me: "Son of man, these
are the men who devise iniquity and
give wicked counsel in this city,
3 "who say, ‘The time is not near to
build houses; this city is the caldron, and
we are the meat.’
4 "Therefore prophesy against them,
prophesy, O son of man!"
5 Then the Spirit of the LORD fell upon
me, and said to me, "Speak! ‘Thus says
the LORD: "Thus you have said, O house
of Israel; for I know the things that come
into your mind.
6 "You have multiplied your slain in this
city, and you have filled its streets with
the slain."
7 ‘Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
"Your slain whom you have laid in its
midst, they are the meat, and this city is
the caldron; but I shall bring you out of
the midst of it.

8 "You have feared the sword; and I will bring a sword upon you," says the Lord GOD.

9 "And I will bring you out of its midst, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and execute judgments on you.

10 "You shall fall by the sword. I will judge you at the border of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.

11 "This city shall not be your caldron, nor shall you be the meat in its midst. I will judge you at the border of Israel.

12 "And you shall know that I am the LORD; for you have not walked in My statutes nor executed My judgments, but have done according to the customs of the Gentiles which are all around you."'"

13 Now it happened, while I was prophesying, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then I fell on my face and

cried with a loud voice, and said, "Ah,
Lord GOD! Will You make a complete
end of the remnant of Israel?"
14 Again the word of the LORD came to
me, saying,
15 "Son of man, your brethren, your
relatives, your countrymen, and all
the house of Israel in its entirety, are
those about whom the inhabitants of
Jerusalem have said, ‘Get far away from
the LORD; this land has been given to us
as a possession.’
16 "Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord
GOD: "Although I have cast them far off
among the Gentiles, and although I have
scattered them among the countries, yet
I shall be a little sanctuary for them in
the countries where they have gone."’
17 "Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord
GOD: "I will gather you from the peoples,
assemble you from the countries where

you have been scattered, and I will give
you the land of Israel."'
18 "And they will go there, and they will
take away all its detestable things and all
its abominations from there.
19 "Then I will give them one heart, and
I will put a new spirit within them, and
take the stony heart out of their flesh,
and give them a heart of flesh,
20 "that they may walk in My statutes
and keep My judgments and do them;
and they shall be My people, and I will
be their God.
21 "But as for those whose hearts follow
the desire for their detestable things and
their abominations, I will recompense
their deeds on their own heads," says
the Lord GOD.
22 So the cherubim lifted up their wings,
with the wheels beside them, and the
glory of the God of Israel was high above
them.

23 And the glory of the LORD went up
from the midst of the city and stood on
the mountain, which is on the east side
of the city.
24 Then the Spirit took me up and
brought me in a vision by the Spirit of
God into Chaldea, to those in captivity.
And the vision that I had seen went up
from me.
25 So I spoke to those in captivity of all
the things the LORD had shown me.

12

1 Now the word of the LORD came
to me, saying:
2 "Son of man, you dwell in the midst of
a rebellious house, which has eyes to see
but does not see, and ears to hear but
does not hear; for they are a rebellious
house.
3 "Therefore, son of man, prepare your
belongings for captivity, and go into
captivity by day in their sight. You shall
go from your place into captivity to

another place in their sight. It may be
that they will consider, though they are
a rebellious house.
4 "By day you shall bring out your
belongings in their sight, as though going
into captivity; and at evening you shall
go in their sight, like those who go into
captivity.
5 "Dig through the wall in their sight,
and carry your belongings out through it.
6 "In their sight you shall bear them on
your shoulders and carry them out at
twilight; you shall cover your face, so
that you cannot see the ground, for I
have made you a sign to the house of
Israel."
7 So I did as I was commanded. I brought
out my belongings by day, as though
going into captivity, and at evening I dug
through the wall with my hand. I brought
them out at twilight, and I bore them on
my shoulder in their sight.

8 And in the morning the word of the
LORD came to me, saying,
9 "Son of man, has not the house of
Israel, the rebellious house, said to you,
'What are you doing?'
10 "Say to them, 'Thus says the Lord
GOD: "This burden concerns the prince
in Jerusalem and all the house of Israel
who are among them."'
11 "Say, 'I am a sign to you. As I have
done, so shall it be done to them; they
shall be carried away into captivity.'
12 "And the prince who is among them
shall bear his belongings on his shoulder
at twilight and go out. They shall dig
through the wall to carry them out
through it. He shall cover his face, so
that he cannot see the ground with his
eyes.
13 "I will also spread My net over him,
and he shall be caught in My snare. I
will bring him to Babylon, to the land of

the Chaldeans; yet he shall not see it,
though he shall die there.
14 "I will scatter to every wind all who
are around him to help him, and all his
troops; and I will draw out the sword
after them.
15 "Then they shall know that I am the
LORD, when I scatter them among the
nations and disperse them throughout
the countries.
16 "But I will spare a few of their men
from the sword, from famine, and from
pestilence, that they may declare all
their abominations among the Gentiles
wherever they go. Then they shall know
that I am the LORD."
17 Moreover the word of the LORD
came to me, saying,
18 "Son of man, eat your bread with
quaking, and drink your water with
trembling and anxiety.

19 "And say to the people of the
land, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD to the
inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the land
of Israel: "They shall eat their bread
with anxiety, and drink their water with
dread, so that her land may be emptied
of all who are in it, because of the
violence of all those who dwell in it.
20 "Then the cities that are inhabited
shall be laid waste, and the land shall
become desolate; and you shall know
that I am the LORD."’"
21 And the word of the LORD came to
me, saying,
22 "Son of man, what is this proverb
that you people have about the land
of Israel, which says, ‘The days are
prolonged, and every vision fails’?
23 "Tell them therefore, ‘Thus says the
Lord GOD: "I will lay this proverb to
rest, and they shall no more use it as a
proverb in Israel." But say to them, "The

days are at hand, and the fulfillment of
every vision.
24 "For no more shall there be any false
vision or flattering divination within the
house of Israel.
25 "For I am the LORD. I speak, and the
word which I speak will come to pass;
it will no more be postponed; for in
your days, O rebellious house, I will say
the word and perform it," says the Lord
GOD.'"
26 Again the word of the LORD came to
me, saying,
27 "Son of man, look, the house of Israel
is saying, 'The vision that he sees is for
many days from now, and he prophesies
of times far off.'
28 "Therefore say to them, 'Thus says
the Lord GOD: "None of My words will
be postponed any more, but the word
which I speak will be done," says the
Lord GOD.'"

13 [1] And the word of the LORD came
to me, saying,
[2] "Son of man, prophesy against the
prophets of Israel who prophesy, and say
to those who prophesy out of their own
heart, 'Hear the word of the LORD!'"
[3] Thus says the Lord GOD: "Woe to the
foolish prophets, who follow their own
spirit and have seen nothing!
[4] "O Israel, your prophets are like foxes
in the deserts.
[5] "You have not gone up into the gaps
to build a wall for the house of Israel to
stand in battle on the day of the LORD.
[6] "They have envisioned futility and
false divination, saying, 'Thus says the
LORD!' But the LORD has not sent them;
yet they hope that the word may be
confirmed.
[7] "Have you not seen a futile vision, and
have you not spoken false divination?

You say, ‘The LORD says,’ but I have not
spoken."
8 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
"Because you have spoken nonsense and
envisioned lies, therefore I am indeed
against you," says the Lord GOD.
9 "My hand will be against the prophets
who envision futility and who divine lies;
they shall not be in the assembly of My
people, nor be written in the record of
the house of Israel, nor shall they enter
into the land of Israel. Then you shall
know that I am the Lord GOD.
10 "Because, indeed, because they have
seduced My people, saying, ‘Peace!’
when there is no peace—and one
builds a wall, and they plaster it with
untempered mortar —
11 "say to those who plaster it with
untempered mortar, that it will fall.
There will be flooding rain, and you, O

great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy
wind shall tear it down.
12 "Surely, when the wall has fallen,
will it not be said to you, ‘Where is the
mortar with which you plastered it?’"
13 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "I
will cause a stormy wind to break forth
in My fury; and there shall be a flooding
rain in My anger, and great hailstones in
fury to consume it.
14 "So I will break down the wall you
have plastered with untempered mortar,
and bring it down to the ground, so that
its foundation will be uncovered; it will
fall, and you shall be consumed in the
midst of it. Then you shall know that I
am the LORD.
15 "Thus will I accomplish My wrath
on the wall and on those who have
plastered it with untempered mortar;
and I will say to you, ‘The wall is no
more, nor those who plastered it,

16 'that is, the prophets of Israel who
prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and
who see visions of peace for her when
there is no peace,'" says the Lord GOD.
17 "Likewise, son of man, set your face
against the daughters of your people,
who prophesy out of their own heart;
prophesy against them,
18 "and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD:
"Woe to the women who sew magic
charms on their sleeves and make veils
for the heads of people of every height
to hunt souls! Will you hunt the souls of
My people, and keep yourselves alive?
19 "And will you profane Me among
My people for handfuls of barley and
for pieces of bread, killing people who
should not die, and keeping people alive
who should not live, by your lying to My
people who listen to lies?"
20 'Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
"Behold, I am against your magic charms

by which you hunt souls there like birds.
I will tear them from your arms, and
let the souls go, the souls you hunt like
birds.
21 "I will also tear off your veils and
deliver My people out of your hand, and
they shall no longer be as prey in your
hand. Then you shall know that I am the
LORD.
22 "Because with lies you have made
the heart of the righteous sad, whom
I have not made sad; and you have
strengthened the hands of the wicked,
so that he does not turn from his wicked
way to save his life.
23 "Therefore you shall no longer
envision futility nor practice divination;
for I will deliver My people out of your
hand, and you shall know that I am the
LORD."'"

14 1 Now some of the elders of Israel
came to me and sat before me.

2 And the word of the LORD came to
me, saying,
3 "Son of man, these men have set
up their idols in their hearts, and put
before them that which causes them to
stumble into iniquity. Should I let Myself
be inquired of at all by them?
4 "Therefore speak to them, and say
to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD:
"Everyone of the house of Israel who
sets up his idols in his heart, and puts
before him what causes him to stumble
into iniquity, and then comes to the
prophet, I the LORD will answer him who
comes, according to the multitude of his
idols,
5 "that I may seize the house of Israel
by their heart, because they are all
estranged from Me by their idols."’
6 "Therefore say to the house of Israel,
‘Thus says the Lord GOD: "Repent, turn

away from your idols, and turn your
faces away from all your abominations.
7 "For anyone of the house of Israel,
or of the strangers who dwell in Israel,
who separates himself from Me and
sets up his idols in his heart and puts
before him what causes him to stumble
into iniquity, then comes to a prophet
to inquire of him concerning Me, I the
LORD will answer him by Myself.
8 "I will set My face against that man
and make him a sign and a proverb, and
I will cut him off from the midst of My
people. Then you shall know that I am
the LORD.
9 "And if the prophet is induced to
speak anything, I the LORD have induced
that prophet, and I will stretch out My
hand against him and destroy him from
among My people Israel.
10 "And they shall bear their iniquity;
the punishment of the prophet shall be

the same as the punishment of the one
who inquired,
11 "that the house of Israel may no
longer stray from Me, nor be profaned
anymore with all their transgressions,
but that they may be My people and I
may be their God," says the Lord GOD.'"
12 The word of the LORD came again to
me, saying:
13 "Son of man, when a land sins against
Me by persistent unfaithfulness, I will
stretch out My hand against it; I will cut
off its supply of bread, send famine on it,
and cut off man and beast from it.
14 "Even if these three men, Noah,
Daniel, and Job, were in it, they
would deliver only themselves by their
righteousness," says the Lord GOD.
15 "If I cause wild beasts to pass through
the land, and they empty it, and make
it so desolate that no man may pass
through because of the beasts,

16 "even though these three men
were in it, as I live," says the Lord GOD,
"they would deliver neither sons nor
daughters; only they would be delivered,
and the land would be desolate.
17 "Or if I bring a sword on that land,
and say, ‘Sword, go through the land,’
and I cut off man and beast from it,
18 "even though these three men
were in it, as I live," says the Lord GOD,
"they would deliver neither sons nor
daughters, but only they themselves
would be delivered.
19 "Or if I send a pestilence into that
land and pour out My fury on it in blood,
and cut off from it man and beast,
20 "even though Noah, Daniel, and
Job were in it, as I live," says the Lord
GOD, "they would deliver neither son
nor daughter; they would deliver only
themselves by their righteousness."

21 For thus says the Lord GOD: "How
much more it shall be when I send My
four severe judgments on Jerusalem—
the sword and famine and wild beasts
and pestilence—to cut off man and
beast from it?
22 "Yet behold, there shall be left in it a
remnant who will be brought out, both
sons and daughters; surely they will
come out to you, and you will see their
ways and their doings. Then you will be
comforted concerning the disaster that I
have brought upon Jerusalem, all that I
have brought upon it.
23 "And they will comfort you, when
you see their ways and their doings; and
you shall know that I have done nothing
without cause that I have done in it,"
says the Lord GOD.

15 1 Then the word of the LORD
came to me, saying:

2 "Son of man, how is the wood of the
vine better than any other wood, the
vine branch which is among the trees of
the forest?
3 "Is wood taken from it to make any
object? Or can men make a peg from it
to hang any vessel on?
4 "Instead, it is thrown into the fire for
fuel; the fire devours both ends of it, and
its middle is burned. Is it useful for any
work?
5 "Indeed, when it was whole, no object
could be made from it. How much less
will it be useful for any work when the
fire has devoured it, and it is burned?
6 "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
'Like the wood of the vine among the
trees of the forest, which I have given
to the fire for fuel, so I will give up the
inhabitants of Jerusalem;
7 'and I will set My face against them.
They will go out from one fire, but

another fire shall devour them. Then you
shall know that I am the LORD, when I
set My face against them.
8 'Thus I will make the land desolate,
because they have persisted in
unfaithfulness,' says the Lord GOD."

16 1 Again the word of the LORD
came to me, saying,
2 "Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know
her abominations,
3 "and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD to
Jerusalem: "Your birth and your nativity
are from the land of Canaan; your father
was an Amorite and your mother a
Hittite.
4 "As for your nativity, on the day you
were born your navel cord was not cut,
nor were you washed in water to cleanse
you; you were not rubbed with salt nor
wrapped in swaddling cloths.
5 "No eye pitied you, to do any of these
things for you, to have compassion on

you; but you were thrown out into the
open field, when you yourself were
loathed on the day you were born.
6 "And when I passed by you and saw
you struggling in your own blood, I said
to you in your blood, ‘Live!’ Yes, I said to
you in your blood, ‘Live!’
7 "I made you thrive like a plant in
the field; and you grew, matured, and
became very beautiful. Your breasts
were formed, your hair grew, but you
were naked and bare.
8 "When I passed by you again and
looked upon you, indeed your time was
the time of love; so I spread My wing
over you and covered your nakedness.
Yes, I swore an oath to you and entered
into a covenant with you, and you
became Mine," says the Lord GOD.
9 "Then I washed you in water; yes, I
thoroughly washed off your blood, and I
anointed you with oil.

10 "I clothed you in embroidered cloth
and gave you sandals of badger skin; I
clothed you with fine linen and covered
you with silk.
11 "I adorned you with ornaments, put
bracelets on your wrists, and a chain on
your neck.
12 "And I put a jewel in your nose,
earrings in your ears, and a beautiful
crown on your head.
13 "Thus you were adorned with gold
and silver, and your clothing was of fine
linen, silk, and embroidered cloth. You
ate pastry of fine flour, honey, and oil.
You were exceedingly beautiful, and
succeeded to royalty.
14 "Your fame went out among the
nations because of your beauty, for it
was perfect through My splendor which
I had bestowed on you," says the Lord
GOD.

15 "But you trusted in your own beauty,
played the harlot because of your
fame, and poured out your harlotry on
everyone passing by who would have it.
16 "You took some of your garments
and adorned multicolored high places
for yourself, and played the harlot on
them. Such things should not happen,
nor be.
17 "You have also taken your beautiful
jewelry from My gold and My silver,
which I had given you, and made for
yourself male images and played the
harlot with them.
18 "You took your embroidered
garments and covered them, and you set
My oil and My incense before them.
19 "Also My food which I gave you—the
pastry of fine flour, oil, and honey which
I fed you—you set it before them as
sweet incense; and so it was," says the
Lord GOD.

20 "Moreover you took your sons and
your daughters, whom you bore to Me,
and these you sacrificed to them to be
devoured. Were your acts of harlotry a
small matter,
21 "that you have slain My children and
offered them up to them by causing
them to pass through the fire?
22 "And in all your abominations and
acts of harlotry you did not remember
the days of your youth, when you were
naked and bare, struggling in your blood.
23 "Then it was so, after all your
wickedness—'Woe, woe to you!' says
the Lord GOD—
24 "that you also built for yourself
a shrine, and made a high place for
yourself in every street.
25 "You built your high places at the
head of every road, and made your
beauty to be abhorred. You offered

yourself to everyone who passed by, and
multiplied your acts of harlotry.
26 "You also committed harlotry
with the Egyptians, your very fleshly
neighbors, and increased your acts of
harlotry to provoke Me to anger.
27 "Behold, therefore, I stretched out
My hand against you, diminished your
allotment, and gave you up to the will
of those who hate you, the daughters of
the Philistines, who were ashamed of
your lewd behavior.
28 "You also played the harlot with the
Assyrians, because you were insatiable;
indeed you played the harlot with them
and still were not satisfied.
29 "Moreover you multiplied your acts
of harlotry as far as the land of the
trader, Chaldea; and even then you were
not satisfied.

30 "How degenerate is your heart!" says
the Lord GOD, "seeing you do all these
things, the deeds of a brazen harlot.
31 "You erected your shrine at the head
of every road, and built your high place
in every street. Yet you were not like a
harlot, because you scorned payment.
32 "You are an adulterous wife, who
takes strangers instead of her husband.
33 "Men make payment to all harlots,
but you made your payments to all your
lovers, and hired them to come to you
from all around for your harlotry.
34 "You are the opposite of other
women in your harlotry, because no one
solicited you to be a harlot. In that you
gave payment but no payment was given
you, therefore you are the opposite."
35 'Now then, O harlot, hear the word
of the LORD!
36 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because
your filthiness was poured out and your

nakedness uncovered in your harlotry
with your lovers, and with all your
abominable idols, and because of the
blood of your children which you gave to
them,
37 "surely, therefore, I will gather
all your lovers with whom you took
pleasure, all those you loved, and all
those you hated; I will gather them from
all around against you and will uncover
your nakedness to them, that they may
see all your nakedness.
38 "And I will judge you as women who
break wedlock or shed blood are judged;
I will bring blood upon you in fury and
jealousy.
39 "I will also give you into their hand,
and they shall throw down your shrines
and break down your high places. They
shall also strip you of your clothes, take
your beautiful jewelry, and leave you
naked and bare.

40 "They shall also bring up an assembly
against you, and they shall stone you
with stones and thrust you through with
their swords.
41 "They shall burn your houses with
fire, and execute judgments on you in
the sight of many women; and I will
make you cease playing the harlot, and
you shall no longer hire lovers.
42 "So I will lay to rest My fury toward
you, and My jealousy shall depart from
you. I will be quiet, and be angry no
more.
43 "Because you did not remember the
days of your youth, but agitated Me
with all these things, surely I will also
recompense your deeds on your own
head," says the Lord GOD. "And you shall
not commit lewdness in addition to all
your abominations.

44 "Indeed everyone who quotes
proverbs will use this proverb against
you: ‘Like mother, like daughter!’
45 "You are your mother’s daughter,
loathing husband and children; and
you are the sister of your sisters, who
loathed their husbands and children;
your mother was a Hittite and your
father an Amorite.
46 "Your elder sister is Samaria, who
dwells with her daughters to the north
of you; and your younger sister, who
dwells to the south of you, is Sodom and
her daughters.
47 "You did not walk in their ways nor
act according to their abominations; but,
as if that were too little, you became
more corrupt than they in all your ways.
48 "As I live," says the Lord GOD,
"neither your sister Sodom nor her
daughters have done as you and your
daughters have done.

49 "Look, this was the iniquity of your
sister Sodom: She and her daughter had
pride, fullness of food, and abundance
of idleness; neither did she strengthen
the hand of the poor and needy.
50 "And they were haughty and
committed abomination before Me;
therefore I took them away as I saw fit.
51 "Samaria did not commit half of
your sins; but you have multiplied your
abominations more than they, and
have justified your sisters by all the
abominations which you have done.
52 "You who judged your sisters, bear
your own shame also, because the
sins which you committed were more
abominable than theirs; they are more
righteous than you. Yes, be disgraced
also, and bear your own shame, because
you justified your sisters.
53 "When I bring back their captives, the
captives of Sodom and her daughters,

and the captives of Samaria and her
daughters, then I will also bring back the
captives of your captivity among them,
54 "that you may bear your own shame
and be disgraced by all that you did
when you comforted them.
55 "When your sisters, Sodom and her
daughters, return to their former state,
and Samaria and her daughters return
to their former state, then you and your
daughters will return to your former
state.
56 "For your sister Sodom was not a
byword in your mouth in the days of
your pride,
57 "before your wickedness was
uncovered. It was like the time of the
reproach of the daughters of Syria
and all those around her, and of the
daughters of the Philistines, who despise
you everywhere.

58 "You have paid for your lewdness and
your abominations," says the LORD.
59 'For thus says the Lord GOD: "I
will deal with you as you have done,
who despised the oath by breaking the
covenant.
60 "Nevertheless I will remember My
covenant with you in the days of your
youth, and I will establish an everlasting
covenant with you.
61 "Then you will remember your ways
and be ashamed, when you receive your
older and your younger sisters; for I will
give them to you for daughters, but not
because of My covenant with you.
62 "And I will establish My covenant
with you. Then you shall know that I am
the LORD,
63 "that you may remember and be
ashamed, and never open your mouth
anymore because of your shame, when

I provide you an atonement for all you have done," says the Lord GOD.'"

17 1 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
2 "Son of man, pose a riddle, and speak a parable to the house of Israel,
3 "and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "A great eagle with large wings and long pinions, Full of feathers of various colors, Came to Lebanon And took from the cedar the highest branch.
4 He cropped off its topmost young twig And carried it to a land of trade; He set it in a city of merchants.
5 Then he took some of the seed of the land And planted it in a fertile field; He placed it by abundant waters And set it like a willow tree.
6 And it grew and became a spreading vine of low stature; Its branches turned toward him, But its roots were under

it. So it became a vine, Brought forth
branches, And put forth shoots.
7 "But there was another great eagle
with large wings and many feathers; And
behold, this vine bent its roots toward
him, And stretched its branches toward
him, From the garden terrace where it
had been planted, That he might water
it.
8 It was planted in good soil by many
waters, To bring forth branches, bear
fruit, And become a majestic vine."’
9 "Say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: "Will it
thrive? Will he not pull up its roots, Cut
off its fruit, And leave it to wither? All of
its spring leaves will wither, And no great
power or many people Will be needed
to pluck it up by its roots.
10 Behold, it is planted, Will it thrive?
Will it not utterly wither when the east
wind touches it? It will wither in the
garden terrace where it grew."’"

11 Moreover the word of the LORD
came to me, saying,
12 "Say now to the rebellious house:
'Do you not know what these things
mean?' Tell them, 'Indeed the king of
Babylon went to Jerusalem and took its
king and princes, and led them with him
to Babylon.
13 'And he took the king's offspring,
made a covenant with him, and put
him under oath. He also took away the
mighty of the land,
14 'that the kingdom might be brought
low and not lift itself up, but that by
keeping his covenant it might stand.
15 'But he rebelled against him by
sending his ambassadors to Egypt, that
they might give him horses and many
people. Will he prosper? Will he who
does such things escape? Can he break a
covenant and still be delivered?

16 ‘As I live,’ says the Lord GOD, ‘surely
in the place where the king dwells who
made him king, whose oath he despised
and whose covenant he broke—with
him in the midst of Babylon he shall die.
17 ‘Nor will Pharaoh with his mighty
army and great company do anything
in the war, when they heap up a siege
mound and build a wall to cut off many
persons.
18 ‘Since he despised the oath by
breaking the covenant, and in fact gave
his hand and still did all these things, he
shall not escape.’"
19 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
"As I live, surely My oath which he
despised, and My covenant which he
broke, I will recompense on his own
head.
20 "I will spread My net over him, and
he shall be taken in My snare. I will bring

him to Babylon and try him there for the
treason which he committed against Me.
21 "All his fugitives with all his troops
shall fall by the sword, and those who
remain shall be scattered to every wind;
and you shall know that I, the LORD,
have spoken."
22 Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will take
also one of the highest branches of the
high cedar and set it out. I will crop off
from the topmost of its young twigs a
tender one, and will plant it on a high
and prominent mountain.
23 "On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it; and it will bring forth
boughs, and bear fruit, and be a majestic
cedar. Under it will dwell birds of every
sort; in the shadow of its branches they
will dwell.
24 "And all the trees of the field shall
know that I, the LORD, have brought
down the high tree and exalted the low

tree, dried up the green tree and made
the dry tree flourish; I, the LORD, have
spoken and have done it."

18 1 The word of the LORD came to
me again, saying,
2 "What do you mean when you use
this proverb concerning the land of
Israel, saying: 'The fathers have eaten
sour grapes, And the children's teeth are
set on edge'?
3 "As I live," says the Lord GOD, "you
shall no longer use this proverb in Israel.
4 "Behold, all souls are Mine; The soul
of the father As well as the soul of the
son is Mine; The soul who sins shall die.
5 But if a man is just And does what is
lawful and right;
6 If he has not eaten on the mountains,
Nor lifted up his eyes to the idols of
the house of Israel, Nor defiled his
neighbor's wife, Nor approached a
woman during her impurity;

7 If he has not oppressed anyone, But
has restored to the debtor his pledge;
Has robbed no one by violence, But
has given his bread to the hungry And
covered the naked with clothing;
8 If he has not exacted usury Nor taken
any increase, But has withdrawn his
hand from iniquity And executed true
judgment between man and man;
9 If he has walked in My statutes And
kept My judgments faithfully—He is just;
He shall surely live!" Says the Lord GOD.
10 "If he begets a son who is a robber
Or a shedder of blood, Who does any of
these things
11 And does none of those duties, But
has eaten on the mountains Or defiled
his neighbor's wife;
12 If he has oppressed the poor and
needy, Robbed by violence, Not restored
the pledge, Lifted his eyes to the idols,
Or committed abomination;

13 If he has exacted usury Or taken
increase—Shall he then live? He shall
not live! If he has done any of these
abominations, He shall surely die; His
blood shall be upon him.
14 "If, however, he begets a son Who
sees all the sins which his father has
done, And considers but does not do
likewise;
15 Who has not eaten on the mountains,
Nor lifted his eyes to the idols of the
house of Israel, Nor defiled his neighbor’s
wife;
16 Has not oppressed anyone, Nor
withheld a pledge, Nor robbed by
violence, But has given his bread to the
hungry And covered the naked with
clothing;
17 Who has withdrawn his hand
from the poor And not received usury
or increase, But has executed My
judgments And walked in My statutes–

–He shall not die for the iniquity of his
father; He shall surely live!
18 "As for his father, Because he cruelly
oppressed, Robbed his brother by
violence, And did what is not good
among his people, Behold, he shall die
for his iniquity.
19 "Yet you say, ‘Why should the son not
bear the guilt of the father?’ Because
the son has done what is lawful and
right, and has kept all My statutes and
observed them, he shall surely live.
20 "The soul who sins shall die. The son
shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor
the father bear the guilt of the son. The
righteousness of the righteous shall be
upon himself, and the wickedness of the
wicked shall be upon himself.
21 "But if a wicked man turns from all
his sins which he has committed, keeps
all My statutes, and does what is lawful

and right, he shall surely live; he shall
not die.
22 "None of the transgressions
which he has committed shall be
remembered against him; because of
the righteousness which he has done, he
shall live.
23 "Do I have any pleasure at all that the
wicked should die?" says the Lord GOD,
"and not that he should turn from his
ways and live?
24 "But when a righteous man turns
away from his righteousness and
commits iniquity, and does according
to all the abominations that the
wicked man does, shall he live? All the
righteousness which he has done shall
not be remembered; because of the
unfaithfulness of which he is guilty and
the sin which he has committed, because
of them he shall die.

25 "Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is
not fair.’ Hear now, O house of Israel, is it
not My way which is fair, and your ways
which are not fair?
26 "When a righteous man turns away
from his righteousness, commits iniquity,
and dies in it, it is because of the iniquity
which he has done that he dies.
27 "Again, when a wicked man turns
away from the wickedness which he
committed, and does what is lawful and
right, he preserves himself alive.
28 "Because he considers and turns
away from all the transgressions which
he committed, he shall surely live; he
shall not die.
29 "Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The
way of the Lord is not fair.’ O house of
Israel, is it not My ways which are fair,
and your ways which are not fair?
30 "Therefore I will judge you, O house
of Israel, every one according to his

ways," says the Lord GOD. "Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin.
31 "Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel?
32 "For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord GOD. "Therefore turn and live!"

19 1 "Moreover take up a lamentation for the princes of Israel,
2 "and say: 'What is your mother? A lioness: She lay down among the lions; Among the young lions she nourished her cubs.
3 She brought up one of her cubs, And he became a young lion; He learned to catch prey, And he devoured men.

4 The nations also heard of him; He was
trapped in their pit, And they brought
him with chains to the land of Egypt.
5 'When she saw that she waited, that
her hope was lost, She took another of
her cubs and made him a young lion.
6 He roved among the lions, And
became a young lion; He learned to
catch prey; He devoured men.
7 He knew their desolate places, And
laid waste their cities; The land with its
fullness was desolated By the noise of
his roaring.
8 Then the nations set against him from
the provinces on every side, And spread
their net over him; He was trapped in
their pit.
9 They put him in a cage with chains,
And brought him to the king of Babylon;
They brought him in nets, That his
voice should no longer be heard on the
mountains of Israel.

10 'Your mother was like a vine in your
bloodline, Planted by the waters, Fruitful
and full of branches Because of many
waters.
11 She had strong branches for scepters
of rulers. She towered in stature above
the thick branches, And was seen in her
height amid the dense foliage.
12 But she was plucked up in fury, She
was cast down to the ground, And the
east wind dried her fruit. Her strong
branches were broken and withered;
The fire consumed them.
13 And now she is planted in the
wilderness, In a dry and thirsty land.
14 Fire has come out from a rod of her
branches And devoured her fruit, So that
she has no strong branch—a scepter for
ruling.'" This is a lamentation, and has
become a lamentation.

20 1 It came to pass in the seventh
year, in the fifth month, on the

tenth day of the month, that certain of
the elders of Israel came to inquire of
the LORD, and sat before me.
2 Then the word of the LORD came to
me, saying,
3 "Son of man, speak to the elders of
Israel, and say to them, ‘Thus says the
Lord GOD: "Have you come to inquire of
Me? As I live," says the Lord GOD, "I will
not be inquired of by you."’
4 "Will you judge them, son of man, will
you judge them? Then make known to
them the abominations of their fathers.
5 "Say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord
GOD: "On the day when I chose Israel
and raised My hand in an oath to the
descendants of the house of Jacob, and
made Myself known to them in the land
of Egypt, I raised My hand in an oath to
them, saying, ‘I am the LORD your God.’
6 "On that day I raised My hand in
an oath to them, to bring them out of

the land of Egypt into a land that I had
searched out for them, 'flowing with
milk and honey,' the glory of all lands.
7 "Then I said to them, 'Each of you,
throw away the abominations which
are before his eyes, and do not defile
yourselves with the idols of Egypt. I am
the LORD your God.'
8 "But they rebelled against Me and
would not obey Me. They did not all
cast away the abominations which were
before their eyes, nor did they forsake
the idols of Egypt. Then I said, 'I will pour
out My fury on them and fulfill My anger
against them in the midst of the land of
Egypt.'
9 "But I acted for My name's sake, that
it should not be profaned before the
Gentiles among whom they were, in
whose sight I had made Myself known
to them, to bring them out of the land of
Egypt.

10 "Therefore I made them go out of the
land of Egypt and brought them into the
wilderness.
11 "And I gave them My statutes and
showed them My judgments, ‘which, if a
man does, he shall live by them.’
12 "Moreover I also gave them My
Sabbaths, to be a sign between them
and Me, that they might know that I am
the LORD who sanctifies them.
13 "Yet the house of Israel rebelled
against Me in the wilderness; they did
not walk in My statutes; they despised
My judgments, ‘which, if a man does,
he shall live by them’; and they greatly
defiled My Sabbaths. Then I said I
would pour out My fury on them in the
wilderness, to consume them.
14 "But I acted for My name’s sake, that
it should not be profaned before the
Gentiles, in whose sight I had brought
them out.

15 "So I also raised My hand in an oath
to them in the wilderness, that I would
not bring them into the land which I
had given them, 'flowing with milk and
honey,' the glory of all lands,
16 "because they despised My
judgments and did not walk in My
statutes, but profaned My Sabbaths; for
their heart went after their idols.
17 "Nevertheless My eye spared them
from destruction. I did not make an end
of them in the wilderness.
18 "But I said to their children in the
wilderness, 'Do not walk in the statutes
of your fathers, nor observe their
judgments, nor defile yourselves with
their idols.
19 'I am the LORD your God: Walk in My
statutes, keep My judgments, and do
them;

20 'hallow My Sabbaths, and they will
be a sign between Me and you, that you
may know that I am the LORD your God.'
21 "Notwithstanding, the children
rebelled against Me; they did not walk
in My statutes, and were not careful
to observe My judgments, 'which, if a
man does, he shall live by them'; but
they profaned My Sabbaths. Then I
said I would pour out My fury on them
and fulfill My anger against them in the
wilderness.
22 "Nevertheless I withdrew My hand
and acted for My name's sake, that
it should not be profaned in the sight
of the Gentiles, in whose sight I had
brought them out.
23 "Also I raised My hand in an oath to
those in the wilderness, that I would
scatter them among the Gentiles and
disperse them throughout the countries,

24 "because they had not executed
My judgments, but had despised My
statutes, profaned My Sabbaths, and
their eyes were fixed on their fathers'
idols.
25 "Therefore I also gave them up
to statutes that were not good, and
judgments by which they could not live;
26 "and I pronounced them unclean
because of their ritual gifts, in that they
caused all their firstborn to pass through
the fire, that I might make them desolate
and that they might know that I am the
LORD."'
27 "Therefore, son of man, speak to the
house of Israel, and say to them, 'Thus
says the Lord GOD: "In this too your
fathers have blasphemed Me, by being
unfaithful to Me.
28 "When I brought them into the land
concerning which I had raised My hand
in an oath to give them, and they saw

all the high hills and all the thick trees,
there they offered their sacrifices and
provoked Me with their offerings. There
they also sent up their sweet aroma and
poured out their drink offerings.
29 "Then I said to them, ‘What is this
high place to which you go?’ So its name
is called Bamah to this day."’
30 "Therefore say to the house of Israel,
‘Thus says the Lord GOD: "Are you
defiling yourselves in the manner of
your fathers, and committing harlotry
according to their abominations?
31 "For when you offer your gifts and
make your sons pass through the fire,
you defile yourselves with all your idols,
even to this day. So shall I be inquired of
by you, O house of Israel? As I live," says
the Lord GOD, "I will not be inquired of
by you.
32 "What you have in your mind shall
never be, when you say, ‘We will be like

the Gentiles, like the families in other
countries, serving wood and stone.'
33 "As I live," says the Lord GOD,
"surely with a mighty hand, with an
outstretched arm, and with fury poured
out, I will rule over you.
34 "I will bring you out from the peoples
and gather you out of the countries
where you are scattered, with a mighty
hand, with an outstretched arm, and
with fury poured out.
35 "And I will bring you into the
wilderness of the peoples, and there I
will plead My case with you face to face.
36 "Just as I pleaded My case with your
fathers in the wilderness of the land of
Egypt, so I will plead My case with you,"
says the Lord GOD.
37 "I will make you pass under the rod,
and I will bring you into the bond of the
covenant;

38 "I will purge the rebels from among
you, and those who transgress against
Me; I will bring them out of the country
where they dwell, but they shall not
enter the land of Israel. Then you will
know that I am the LORD.
39 "As for you, O house of Israel," thus
says the Lord GOD: "Go, serve every one
of you his idols—and hereafter—if you
will not obey me; but profane My holy
name no more with your gifts and your
idols.
40 "For on My holy mountain, on the
mountain height of Israel," says the Lord
GOD, "there all the house of Israel, all of
them in the land, shall serve Me; there I
will accept them, and there I will require
your offerings and the firstfruits of your
sacrifices, together with all your holy
things.
41 "I will accept you as a sweet aroma
when I bring you out from the peoples

and gather you out of the countries
where you have been scattered; and
I will be hallowed in you before the
Gentiles.
42 "Then you shall know that I am the
LORD, when I bring you into the land
of Israel, into the country for which I
raised My hand in an oath to give to your
fathers.
43 "And there you shall remember your
ways and all your doings with which
you were defiled; and you shall loathe
yourselves in your own sight because of
all the evils that you have committed.
44 "Then you shall know that I am
the LORD, when I have dealt with you
for My name’s sake, not according to
your wicked ways nor according to your
corrupt doings, O house of Israel," says
the Lord GOD.’"
45 Furthermore the word of the LORD
came to me, saying,

46 "Son of man, set your face toward
the south; preach against the south and
prophesy against the forest land, the
South,
47 "and say to the forest of the South,
‘Hear the word of the LORD! Thus says
the Lord GOD: "Behold, I will kindle a
fire in you, and it shall devour every
green tree and every dry tree in you;
the blazing flame shall not be quenched,
and all faces from the south to the north
shall be scorched by it.
48 "All flesh shall see that I, the
LORD, have kindled it; it shall not be
quenched."’"
49 Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! They say
of me, ‘Does he not speak parables?’"

21 1 And the word of the LORD came
to me, saying,
2 "Son of man, set your face toward
Jerusalem, preach against the holy

places, and prophesy against the land of
Israel;
3 "and say to the land of Israel, ‘Thus
says the LORD: "Behold, I am against
you, and I will draw My sword out of its
sheath and cut off both righteous and
wicked from you.
4 "Because I will cut off both righteous
and wicked from you, therefore My
sword shall go out of its sheath against
all flesh from south to north,
5 "that all flesh may know that I, the
LORD, have drawn My sword out of its
sheath; it shall not return anymore."’
6 "Sigh therefore, son of man, with a
breaking heart, and sigh with bitterness
before their eyes.
7 "And it shall be when they say to you,
‘Why are you sighing?’ that you shall
answer, ‘Because of the news; when it
comes, every heart will melt, all hands
will be feeble, every spirit will faint, and

all knees will be weak as water. Behold,
it is coming and shall be brought to pass,’
says the Lord GOD."
8 Again the word of the LORD came to
me, saying,
9 "Son of man, prophesy and say, ‘Thus
says the LORD!’ Say: ‘A sword, a sword is
sharpened And also polished!
10 Sharpened to make a dreadful
slaughter, Polished to flash like lightning!
Should we then make mirth? It despises
the scepter of My Son, As it does all
wood.
11 And He has given it to be polished,
That it may be handled; This sword is
sharpened, and it is polished To be given
into the hand of the slayer.’
12 "Cry and wail, son of man; For it
will be against My people, Against all
the princes of Israel. Terrors including
the sword will be against My people;
Therefore strike your thigh.

13 "Because it is a testing, And what if
the sword despises even the scepter?
The scepter shall be no more," says the
Lord GOD.
14 "You therefore, son of man, prophesy,
And strike your hands together. The third
time let the sword do double damage. It
is the sword that slays, The sword that
slays the great men, That enters their
private chambers.
15 I have set the point of the sword
against all their gates, That the heart
may melt and many may stumble.
Ah! It is made bright; It is grasped for
slaughter:
16 "Swords at the ready! Thrust right!
Set your blade! Thrust left—Wherever
your edge is ordered!
17 "I also will beat My fists together,
And I will cause My fury to rest; I, the
LORD, have spoken."

18 The word of the LORD came to me
again, saying:
19 "And son of man, appoint for yourself
two ways for the sword of the king of
Babylon to go; both of them shall go
from the same land. Make a sign; put it
at the head of the road to the city.
20 "Appoint a road for the sword to go
to Rabbah of the Ammonites, and to
Judah, into fortified Jerusalem.
21 "For the king of Babylon stands at
the parting of the road, at the fork of the
two roads, to use divination: he shakes
the arrows, he consults the images, he
looks at the liver.
22 "In his right hand is the divination for
Jerusalem: to set up battering rams, to
call for a slaughter, to lift the voice with
shouting, to set battering rams against
the gates, to heap up a siege mound,
and to build a wall.

23 "And it will be to them like a false
divination in the eyes of those who have
sworn oaths with them; but he will bring
their iniquity to remembrance, that they
may be taken.
24 "Therefore thus says the Lord
GOD: ‘Because you have made your
iniquity to be remembered, in that
your transgressions are uncovered,
so that in all your doings your sins
appear—because you have come to
remembrance, you shall be taken in
hand.
25 ‘Now to you, O profane, wicked
prince of Israel, whose day has come,
whose iniquity shall end,
26 ‘thus says the Lord GOD: "Remove
the turban, and take off the crown;
Nothing shall remain the same. Exalt the
humble, and humble the exalted.
27 Overthrown, overthrown, I will make
it overthrown! It shall be no longer, Until

He comes whose right it is, And I will
give it to Him."'
28 "And you, son of man, prophesy and
say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD concerning
the Ammonites and concerning their
reproach,' and say: 'A sword, a sword
is drawn, Polished for slaughter, For
consuming, for flashing—
29 While they see false visions for you,
While they divine a lie to you, To bring
you on the necks of the wicked, the slain
Whose day has come, Whose iniquity
shall end.
30 'Return it to its sheath. I will judge
you In the place where you were created,
In the land of your nativity.
31 I will pour out My indignation on you;
I will blow against you with the fire of My
wrath, And deliver you into the hands of
brutal men who are skillful to destroy.
32 You shall be fuel for the fire; Your
blood shall be in the midst of the land.

You shall not be remembered, For I the
LORD have spoken.’"

22 [1] Moreover the word of the LORD
came to me, saying,
[2] "Now, son of man, will you judge, will
you judge the bloody city? Yes, show her
all her abominations!
[3] "Then say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD:
"The city sheds blood in her own midst,
that her time may come; and she makes
idols within herself to defile herself.
[4] "You have become guilty by the blood
which you have shed, and have defiled
yourself with the idols which you have
made. You have caused your days to
draw near, and have come to the end of
your years; therefore I have made you a
reproach to the nations, and a mockery
to all countries.
[5] "Those near and those far from you
will mock you as infamous and full of
tumult.

6 "Look, the princes of Israel: each one
has used his power to shed blood in you.
7 "In you they have made light of father
and mother; in your midst they have
oppressed the stranger; in you they have
mistreated the fatherless and the widow.
8 "You have despised My holy things
and profaned My Sabbaths.
9 "In you are men who slander to cause
bloodshed; in you are those who eat
on the mountains; in your midst they
commit lewdness.
10 "In you men uncover their fathers'
nakedness; in you they violate women
who are set apart during their impurity.
11 "One commits abomination with his
neighbor's wife; another lewdly defiles
his daughter–in–law; and another in you
violates his sister, his father's daughter.
12 "In you they take bribes to shed
blood; you take usury and increase; you
have made profit from your neighbors

by extortion, and have forgotten Me,"
says the Lord GOD.
13 "Behold, therefore, I beat My fists
at the dishonest profit which you have
made, and at the bloodshed which has
been in your midst.
14 "Can your heart endure, or can your
hands remain strong, in the days when
I shall deal with you? I, the LORD, have
spoken, and will do it.
15 "I will scatter you among the nations,
disperse you throughout the countries,
and remove your filthiness completely
from you.
16 "You shall defile yourself in the sight
of the nations; then you shall know that
I am the LORD."'"
17 The word of the LORD came to me,
saying,
18 "Son of man, the house of Israel has
become dross to Me; they are all bronze,
tin, iron, and lead, in the midst of a

furnace; they have become dross from
silver.
19 "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
'Because you have all become dross,
therefore behold, I will gather you into
the midst of Jerusalem.
20 'As men gather silver, bronze, iron,
lead, and tin into the midst of a furnace,
to blow fire on it, to melt it; so I will
gather you in My anger and in My fury,
and I will leave you there and melt you.
21 'Yes, I will gather you and blow on
you with the fire of My wrath, and you
shall be melted in its midst.
22 'As silver is melted in the midst of
a furnace, so shall you be melted in its
midst; then you shall know that I, the
LORD, have poured out My fury on you.'"
23 And the word of the LORD came to
me, saying,

24 "Son of man, say to her: 'You are a
land that is not cleansed or rained on in
the day of indignation.'
25 "The conspiracy of her prophets in
her midst is like a roaring lion tearing the
prey; they have devoured people; they
have taken treasure and precious things;
they have made many widows in her
midst.
26 "Her priests have violated My law
and profaned My holy things; they have
not distinguished between the holy and
unholy, nor have they made known the
difference between the unclean and the
clean; and they have hidden their eyes
from My Sabbaths, so that I am profaned
among them.
27 "Her princes in her midst are like
wolves tearing the prey, to shed blood,
to destroy people, and to get dishonest
gain.

28 "Her prophets plastered them with
untempered mortar, seeing false visions,
and divining lies for them, saying, 'Thus
says the Lord GOD,' when the LORD had
not spoken.
29 "The people of the land have used
oppressions, committed robbery, and
mistreated the poor and needy; and
they wrongfully oppress the stranger.
30 "So I sought for a man among them
who would make a wall, and stand in the
gap before Me on behalf of the land,
that I should not destroy it; but I found
no one.
31 "Therefore I have poured out My
indignation on them; I have consumed
them with the fire of My wrath; and I
have recompensed their deeds on their
own heads," says the Lord GOD.

23 1 The word of the LORD came
again to me, saying:

2 "Son of man, there were two women,
The daughters of one mother.
3 They committed harlotry in Egypt,
They committed harlotry in their youth;
Their breasts were there embraced,
Their virgin bosom was there pressed.
4 Their names: Oholah the elder and
Oholibah her sister; They were Mine,
And they bore sons and daughters. As
for their names, Samaria is Oholah, and
Jerusalem is Oholibah.
5 "Oholah played the harlot even
though she was Mine; And she lusted for
her lovers, the neighboring Assyrians,
6 Who were clothed in purple, Captains
and rulers, All of them desirable young
men, Horsemen riding on horses.
7 Thus she committed her harlotry with
them, All of them choice men of Assyria;
And with all for whom she lusted, With
all their idols, she defiled herself.

8 She has never given up her harlotry
brought from Egypt, For in her youth
they had lain with her, Pressed her virgin
bosom, And poured out their immorality
upon her.
9 "Therefore I have delivered her Into
the hand of her lovers, Into the hand of
the Assyrians, For whom she lusted.
10 They uncovered her nakedness,
Took away her sons and daughters, And
slew her with the sword; She became
a byword among women, For they had
executed judgment on her.
11 "Now although her sister Oholibah
saw this, she became more corrupt in
her lust than she, and in her harlotry
more corrupt than her sister's harlotry.
12 "She lusted for the neighboring
Assyrians, Captains and rulers, Clothed
most gorgeously, Horsemen riding on
horses, All of them desirable young men.

13 Then I saw that she was defiled; Both took the same way.
14 But she increased her harlotry; She looked at men portrayed on the wall, Images of Chaldeans portrayed in vermilion,
15 Girded with belts around their waists, Flowing turbans on their heads, All of them looking like captains, In the manner of the Babylonians of Chaldea, The land of their nativity.
16 As soon as her eyes saw them, She lusted for them And sent messengers to them in Chaldea.
17 "Then the Babylonians came to her, into the bed of love, And they defiled her with their immorality; So she was defiled by them, and alienated herself from them.
18 She revealed her harlotry and uncovered her nakedness. Then I

alienated Myself from her, As I had
alienated Myself from her sister.
19 "Yet she multiplied her harlotry In
calling to remembrance the days of her
youth, When she had played the harlot
in the land of Egypt.
20 For she lusted for her paramours,
Whose flesh is like the flesh of donkeys,
And whose issue is like the issue of
horses.
21 Thus you called to remembrance
the lewdness of your youth, When the
Egyptians pressed your bosom Because
of your youthful breasts.
22 "Therefore, Oholibah, thus says the
Lord GOD: 'Behold, I will stir up your
lovers against you, From whom you have
alienated yourself, And I will bring them
against you from every side:
23 The Babylonians, All the Chaldeans,
Pekod, Shoa, Koa, All the Assyrians with
them, All of them desirable young men,

Governors and rulers, Captains and men
of renown, All of them riding on horses.
24 And they shall come against you
With chariots, wagons, and war–horses,
With a horde of people. They shall array
against you Buckler, shield, and helmet
all around. ‘I will delegate judgment to
them, And they shall judge you according
to their judgments.
25 I will set My jealousy against you,
And they shall deal furiously with you;
They shall remove your nose and your
ears, And your remnant shall fall by the
sword; They shall take your sons and
your daughters, And your remnant shall
be devoured by fire.
26 They shall also strip you of your
clothes And take away your beautiful
jewelry.
27 ‘Thus I will make you cease your
lewdness and your harlotry Brought
from the land of Egypt, So that you

will not lift your eyes to them, Nor
remember Egypt anymore.’
28 "For thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Surely
I will deliver you into the hand of those
you hate, into the hand of those from
whom you alienated yourself.
29 ‘They will deal hatefully with you,
take away all you have worked for,
and leave you naked and bare. The
nakedness of your harlotry shall be
uncovered, both your lewdness and your
harlotry.
30 ‘I will do these things to you because
you have gone as a harlot after the
Gentiles, because you have become
defiled by their idols.
31 ‘You have walked in the way of your
sister; therefore I will put her cup in your
hand.’
32 "Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘You shall
drink of your sister’s cup, The deep and

wide one; You shall be laughed to scorn
And held in derision; It contains much.
33 You will be filled with drunkenness
and sorrow, The cup of horror and
desolation, The cup of your sister
Samaria.
34 You shall drink and drain it, You shall
break its shards, And tear at your own
breasts; For I have spoken,’ Says the Lord
GOD.
35 "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
‘Because you have forgotten Me and
cast Me behind your back, Therefore you
shall bear the penalty Of your lewdness
and your harlotry.’"
36 The LORD also said to me: "Son
of man, will you judge Oholah and
Oholibah? Then declare to them their
abominations.
37 "For they have committed adultery,
and blood is on their hands. They have
committed adultery with their idols, and

even sacrificed their sons whom they
bore to Me, passing them through the
fire, to devour them.
38 "Moreover they have done this to
Me: They have defiled My sanctuary
on the same day and profaned My
Sabbaths.
39 "For after they had slain their
children for their idols, on the same day
they came into My sanctuary to profane
it; and indeed thus they have done in
the midst of My house.
40 "Furthermore you sent for men to
come from afar, to whom a messenger
was sent; and there they came. And
you washed yourself for them, painted
your eyes, and adorned yourself with
ornaments.
41 "You sat on a stately couch, with a
table prepared before it, on which you
had set My incense and My oil.

42 "The sound of a carefree multitude
was with her, and Sabeans were brought
from the wilderness with men of the
common sort, who put bracelets on their
wrists and beautiful crowns on their
heads.
43 "Then I said concerning her who
had grown old in adulteries, ‘Will they
commit harlotry with her now, and she
with them?’
44 "Yet they went in to her, as men go in
to a woman who plays the harlot; thus
they went in to Oholah and Oholibah,
the lewd women.
45 "But righteous men will judge them
after the manner of adulteresses, and
after the manner of women who shed
blood, because they are adulteresses,
and blood is on their hands.
46 "For thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Bring
up an assembly against them, give them
up to trouble and plunder.

47 ‘The assembly shall stone them with
stones and execute them with their
swords; they shall slay their sons and
their daughters, and burn their houses
with fire.
48 ‘Thus I will cause lewdness to cease
from the land, that all women may be
taught not to practice your lewdness.
49 ‘They shall repay you for your
lewdness, and you shall pay for your
idolatrous sins. Then you shall know that
I am the Lord GOD.’"

24 1 Again, in the ninth year, in the
tenth month, on the tenth day of
the month, the word of the LORD came
to me, saying,
2 "Son of man, write down the name
of the day, this very day—the king
of Babylon started his siege against
Jerusalem this very day.
3 "And utter a parable to the rebellious
house, and say to them, ‘Thus says the

Lord GOD: "Put on a pot, set it on, And
also pour water into it.
4 Gather pieces of meat in it, Every
good piece, The thigh and the shoulder.
Fill it with choice cuts;
5 Take the choice of the flock. Also pile
fuel bones under it, Make it boil well,
And let the cuts simmer in it."
6 'Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
"Woe to the bloody city, To the pot
whose scum is in it, And whose scum is
not gone from it! Bring it out piece by
piece, On which no lot has fallen.
7 For her blood is in her midst; She set
it on top of a rock; She did not pour it on
the ground, To cover it with dust.
8 That it may raise up fury and take
vengeance, I have set her blood on top
of a rock, That it may not be covered."
9 'Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
"Woe to the bloody city! I too will make
the pyre great.

10 Heap on the wood, Kindle the fire;
Cook the meat well, Mix in the spices,
And let the cuts be burned up.
11 "Then set the pot empty on the
coals, That it may become hot and its
bronze may burn, That its filthiness may
be melted in it, That its scum may be
consumed.
12 She has grown weary with lies, And
her great scum has not gone from her.
Let her scum be in the fire!
13 In your filthiness is lewdness.
Because I have cleansed you, and you
were not cleansed, You will not be
cleansed of your filthiness anymore, Till I
have caused My fury to rest upon you.
14 I, the LORD, have spoken it; It shall
come to pass, and I will do it; I will not
hold back, Nor will I spare, Nor will
I relent; According to your ways And
according to your deeds They will judge
you," Says the Lord GOD.'"

15 Also the word of the LORD came to
me, saying,
16 "Son of man, behold, I take away
from you the desire of your eyes with
one stroke; yet you shall neither mourn
nor weep, nor shall your tears run down.
17 "Sigh in silence, make no mourning
for the dead; bind your turban on your
head, and put your sandals on your feet;
do not cover your lips, and do not eat
man’s bread of sorrow."
18 So I spoke to the people in the
morning, and at evening my wife died;
and the next morning I did as I was
commanded.
19 And the people said to me, "Will you
not tell us what these things signify to
us, that you behave so?"
20 Then I answered them, "The word of
the LORD came to me, saying,
21 ‘Speak to the house of Israel, "Thus
says the Lord GOD: ‘Behold, I will profane

My sanctuary, your arrogant boast, the
desire of your eyes, the delight of your
soul; and your sons and daughters whom
you left behind shall fall by the sword.
22 ‘And you shall do as I have done; you
shall not cover your lips nor eat man’s
bread of sorrow.
23 ‘Your turbans shall be on your heads
and your sandals on your feet; you shall
neither mourn nor weep, but you shall
pine away in your iniquities and mourn
with one another.
24 ‘Thus Ezekiel is a sign to you;
according to all that he has done you
shall do; and when this comes, you shall
know that I am the Lord GOD.’"
25 ‘And you, son of man—will it not be
in the day when I take from them their
stronghold, their joy and their glory, the
desire of their eyes, and that on which
they set their minds, their sons and their
daughters:

26 ‘that on that day one who escapes
will come to you to let you hear it with
your ears?
27 ‘On that day your mouth will be
opened to him who has escaped; you
shall speak and no longer be mute. Thus
you will be a sign to them, and they shall
know that I am the LORD.’"

25 1 The word of the LORD came to
me, saying,
2 "Son of man, set your face against the
Ammonites, and prophesy against them.
3 "Say to the Ammonites, ‘Hear the
word of the Lord GOD! Thus says the
Lord GOD: "Because you said, ‘Aha!’
against My sanctuary when it was
profaned, and against the land of Israel
when it was desolate, and against the
house of Judah when they went into
captivity,
4 "indeed, therefore, I will deliver you
as a possession to the men of the East,

and they shall set their encampments
among you and make their dwellings
among you; they shall eat your fruit, and
they shall drink your milk.
5 "And I will make Rabbah a stable for
camels and Ammon a resting place for
flocks. Then you shall know that I am the
LORD."
6 'For thus says the Lord GOD: "Because
you clapped your hands, stamped your
feet, and rejoiced in heart with all your
disdain for the land of Israel,
7 "indeed, therefore, I will stretch out
My hand against you, and give you as
plunder to the nations; I will cut you off
from the peoples, and I will cause you to
perish from the countries; I will destroy
you, and you shall know that I am the
LORD."
8 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because
Moab and Seir say, 'Look! The house of
Judah is like all the nations,'

9 "therefore, behold, I will clear the
territory of Moab of cities, of the
cities on its frontier, the glory of the
country, Beth Jeshimoth, Baal Meon,
and Kirjathaim.
10 "To the men of the East I will give
it as a possession, together with the
Ammonites, that the Ammonites may
not be remembered among the nations.
11 "And I will execute judgments upon
Moab, and they shall know that I am the
LORD."
12 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because
of what Edom did against the house
of Judah by taking vengeance, and has
greatly offended by avenging itself on
them,"
13 'therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
"I will also stretch out My hand against
Edom, cut off man and beast from it, and
make it desolate from Teman; Dedan
shall fall by the sword.

14 "I will lay My vengeance on Edom by
the hand of My people Israel, that they
may do in Edom according to My anger
and according to My fury; and they shall
know My vengeance," says the Lord
GOD.
15 ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because
the Philistines dealt vengefully and took
vengeance with a spiteful heart, to
destroy because of the old hatred,"
16 ‘therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
"I will stretch out My hand against
the Philistines, and I will cut off the
Cherethites and destroy the remnant of
the seacoast.
17 "I will execute great vengeance on
them with furious rebukes; and they
shall know that I am the LORD, when I
lay My vengeance upon them."’"

26 1 And it came to pass in the
eleventh year, on the first day of

the month, that the word of the LORD
came to me, saying,
2 "Son of man, because Tyre has said
against Jerusalem, 'Aha! She is broken
who was the gateway of the peoples;
now she is turned over to me; I shall be
filled; she is laid waste.'
3 "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
'Behold, I am against you, O Tyre, and
will cause many nations to come up
against you, as the sea causes its waves
to come up.
4 'And they shall destroy the walls of
Tyre and break down her towers; I will
also scrape her dust from her, and make
her like the top of a rock.
5 'It shall be a place for spreading
nets in the midst of the sea, for I have
spoken,' says the Lord GOD; 'it shall
become plunder for the nations.
6 'Also her daughter villages which are
in the fields shall be slain by the sword.

Then they shall know that I am the
LORD.'
7 "For thus says the Lord GOD: 'Behold,
I will bring against Tyre from the north
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, king
of kings, with horses, with chariots, and
with horsemen, and an army with many
people.
8 'He will slay with the sword your
daughter villages in the fields; he will
heap up a siege mound against you,
build a wall against you, and raise a
defense against you.
9 'He will direct his battering rams
against your walls, and with his axes he
will break down your towers.
10 'Because of the abundance of his
horses, their dust will cover you; your
walls will shake at the noise of the
horsemen, the wagons, and the chariots,
when he enters your gates, as men enter
a city that has been breached.

11 'With the hooves of his horses he will
trample all your streets; he will slay your
people by the sword, and your strong
pillars will fall to the ground.
12 'They will plunder your riches and
pillage your merchandise; they will
break down your walls and destroy
your pleasant houses; they will lay your
stones, your timber, and your soil in the
midst of the water.
13 'I will put an end to the sound of your
songs, and the sound of your harps shall
be heard no more.
14 'I will make you like the top of a rock;
you shall be a place for spreading nets,
and you shall never be rebuilt, for I the
LORD have spoken,' says the Lord GOD.
15 "Thus says the Lord GOD to Tyre:
'Will the coastlands not shake at the
sound of your fall, when the wounded
cry, when slaughter is made in the midst
of you?

16 'Then all the princes of the sea will
come down from their thrones, lay
aside their robes, and take off their
embroidered garments; they will clothe
themselves with trembling; they will sit
on the ground, tremble every moment,
and be astonished at you.
17 'And they will take up a lamentation
for you, and say to you: "How you have
perished, O one inhabited by seafaring
men, O renowned city, Who was strong
at sea, She and her inhabitants, Who
caused their terror to be on all her
inhabitants!
18 Now the coastlands tremble on the
day of your fall; Yes, the coastlands by
the sea are troubled at your departure."'
19 "For thus says the Lord GOD: 'When I
make you a desolate city, like cities that
are not inhabited, when I bring the deep
upon you, and great waters cover you,

20 ‘then I will bring you down with
those who descend into the Pit, to the
people of old, and I will make you dwell
in the lowest part of the earth, in places
desolate from antiquity, with those who
go down to the Pit, so that you may
never be inhabited; and I shall establish
glory in the land of the living.
21 ‘I will make you a terror, and you shall
be no more; though you are sought for,
you will never be found again,’ says the
Lord GOD."

27 1 The word of the LORD came
again to me, saying,
2 "Now, son of man, take up a
lamentation for Tyre,
3 "and say to Tyre, ‘You who are situated
at the entrance of the sea, merchant of
the peoples on many coastlands, thus
says the Lord GOD: "O Tyre, you have
said, ‘I am perfect in beauty.’

4 Your borders are in the midst of the
seas. Your builders have perfected your
beauty.
5 They made all your planks of fir trees
from Senir; They took a cedar from
Lebanon to make you a mast.
6 Of oaks from Bashan they made your
oars; The company of Ashurites have
inlaid your planks With ivory from the
coasts of Cyprus.
7 Fine embroidered linen from Egypt
was what you spread for your sail; Blue
and purple from the coasts of Elishah
was what covered you.
8 "Inhabitants of Sidon and Arvad were
your oarsmen; Your wise men, O Tyre,
were in you; They became your pilots.
9 Elders of Gebal and its wise men Were
in you to caulk your seams; All the ships
of the sea And their oarsmen were in
you To market your merchandise.

10 "Those from Persia, Lydia, and Libya
Were in your army as men of war; They
hung shield and helmet in you; They
gave splendor to you.
11 Men of Arvad with your army were
on your walls all around, And the men
of Gammad were in your towers; They
hung their shields on your walls all
around; They made your beauty perfect.
12 "Tarshish was your merchant because
of your many luxury goods. They gave
you silver, iron, tin, and lead for your
goods.
13 "Javan, Tubal, and Meshech were
your traders. They bartered human
lives and vessels of bronze for your
merchandise.
14 "Those from the house of Togarmah
traded for your wares with horses,
steeds, and mules.
15 "The men of Dedan were your
traders; many isles were the market of

your hand. They brought you ivory tusks
and ebony as payment.
16 "Syria was your merchant because
of the abundance of goods you made.
They gave you for your wares emeralds,
purple, embroidery, fine linen, corals,
and rubies.
17 "Judah and the land of Israel were
your traders. They traded for your
merchandise wheat of Minnith, millet,
honey, oil, and balm.
18 "Damascus was your merchant
because of the abundance of goods you
made, because of your many luxury
items, with the wine of Helbon and with
white wool.
19 "Dan and Javan paid for your wares,
traversing back and forth. Wrought
iron, cassia, and cane were among your
merchandise.
20 "Dedan was your merchant in
saddlecloths for riding.

21 "Arabia and all the princes of Kedar
were your regular merchants. They
traded with you in lambs, rams, and
goats.
22 "The merchants of Sheba and
Raamah were your merchants. They
traded for your wares the choicest
spices, all kinds of precious stones, and
gold.
23 "Haran, Canneh, Eden, the merchants
of Sheba, Assyria, and Chilmad were
your merchants.
24 "These were your merchants in
choice items—in purple clothes, in
embroidered garments, in chests of
multicolored apparel, in sturdy woven
cords, which were in your marketplace.
25 "The ships of Tarshish were carriers
of your merchandise. You were filled and
very glorious in the midst of the seas.

26 Your oarsmen brought you into many
waters, But the east wind broke you in
the midst of the seas.
27 "Your riches, wares, and
merchandise, Your mariners and
pilots, Your caulkers and merchandisers,
All your men of war who are in you,
And the entire company which is in your
midst, Will fall into the midst of the seas
on the day of your ruin.
28 The common–land will shake at the
sound of the cry of your pilots.
29 "All who handle the oar, The
mariners, All the pilots of the sea Will
come down from their ships and stand
on the shore.
30 They will make their voice heard
because of you; They will cry bitterly and
cast dust on their heads; They will roll
about in ashes;
31 They will shave themselves
completely bald because of you, Gird

themselves with sackcloth, And weep for
you With bitterness of heart and bitter
wailing.
32 In their wailing for you They will take
up a lamentation, And lament for you:
‘What city is like Tyre, Destroyed in the
midst of the sea?
33 ‘When your wares went out by sea,
You satisfied many people; You enriched
the kings of the earth With your many
luxury goods and your merchandise.
34 But you are broken by the seas in the
depths of the waters; Your merchandise
and the entire company will fall in your
midst.
35 All the inhabitants of the isles will be
astonished at you; Their kings will be
greatly afraid, And their countenance
will be troubled.
36 The merchants among the peoples
will hiss at you; You will become a horror,
and be no more forever.’"’"

28 1 The word of the LORD came to
me again, saying,
2 "Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre,
‘Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because your
heart is lifted up, And you say, ‘I am a
god, I sit in the seat of gods, In the midst
of the seas,’ Yet you are a man, and not
a god, Though you set your heart as the
heart of a god
3 (Behold, you are wiser than Daniel!
There is no secret that can be hidden
from you!
4 With your wisdom and your
understanding You have gained riches
for yourself, And gathered gold and silver
into your treasuries;
5 By your great wisdom in trade you
have increased your riches, And your
heart is lifted up because of your
riches),"

6 ‘Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
"Because you have set your heart as the
heart of a god,
7 Behold, therefore, I will bring
strangers against you, The most terrible
of the nations; And they shall draw
their swords against the beauty of your
wisdom, And defile your splendor.
8 They shall throw you down into the
Pit, And you shall die the death of the
slain In the midst of the seas.
9 "Will you still say before him who
slays you, ‘I am a god’? But you shall be
a man, and not a god, In the hand of him
who slays you.
10 You shall die the death of the
uncircumcised By the hand of aliens; For
I have spoken," says the Lord GOD.’"
11 Moreover the word of the LORD
came to me, saying,
12 "Son of man, take up a lamentation
for the king of Tyre, and say to him, ‘Thus

says the Lord GOD: "You were the seal of
perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in
beauty.
13 You were in Eden, the garden of God;
Every precious stone was your covering:
The sardius, topaz, and diamond,
Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire,
turquoise, and emerald with gold. The
workmanship of your timbrels and pipes
Was prepared for you on the day you
were created.
14 "You were the anointed cherub who
covers; I established you; You were on
the holy mountain of God; You walked
back and forth in the midst of fiery
stones.
15 You were perfect in your ways from
the day you were created, Till iniquity
was found in you.
16 "By the abundance of your trading
You became filled with violence within,
And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as

a profane thing Out of the mountain of
God; And I destroyed you, O covering
cherub, From the midst of the fiery
stones.
17 "Your heart was lifted up because of
your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom
for the sake of your splendor; I cast you
to the ground, I laid you before kings,
That they might gaze at you.
18 "You defiled your sanctuaries By
the multitude of your iniquities, By the
iniquity of your trading; Therefore I
brought fire from your midst; It devoured
you, And I turned you to ashes upon the
earth In the sight of all who saw you.
19 All who knew you among the peoples
are astonished at you; You have become
a horror, And shall be no more forever."'"
20 Then the word of the LORD came to
me, saying,
21 "Son of man, set your face toward
Sidon, and prophesy against her,

22 "and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD:
"Behold, I am against you, O Sidon; I
will be glorified in your midst; And they
shall know that I am the LORD, When
I execute judgments in her and am
hallowed in her.
23 For I will send pestilence upon her,
And blood in her streets; The wounded
shall be judged in her midst By the sword
against her on every side; Then they
shall know that I am the LORD.
24 "And there shall no longer be a
pricking brier or a painful thorn for the
house of Israel from among all who are
around them, who despise them. Then
they shall know that I am the Lord GOD."
25 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "When I
have gathered the house of Israel from
the peoples among whom they are
scattered, and am hallowed in them in
the sight of the Gentiles, then they will

dwell in their own land which I gave to
My servant Jacob.
26 "And they will dwell safely there,
build houses, and plant vineyards; yes,
they will dwell securely, when I execute
judgments on all those around them
who despise them. Then they shall know
that I am the LORD their God."’"

29 1 In the tenth year, in the tenth
month, on the twelfth day of the
month, the word of the LORD came to
me, saying,
2 "Son of man, set your face against
Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy
against him, and against all Egypt.
3 "Speak, and say, ‘Thus says the Lord
GOD: "Behold, I am against you, O
Pharaoh king of Egypt, O great monster
who lies in the midst of his rivers, Who
has said, ‘My River is my own; I have
made it for myself.’

4 But I will put hooks in your jaws, And
cause the fish of your rivers to stick to
your scales; I will bring you up out of the
midst of your rivers, And all the fish in
your rivers will stick to your scales.
5 I will leave you in the wilderness, You
and all the fish of your rivers; You shall
fall on the open field; You shall not be
picked up or gathered. I have given you
as food To the beasts of the field And to
the birds of the heavens.
6 "Then all the inhabitants of Egypt
Shall know that I am the LORD, Because
they have been a staff of reed to the
house of Israel.
7 When they took hold of you with
the hand, You broke and tore all their
shoulders; When they leaned on you,
You broke and made all their backs
quiver."

8 ‘Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
"Surely I will bring a sword upon you and
cut off from you man and beast.
9 "And the land of Egypt shall become
desolate and waste; then they will know
that I am the LORD, because he said,
‘The River is mine, and I have made it.’
10 "Indeed, therefore, I am against you
and against your rivers, and I will make
the land of Egypt utterly waste and
desolate, from Migdol to Syene, as far as
the border of Ethiopia.
11 "Neither foot of man shall pass
through it nor foot of beast pass through
it, and it shall be uninhabited forty years.
12 "I will make the land of Egypt
desolate in the midst of the countries
that are desolate; and among the
cities that are laid waste, her cities
shall be desolate forty years; and I will
scatter the Egyptians among the nations

and disperse them throughout the
countries."
13 ‘Yet, thus says the Lord GOD: "At
the end of forty years I will gather the
Egyptians from the peoples among
whom they were scattered.
14 "I will bring back the captives of Egypt
and cause them to return to the land of
Pathros, to the land of their origin, and
there they shall be a lowly kingdom.
15 "It shall be the lowliest of kingdoms;
it shall never again exalt itself above
the nations, for I will diminish them so
that they will not rule over the nations
anymore.
16 "No longer shall it be the confidence
of the house of Israel, but will remind
them of their iniquity when they turned
to follow them. Then they shall know
that I am the Lord GOD."’"
17 And it came to pass in the twenty–
seventh year, in the first month, on the

first day of the month, that the word of
the LORD came to me, saying,
18 "Son of man, Nebuchadnezzar king
of Babylon caused his army to labor
strenuously against Tyre; every head was
made bald, and every shoulder rubbed
raw; yet neither he nor his army received
wages from Tyre, for the labor which
they expended on it.
19 "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
'Surely I will give the land of Egypt to
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; he
shall take away her wealth, carry off her
spoil, and remove her pillage; and that
will be the wages for his army.
20 'I have given him the land of Egypt
for his labor, because they worked for
Me,' says the Lord GOD.
21 'In that day I will cause the horn of
the house of Israel to spring forth, and I
will open your mouth to speak in their

midst. Then they shall know that I am
the LORD.’"

30 1 The word of the LORD came to
me again, saying,
2 "Son of man, prophesy and say, ‘Thus
says the Lord GOD: "Wail, ‘Woe to the
day!’
3 For the day is near, Even the day of the
LORD is near; It will be a day of clouds,
the time of the Gentiles.
4 The sword shall come upon Egypt, And
great anguish shall be in Ethiopia, When
the slain fall in Egypt, And they take
away her wealth, And her foundations
are broken down.
5 "Ethiopia, Libya, Lydia, all the mingled
people, Chub, and the men of the lands
who are allied, shall fall with them by
the sword."
6 ‘Thus says the LORD: "Those who
uphold Egypt shall fall, And the pride
of her power shall come down. From

Migdol to Syene Those within her shall
fall by the sword," Says the Lord GOD.
7 "They shall be desolate in the midst
of the desolate countries, And her cities
shall be in the midst of the cities that are
laid waste.
8 Then they will know that I am the
LORD, When I have set a fire in Egypt
And all her helpers are destroyed.
9 On that day messengers shall go forth
from Me in ships To make the careless
Ethiopians afraid, And great anguish
shall come upon them, As on the day of
Egypt; For indeed it is coming!"
10 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will also
make a multitude of Egypt to cease By
the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of
Babylon.
11 He and his people with him, the most
terrible of the nations, Shall be brought
to destroy the land; They shall draw their

swords against Egypt, And fill the land
with the slain.
12 I will make the rivers dry, And sell the
land into the hand of the wicked; I will
make the land waste, and all that is in it,
By the hand of aliens. I, the LORD, have
spoken."
13 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will also
destroy the idols, And cause the images
to cease from Noph; There shall no
longer be princes from the land of Egypt;
I will put fear in the land of Egypt.
14 I will make Pathros desolate, Set fire
to Zoan, And execute judgments in No.
15 I will pour My fury on Sin, the
strength of Egypt; I will cut off the
multitude of No,
16 And set a fire in Egypt; Sin shall have
great pain, No shall be split open, And
Noph shall be in distress daily.

17 The young men of Aven and Pi Beseth
shall fall by the sword, And these cities
shall go into captivity.
18 At Tehaphnehes the day shall also be
darkened, When I break the yokes of
Egypt there. And her arrogant strength
shall cease in her; As for her, a cloud
shall cover her, And her daughters shall
go into captivity.
19 Thus I will execute judgments on
Egypt, Then they shall know that I am
the LORD."'"
20 And it came to pass in the eleventh
year, in the first month, on the seventh
day of the month, that the word of the
LORD came to me, saying,
21 "Son of man, I have broken the arm
of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and see, it has
not been bandaged for healing, nor a
splint put on to bind it, to make it strong
enough to hold a sword.

22 "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
'Surely I am against Pharaoh king of
Egypt, and will break his arms, both the
strong one and the one that was broken;
and I will make the sword fall out of his
hand.
23 'I will scatter the Egyptians among the
nations, and disperse them throughout
the countries.
24 'I will strengthen the arms of the
king of Babylon and put My sword in his
hand; but I will break Pharaoh's arms,
and he will groan before him with the
groanings of a mortally wounded man.
25 'Thus I will strengthen the arms of
the king of Babylon, but the arms of
Pharaoh shall fall down; they shall know
that I am the LORD, when I put My sword
into the hand of the king of Babylon and
he stretches it out against the land of
Egypt.

26 ‘I will scatter the Egyptians among the
nations and disperse them throughout
the countries. Then they shall know that
I am the LORD.’"

31 1 Now it came to pass in the
eleventh year, in the third month,
on the first day of the month, that the
word of the LORD came to me, saying,
2 "Son of man, say to Pharaoh king of
Egypt and to his multitude: ‘Whom are
you like in your greatness?
3 Indeed Assyria was a cedar in
Lebanon, With fine branches that
shaded the forest, And of high stature;
And its top was among the thick boughs.
4 The waters made it grow;
Underground waters gave it height,
With their rivers running around the
place where it was planted, And sent out
rivulets to all the trees of the field.
5 ‘Therefore its height was exalted
above all the trees of the field; Its

boughs were multiplied, And its
branches became long because of the
abundance of water, As it sent them out.
6 All the birds of the heavens made their
nests in its boughs; Under its branches
all the beasts of the field brought forth
their young; And in its shadow all great
nations made their home.
7 ‘Thus it was beautiful in greatness and
in the length of its branches, Because its
roots reached to abundant waters.
8 The cedars in the garden of God could
not hide it; The fir trees were not like its
boughs, And the chestnut trees were not
like its branches; No tree in the garden
of God was like it in beauty.
9 I made it beautiful with a multitude of
branches, So that all the trees of Eden
envied it, That were in the garden of
God.’
10 "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
‘Because you have increased in height,

and it set its top among the thick boughs,
and its heart was lifted up in its height,
11 'therefore I will deliver it into the
hand of the mighty one of the nations,
and he shall surely deal with it; I have
driven it out for its wickedness.
12 'And aliens, the most terrible of the
nations, have cut it down and left it; its
branches have fallen on the mountains
and in all the valleys; its boughs lie
broken by all the rivers of the land; and
all the peoples of the earth have gone
from under its shadow and left it.
13 'On its ruin will remain all the birds
of the heavens, And all the beasts of the
field will come to its branches—
14 'So that no trees by the waters may
ever again exalt themselves for their
height, nor set their tops among the
thick boughs, that no tree which drinks
water may ever be high enough to reach
up to them. 'For they have all been

delivered to death, To the depths of the
earth, Among the children of men who
go down to the Pit.’
15 "Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘In the day
when it went down to hell, I caused
mourning. I covered the deep because
of it. I restrained its rivers, and the great
waters were held back. I caused Lebanon
to mourn for it, and all the trees of the
field wilted because of it.
16 ‘I made the nations shake at the
sound of its fall, when I cast it down to
hell together with those who descend
into the Pit; and all the trees of Eden,
the choice and best of Lebanon, all
that drink water, were comforted in the
depths of the earth.
17 ‘They also went down to hell with
it, with those slain by the sword; and
those who were its strong arm dwelt in
its shadows among the nations.

18 'To which of the trees in Eden will you
then be likened in glory and greatness?
Yet you shall be brought down with
the trees of Eden to the depths of the
earth; you shall lie in the midst of the
uncircumcised, with those slain by
the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his
multitude,' says the Lord GOD."

32 1 And it came to pass in the
twelfth year, in the twelfth
month, on the first day of the month,
that the word of the LORD came to me,
saying,
2 "Son of man, take up a lamentation
for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say to
him: 'You are like a young lion among
the nations, And you are like a monster
in the seas, Bursting forth in your rivers,
Troubling the waters with your feet, And
fouling their rivers.'
3 "Thus says the Lord GOD: 'I will
therefore spread My net over you with a

company of many people, And they will
draw you up in My net.
4 Then I will leave you on the land; I
will cast you out on the open fields, And
cause to settle on you all the birds of
the heavens. And with you I will fill the
beasts of the whole earth.
5 I will lay your flesh on the mountains,
And fill the valleys with your carcass.
6 'I will also water the land with the flow
of your blood, Even to the mountains;
And the riverbeds will be full of you.
7 When I put out your light, I will cover
the heavens, and make its stars dark; I
will cover the sun with a cloud, And the
moon shall not give her light.
8 All the bright lights of the heavens
I will make dark over you, And bring
darkness upon your land,' Says the Lord
GOD.
9 'I will also trouble the hearts of many
peoples, when I bring your destruction

among the nations, into the countries
which you have not known.
10 'Yes, I will make many peoples
astonished at you, and their kings shall
be horribly afraid of you when I brandish
My sword before them; and they shall
tremble every moment, every man for
his own life, in the day of your fall.'
11 "For thus says the Lord GOD: 'The
sword of the king of Babylon shall come
upon you.
12 'By the swords of the mighty
warriors, all of them the most terrible of
the nations, I will cause your multitude
to fall. 'They shall plunder the pomp
of Egypt, And all its multitude shall be
destroyed.
13 Also I will destroy all its animals From
beside its great waters; The foot of man
shall muddy them no more, Nor shall the
hooves of animals muddy them.

14 Then I will make their waters clear,
And make their rivers run like oil,' Says
the Lord GOD.
15 'When I make the land of Egypt
desolate, And the country is destitute of
all that once filled it, When I strike all
who dwell in it, Then they shall know
that I am the LORD.
16 'This is the lamentation With which
they shall lament her; The daughters of
the nations shall lament her; They shall
lament for her, for Egypt, And for all her
multitude,' Says the Lord GOD."
17 It came to pass also in the twelfth
year, on the fifteenth day of the month,
that the word of the LORD came to me,
saying:
18 "Son of man, wail over the multitude
of Egypt, And cast them down to
the depths of the earth, Her and the
daughters of the famous nations, With
those who go down to the Pit:

19 'Whom do you surpass in beauty? Go
down, be placed with the uncircumcised.'
20 "They shall fall in the midst of those
slain by the sword; She is delivered
to the sword, Drawing her and all her
multitudes.
21 The strong among the mighty Shall
speak to him out of the midst of hell With
those who help him: 'They have gone
down, They lie with the uncircumcised,
slain by the sword.'
22 "Assyria is there, and all her company,
With their graves all around her, All of
them slain, fallen by the sword.
23 Her graves are set in the recesses of
the Pit, And her company is all around
her grave, All of them slain, fallen by the
sword, Who caused terror in the land of
the living.
24 "There is Elam and all her multitude,
All around her grave, All of them slain,
fallen by the sword, Who have gone

down uncircumcised to the lower parts
of the earth, Who caused their terror
in the land of the living; Now they bear
their shame with those who go down to
the Pit.
25 They have set her bed in the midst
of the slain, With all her multitude,
With her graves all around it, All of
them uncircumcised, slain by the sword;
Though their terror was caused In the
land of the living, Yet they bear their
shame With those who go down to the
Pit; It was put in the midst of the slain.
26 "There are Meshech and Tubal and
all their multitudes, With all their graves
around it, All of them uncircumcised,
slain by the sword, Though they caused
their terror in the land of the living.
27 They do not lie with the mighty
Who are fallen of the uncircumcised,
Who have gone down to hell with their
weapons of war; They have laid their

swords under their heads, But their
iniquities will be on their bones, Because
of the terror of the mighty in the land of
the living.
28 Yes, you shall be broken in the midst
of the uncircumcised, And lie with those
slain by the sword.
29 "There is Edom, Her kings and all her
princes, Who despite their might Are
laid beside those slain by the sword;
They shall lie with the uncircumcised,
And with those who go down to the Pit.
30 There are the princes of the north,
All of them, and all the Sidonians, Who
have gone down with the slain In shame
at the terror which they caused by their
might; They lie uncircumcised with those
slain by the sword, And bear their shame
with those who go down to the Pit.
31 "Pharaoh will see them And be
comforted over all his multitude,

Pharaoh and all his army, Slain by the
sword," Says the Lord GOD.
32 "For I have caused My terror in the
land of the living; And he shall be placed
in the midst of the uncircumcised With
those slain by the sword, Pharaoh and
all his multitude," Says the Lord GOD.

33

1 Again the word of the LORD
came to me, saying,
2 "Son of man, speak to the children of
your people, and say to them: 'When I
bring the sword upon a land, and the
people of the land take a man from their
territory and make him their watchman,
3 'when he sees the sword coming upon
the land, if he blows the trumpet and
warns the people,
4 'then whoever hears the sound of the
trumpet and does not take warning, if
the sword comes and takes him away,
his blood shall be on his own head.

5 ‘He heard the sound of the trumpet,
but did not take warning; his blood
shall be upon himself. But he who takes
warning will save his life.
6 ‘But if the watchman sees the sword
coming and does not blow the trumpet,
and the people are not warned, and the
sword comes and takes any person from
among them, he is taken away in his
iniquity; but his blood I will require at
the watchman’s hand.’
7 "So you, son of man: I have made
you a watchman for the house of Israel;
therefore you shall hear a word from My
mouth and warn them for Me.
8 "When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked
man, you shall surely die!’ and you do
not speak to warn the wicked from his
way, that wicked man shall die in his
iniquity; but his blood I will require at
your hand.

9 "Nevertheless if you warn the wicked
to turn from his way, and he does not
turn from his way, he shall die in his
iniquity; but you have delivered your
soul.
10 "Therefore you, O son of man, say to
the house of Israel: 'Thus you say, "If our
transgressions and our sins lie upon us,
and we pine away in them, how can we
then live?"'
11 "Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord
GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death
of the wicked, but that the wicked turn
from his way and live. Turn, turn from
your evil ways! For why should you die,
O house of Israel?'
12 "Therefore you, O son of man, say
to the children of your people: 'The
righteousness of the righteous man
shall not deliver him in the day of his
transgression; as for the wickedness of
the wicked, he shall not fall because

of it in the day that he turns from his
wickedness; nor shall the righteous be
able to live because of his righteousness
in the day that he sins.’
13 "When I say to the righteous that
he shall surely live, but he trusts in his
own righteousness and commits iniquity,
none of his righteous works shall be
remembered; but because of the iniquity
that he has committed, he shall die.
14 "Again, when I say to the wicked,
‘You shall surely die,’ if he turns from his
sin and does what is lawful and right,
15 "if the wicked restores the pledge,
gives back what he has stolen, and walks
in the statutes of life without committing
iniquity, he shall surely live; he shall not
die.
16 "None of his sins which he has
committed shall be remembered against
him; he has done what is lawful and
right; he shall surely live.

17 "Yet the children of your people say,
'The way of the Lord is not fair.' But it is
their way which is not fair!
18 "When the righteous turns from his
righteousness and commits iniquity, he
shall die because of it.
19 "But when the wicked turns from his
wickedness and does what is lawful and
right, he shall live because of it.
20 "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is
not fair.' O house of Israel, I will judge
every one of you according to his own
ways."
21 And it came to pass in the twelfth
year of our captivity, in the tenth month,
on the fifth day of the month, that one
who had escaped from Jerusalem came
to me and said, "The city has been
captured!"
22 Now the hand of the LORD had been
upon me the evening before the man
came who had escaped. And He had

opened my mouth; so when he came
to me in the morning, my mouth was
opened, and I was no longer mute.
23 Then the word of the LORD came to
me, saying:
24 "Son of man, they who inhabit those
ruins in the land of Israel are saying,
‘Abraham was only one, and he inherited
the land. But we are many; the land has
been given to us as a possession.’
25 "Therefore say to them, ‘Thus says
the Lord GOD: "You eat meat with blood,
you lift up your eyes toward your idols,
and shed blood. Should you then possess
the land?
26 "You rely on your sword, you commit
abominations, and you defile one
another’s wives. Should you then
possess the land?"’
27 "Say thus to them, ‘Thus says the
Lord GOD: "As I live, surely those who
are in the ruins shall fall by the sword,

and the one who is in the open field I
will give to the beasts to be devoured,
and those who are in the strongholds
and caves shall die of the pestilence.
28 "For I will make the land most
desolate, her arrogant strength shall
cease, and the mountains of Israel shall
be so desolate that no one will pass
through.
29 "Then they shall know that I am
the LORD, when I have made the
land most desolate because of all
their abominations which they have
committed."’
30 "As for you, son of man, the children
of your people are talking about you
beside the walls and in the doors of the
houses; and they speak to one another,
everyone saying to his brother, ‘Please
come and hear what the word is that
comes from the LORD.’

31 "So they come to you as people do,
they sit before you as My people, and
they hear your words, but they do not
do them; for with their mouth they show
much love, but their hearts pursue their
own gain.
32 "Indeed you are to them as a very
lovely song of one who has a pleasant
voice and can play well on an instrument;
for they hear your words, but they do
not do them.
33 "And when this comes to pass—
surely it will come—then they will know
that a prophet has been among them."

34

1 And the word of the LORD came
to me, saying,
2 "Son of man, prophesy against the
shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say to
them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD to the
shepherds: "Woe to the shepherds of
Israel who feed themselves! Should not
the shepherds feed the flocks?

3 "You eat the fat and clothe yourselves
with the wool; you slaughter the fatlings,
but you do not feed the flock.
4 "The weak you have not strengthened,
nor have you healed those who were
sick, nor bound up the broken, nor
brought back what was driven away, nor
sought what was lost; but with force and
cruelty you have ruled them.
5 "So they were scattered because there
was no shepherd; and they became food
for all the beasts of the field when they
were scattered.
6 "My sheep wandered through all
the mountains, and on every high hill;
yes, My flock was scattered over the
whole face of the earth, and no one was
seeking or searching for them."
7 'Therefore, you shepherds, hear the
word of the LORD:
8 "as I live," says the Lord GOD, "surely
because My flock became a prey, and My

flock became food for every beast of the
field, because there was no shepherd,
nor did My shepherds search for My
flock, but the shepherds fed themselves
and did not feed My flock" —
9 'therefore, O shepherds, hear the
word of the LORD!
10 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold,
I am against the shepherds, and I will
require My flock at their hand; I will
cause them to cease feeding the sheep,
and the shepherds shall feed themselves
no more; for I will deliver My flock from
their mouths, that they may no longer
be food for them."
11 'For thus says the Lord GOD: "Indeed
I Myself will search for My sheep and
seek them out.
12 "As a shepherd seeks out his flock on
the day he is among his scattered sheep,
so will I seek out My sheep and deliver

them from all the places where they
were scattered on a cloudy and dark day.
13 "And I will bring them out from
the peoples and gather them from
the countries, and will bring them to
their own land; I will feed them on the
mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in
all the inhabited places of the country.
14 "I will feed them in good pasture, and
their fold shall be on the high mountains
of Israel. There they shall lie down in a
good fold and feed in rich pasture on the
mountains of Israel.
15 "I will feed My flock, and I will make
them lie down," says the Lord GOD.
16 "I will seek what was lost and bring
back what was driven away, bind up the
broken and strengthen what was sick;
but I will destroy the fat and the strong,
and feed them in judgment."
17 ‘And as for you, O My flock, thus says
the Lord GOD: "Behold, I shall judge

between sheep and sheep, between
rams and goats.
18 "Is it too little for you to have eaten
up the good pasture, that you must
tread down with your feet the residue
of your pasture—and to have drunk of
the clear waters, that you must foul the
residue with your feet?
19 "And as for My flock, they eat what
you have trampled with your feet, and
they drink what you have fouled with
your feet."
20 'Therefore thus says the Lord GOD
to them: "Behold, I Myself will judge
between the fat and the lean sheep.
21 "Because you have pushed with side
and shoulder, butted all the weak ones
with your horns, and scattered them
abroad,
22 "therefore I will save My flock, and
they shall no longer be a prey; and I will
judge between sheep and sheep.

23 "I will establish one shepherd over
them, and he shall feed them—My
servant David. He shall feed them and
be their shepherd.
24 "And I, the LORD, will be their God,
and My servant David a prince among
them; I, the LORD, have spoken.
25 "I will make a covenant of peace
with them, and cause wild beasts to
cease from the land; and they will dwell
safely in the wilderness and sleep in the
woods.
26 "I will make them and the places all
around My hill a blessing; and I will cause
showers to come down in their season;
there shall be showers of blessing.
27 "Then the trees of the field shall yield
their fruit, and the earth shall yield her
increase. They shall be safe in their land;
and they shall know that I am the LORD,
when I have broken the bands of their

yoke and delivered them from the hand
of those who enslaved them.
28 "And they shall no longer be a prey
for the nations, nor shall beasts of the
land devour them; but they shall dwell
safely, and no one shall make them
afraid.
29 "I will raise up for them a garden
of renown, and they shall no longer be
consumed with hunger in the land, nor
bear the shame of the Gentiles anymore.
30 "Thus they shall know that I, the
LORD their God, am with them, and they,
the house of Israel, are My people," says
the Lord GOD.'"
31 "You are My flock, the flock of My
pasture; you are men, and I am your
God," says the Lord GOD.

35 1 Moreover the word of the LORD
came to me, saying,
2 "Son of man, set your face against
Mount Seir and prophesy against it,

3 "and say to it, ‘Thus says the Lord
GOD: "Behold, O Mount Seir, I am against
you; I will stretch out My hand against
you, And make you most desolate;
4 I shall lay your cities waste, And you
shall be desolate. Then you shall know
that I am the LORD.
5 "Because you have had an ancient
hatred, and have shed the blood of the
children of Israel by the power of the
sword at the time of their calamity, when
their iniquity came to an end,
6 "therefore, as I live," says the Lord
GOD, "I will prepare you for blood, and
blood shall pursue you; since you have
not hated blood, therefore blood shall
pursue you.
7 "Thus I will make Mount Seir most
desolate, and cut off from it the one who
leaves and the one who returns.
8 "And I will fill its mountains with the
slain; on your hills and in your valleys

and in all your ravines those who are
slain by the sword shall fall.
9 "I will make you perpetually desolate,
and your cities shall be uninhabited;
then you shall know that I am the LORD.
10 "Because you have said, ‘These two
nations and these two countries shall
be mine, and we will possess them,’
although the LORD was there,
11 "therefore, as I live," says the Lord
GOD, "I will do according to your anger
and according to the envy which you
showed in your hatred against them;
and I will make Myself known among
them when I judge you.
12 "Then you shall know that I am the
LORD. I have heard all your blasphemies
which you have spoken against the
mountains of Israel, saying, ‘They
are desolate; they are given to us to
consume.’

[13] "Thus with your mouth you have
boasted against Me and multiplied your
words against Me; I have heard them."
[14] 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "The whole
earth will rejoice when I make you
desolate.
[15] "As you rejoiced because the
inheritance of the house of Israel was
desolate, so I will do to you; you shall be
desolate, O Mount Seir, as well as all of
Edom—all of it! Then they shall know
that I am the LORD."'

36 [1] "And you, son of man, prophesy
to the mountains of Israel, and
say, 'O mountains of Israel, hear the
word of the LORD!
[2] 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because the
enemy has said of you, 'Aha! The ancient
heights have become our possession,'"'
[3] "therefore prophesy, and say, 'Thus
says the Lord GOD: "Because they made
you desolate and swallowed you up

on every side, so that you became the
possession of the rest of the nations, and
you are taken up by the lips of talkers
and slandered by the people" —
4 'therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear
the word of the Lord GOD! Thus says the
Lord GOD to the mountains, the hills, the
rivers, the valleys, the desolate wastes,
and the cities that have been forsaken,
which became plunder and mockery to
the rest of the nations all around—
5 'therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
"Surely I have spoken in My burning
jealousy against the rest of the nations
and against all Edom, who gave My land
to themselves as a possession, with
whole–hearted joy and spiteful minds,
in order to plunder its open country."'
6 "Therefore prophesy concerning the
land of Israel, and say to the mountains,
the hills, the rivers, and the valleys,
'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I

have spoken in My jealousy and My fury,
because you have borne the shame of
the nations."
7 ‘Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
"I have raised My hand in an oath that
surely the nations that are around you
shall bear their own shame.
8 "But you, O mountains of Israel, you
shall shoot forth your branches and yield
your fruit to My people Israel, for they
are about to come.
9 "For indeed I am for you, and I will
turn to you, and you shall be tilled and
sown.
10 "I will multiply men upon you, all the
house of Israel, all of it; and the cities
shall be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt.
11 "I will multiply upon you man and
beast; and they shall increase and bear
young; I will make you inhabited as in
former times, and do better for you than

at your beginnings. Then you shall know
that I am the LORD.
12 "Yes, I will cause men to walk on
you, My people Israel; they shall take
possession of you, and you shall be their
inheritance; no more shall you bereave
them of children."
13 ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because
they say to you, ‘You devour men and
bereave your nation of children,’
14 "therefore you shall devour men
no more, nor bereave your nation
anymore," says the Lord GOD.
15 "Nor will I let you hear the taunts
of the nations anymore, nor bear the
reproach of the peoples anymore, nor
shall you cause your nation to stumble
anymore," says the Lord GOD.’"
16 Moreover the word of the LORD
came to me, saying:
17 "Son of man, when the house of
Israel dwelt in their own land, they

defiled it by their own ways and deeds;
to Me their way was like the uncleanness
of a woman in her customary impurity.
18 "Therefore I poured out My fury on
them for the blood they had shed on the
land, and for their idols with which they
had defiled it.
19 "So I scattered them among the
nations, and they were dispersed
throughout the countries; I judged them
according to their ways and their deeds.
20 "When they came to the nations,
wherever they went, they profaned My
holy name—when they said of them,
'These are the people of the LORD, and
yet they have gone out of His land.'
21 "But I had concern for My holy name,
which the house of Israel had profaned
among the nations wherever they went.
22 "Therefore say to the house of Israel,
'Thus says the Lord GOD: "I do not do
this for your sake, O house of Israel, but

for My holy name’s sake, which you have
profaned among the nations wherever
you went.
23 "And I will sanctify My great name,
which has been profaned among the
nations, which you have profaned in
their midst; and the nations shall know
that I am the LORD," says the Lord GOD,
"when I am hallowed in you before their
eyes.
24 "For I will take you from among the
nations, gather you out of all countries,
and bring you into your own land.
25 "Then I will sprinkle clean water on
you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse
you from all your filthiness and from all
your idols.
26 "I will give you a new heart and put
a new spirit within you; I will take the
heart of stone out of your flesh and give
you a heart of flesh.

27 "I will put My Spirit within you and
cause you to walk in My statutes, and
you will keep My judgments and do
them.
28 "Then you shall dwell in the land that
I gave to your fathers; you shall be My
people, and I will be your God.
29 "I will deliver you from all your
uncleannesses. I will call for the grain
and multiply it, and bring no famine
upon you.
30 "And I will multiply the fruit of your
trees and the increase of your fields,
so that you need never again bear the
reproach of famine among the nations.
31 "Then you will remember your evil
ways and your deeds that were not
good; and you will loathe yourselves in
your own sight, for your iniquities and
your abominations.
32 "Not for your sake do I do this," says
the Lord GOD, "let it be known to you.

Be ashamed and confounded for your
own ways, O house of Israel!"
33 ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: "On the day
that I cleanse you from all your iniquities,
I will also enable you to dwell in the
cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt.
34 "The desolate land shall be tilled
instead of lying desolate in the sight of
all who pass by.
35 "So they will say, ‘This land that was
desolate has become like the garden
of Eden; and the wasted, desolate,
and ruined cities are now fortified and
inhabited.’
36 "Then the nations which are left
all around you shall know that I, the
LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places and
planted what was desolate. I, the LORD,
have spoken it, and I will do it."
37 ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will also
let the house of Israel inquire of Me to

do this for them: I will increase their
men like a flock.
38 "Like a flock offered as holy sacrifices,
like the flock at Jerusalem on its feast
days, so shall the ruined cities be filled
with flocks of men. Then they shall know
that I am the LORD."’"

37 1 The hand of the LORD came
upon me and brought me out in
the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down
in the midst of the valley; and it was full
of bones.
2 Then He caused me to pass by them
all around, and behold, there were very
many in the open valley; and indeed
they were very dry.
3 And He said to me, "Son of man, can
these bones live?" So I answered, "O
Lord GOD, You know."
4 Again He said to me, "Prophesy to
these bones, and say to them, ‘O dry
bones, hear the word of the LORD!

5 'Thus says the Lord GOD to these
bones: "Surely I will cause breath to
enter into you, and you shall live.
6 "I will put sinews on you and bring
flesh upon you, cover you with skin
and put breath in you; and you shall
live. Then you shall know that I am the
LORD."'"
7 So I prophesied as I was commanded;
and as I prophesied, there was a noise,
and suddenly a rattling; and the bones
came together, bone to bone.
8 Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and
the flesh came upon them, and the skin
covered them over; but there was no
breath in them.
9 Also He said to me, "Prophesy to the
breath, prophesy, son of man, and say
to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD:
"Come from the four winds, O breath,
and breathe on these slain, that they
may live."'"

10 So I prophesied as He commanded
me, and breath came into them, and
they lived, and stood upon their feet, an
exceedingly great army.
11 Then He said to me, "Son of man,
these bones are the whole house of
Israel. They indeed say, ‘Our bones are
dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves
are cut off!’
12 "Therefore prophesy and say to
them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold,
O My people, I will open your graves and
cause you to come up from your graves,
and bring you into the land of Israel.
13 "Then you shall know that I am the
LORD, when I have opened your graves,
O My people, and brought you up from
your graves.
14 "I will put My Spirit in you, and you
shall live, and I will place you in your
own land. Then you shall know that I,

the LORD, have spoken it and performed
it," says the LORD.’"
15 Again the word of the LORD came to
me, saying,
16 "As for you, son of man, take a
stick for yourself and write on it: ‘For
Judah and for the children of Israel, his
companions.’ Then take another stick
and write on it, ‘For Joseph, the stick of
Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel,
his companions.’
17 "Then join them one to another for
yourself into one stick, and they will
become one in your hand.
18 "And when the children of your
people speak to you, saying, ‘Will you
not show us what you mean by these?’
—
19 "say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord
GOD: "Surely I will take the stick of
Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim,
and the tribes of Israel, his companions;

and I will join them with it, with the stick
of Judah, and make them one stick, and
they will be one in My hand."’
20 "And the sticks on which you write
will be in your hand before their eyes.
21 "Then say to them, ‘Thus says the
Lord GOD: "Surely I will take the children
of Israel from among the nations,
wherever they have gone, and will
gather them from every side and bring
them into their own land;
22 "and I will make them one nation in
the land, on the mountains of Israel; and
one king shall be king over them all; they
shall no longer be two nations, nor shall
they ever be divided into two kingdoms
again.
23 "They shall not defile themselves
anymore with their idols, nor with their
detestable things, nor with any of their
transgressions; but I will deliver them
from all their dwelling places in which

they have sinned, and will cleanse them.
Then they shall be My people, and I will
be their God.
24 "David My servant shall be king
over them, and they shall all have one
shepherd; they shall also walk in My
judgments and observe My statutes, and
do them.
25 "Then they shall dwell in the land
that I have given to Jacob My servant,
where your fathers dwelt; and they shall
dwell there, they, their children, and
their children’s children, forever; and
My servant David shall be their prince
forever.
26 "Moreover I will make a covenant
of peace with them, and it shall be an
everlasting covenant with them; I will
establish them and multiply them, and
I will set My sanctuary in their midst
forevermore.

27 "My tabernacle also shall be with
them; indeed I will be their God, and
they shall be My people.
28 "The nations also will know that I, the
LORD, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary
is in their midst forevermore."’"

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1 Now the word of the LORD came
to me, saying,
2 "Son of man, set your face against
Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of
Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy
against him,
3 "and say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD:
"Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the
prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal.
4 "I will turn you around, put hooks
into your jaws, and lead you out, with
all your army, horses, and horsemen,
all splendidly clothed, a great company
with bucklers and shields, all of them
handling swords.

5 "Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with
them, all of them with shield and helmet;
6 "Gomer and all its troops; the house
of Togarmah from the far north and all
its troops—many people are with you.
7 "Prepare yourself and be ready, you
and all your companies that are gathered
about you; and be a guard for them.
8 "After many days you will be visited.
In the latter years you will come into
the land of those brought back from the
sword and gathered from many people
on the mountains of Israel, which had
long been desolate; they were brought
out of the nations, and now all of them
dwell safely.
9 "You will ascend, coming like a storm,
covering the land like a cloud, you and
all your troops and many peoples with
you."
10 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "On that
day it shall come to pass that thoughts

will arise in your mind, and you will make
an evil plan:
11 "You will say, ‘I will go up against a
land of unwalled villages; I will go to a
peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of
them dwelling without walls, and having
neither bars nor gates’ —
12 "to take plunder and to take booty,
to stretch out your hand against the
waste places that are again inhabited,
and against a people gathered from the
nations, who have acquired livestock
and goods, who dwell in the midst of the
land.
13 "Sheba, Dedan, the merchants of
Tarshish, and all their young lions will say
to you, ‘Have you come to take plunder?
Have you gathered your army to take
booty, to carry away silver and gold, to
take away livestock and goods, to take
great plunder?’"’

14 "Therefore, son of man, prophesy
and say to Gog, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD:
"On that day when My people Israel
dwell safely, will you not know it?
15 "Then you will come from your place
out of the far north, you and many
peoples with you, all of them riding on
horses, a great company and a mighty
army.
16 "You will come up against My people
Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It
will be in the latter days that I will bring
you against My land, so that the nations
may know Me, when I am hallowed in
you, O Gog, before their eyes."
17 ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: "Are you he
of whom I have spoken in former days
by My servants the prophets of Israel,
who prophesied for years in those days
that I would bring you against them?
18 "And it will come to pass at the same
time, when Gog comes against the land

of Israel," says the Lord GOD, "that My
fury will show in My face.
19 "For in My jealousy and in the fire of
My wrath I have spoken: 'Surely in that
day there shall be a great earthquake in
the land of Israel,
20 'so that the fish of the sea, the birds
of the heavens, the beasts of the field,
all creeping things that creep on the
earth, and all men who are on the face
of the earth shall shake at My presence.
The mountains shall be thrown down,
the steep places shall fall, and every wall
shall fall to the ground.'
21 "I will call for a sword against Gog
throughout all My mountains," says the
Lord GOD. "Every man's sword will be
against his brother.
22 "And I will bring him to judgment
with pestilence and bloodshed; I will
rain down on him, on his troops, and
on the many peoples who are with him,

flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and
brimstone.
23 "Thus I will magnify Myself and
sanctify Myself, and I will be known in
the eyes of many nations. Then they
shall know that I am the LORD."'

39 1 "And you, son of man, prophesy
against Gog, and say, 'Thus says
the Lord GOD: "Behold, I am against you,
O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and
Tubal;
2 "and I will turn you around and
lead you on, bringing you up from the
far north, and bring you against the
mountains of Israel.
3 "Then I will knock the bow out of your
left hand, and cause the arrows to fall
out of your right hand.
4 "You shall fall upon the mountains of
Israel, you and all your troops and the
peoples who are with you; I will give you

to birds of prey of every sort and to the
beasts of the field to be devoured.
5 "You shall fall on the open field; for I
have spoken," says the Lord GOD.
6 "And I will send fire on Magog and
on those who live in security in the
coastlands. Then they shall know that I
am the LORD.
7 "So I will make My holy name known
in the midst of My people Israel, and I
will not let them profane My holy name
anymore. Then the nations shall know
that I am the LORD, the Holy One in
Israel.
8 "Surely it is coming, and it shall be
done," says the Lord GOD. "This is the
day of which I have spoken.
9 "Then those who dwell in the cities
of Israel will go out and set on fire and
burn the weapons, both the shields
and bucklers, the bows and arrows, the

javelins and spears; and they will make
fires with them for seven years.
10 "They will not take wood from the
field nor cut down any from the forests,
because they will make fires with the
weapons; and they will plunder those
who plundered them, and pillage those
who pillaged them," says the Lord GOD.
11 "It will come to pass in that day
that I will give Gog a burial place there
in Israel, the valley of those who pass
by east of the sea; and it will obstruct
travelers, because there they will bury
Gog and all his multitude. Therefore they
will call it the Valley of Hamon Gog.
12 "For seven months the house of
Israel will be burying them, in order to
cleanse the land.
13 "Indeed all the people of the land will
be burying, and they will gain renown
for it on the day that I am glorified," says
the Lord GOD.

14 "They will set apart men regularly
employed, with the help of a search
party, to pass through the land and bury
those bodies remaining on the ground,
in order to cleanse it. At the end of seven
months they will make a search.
15 "The search party will pass through
the land; and when anyone sees a man's
bone, he shall set up a marker by it, till
the buriers have buried it in the Valley of
Hamon Gog.
16 "The name of the city will also be
Hamonah. Thus they shall cleanse the
land."'
17 "And as for you, son of man, thus
says the Lord GOD, 'Speak to every sort
of bird and to every beast of the field:
"Assemble yourselves and come; Gather
together from all sides to My sacrificial
meal Which I am sacrificing for you, A
great sacrificial meal on the mountains

of Israel, That you may eat flesh and
drink blood.
18 You shall eat the flesh of the mighty,
Drink the blood of the princes of the
earth, Of rams and lambs, Of goats and
bulls, All of them fatlings of Bashan.
19 You shall eat fat till you are full, And
drink blood till you are drunk, At My
sacrificial meal Which I am sacrificing for
you.
20 You shall be filled at My table With
horses and riders, With mighty men And
with all the men of war," says the Lord
GOD.
21 "I will set My glory among the
nations; all the nations shall see My
judgment which I have executed, and
My hand which I have laid on them.
22 "So the house of Israel shall know
that I am the LORD their God from that
day forward.

23 "The Gentiles shall know that the
house of Israel went into captivity
for their iniquity; because they were
unfaithful to Me, therefore I hid My face
from them. I gave them into the hand of
their enemies, and they all fell by the
sword.
24 "According to their uncleanness and
according to their transgressions I have
dealt with them, and hidden My face
from them."’
25 "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
‘Now I will bring back the captives of
Jacob, and have mercy on the whole
house of Israel; and I will be jealous for
My holy name—
26 ‘after they have borne their shame,
and all their unfaithfulness in which they
were unfaithful to Me, when they dwelt
safely in their own land and no one
made them afraid.

27 ‘When I have brought them back
from the peoples and gathered them
out of their enemies’ lands, and I am
hallowed in them in the sight of many
nations,
28 ‘then they shall know that I am the
LORD their God, who sent them into
captivity among the nations, but also
brought them back to their land, and left
none of them captive any longer.
29 ‘And I will not hide My face from
them anymore; for I shall have poured
out My Spirit on the house of Israel,’ says
the Lord GOD."

40 1 In the twenty–fifth year of our
captivity, at the beginning of the
year, on the tenth day of the month, in
the fourteenth year after the city was
captured, on the very same day the hand
of the LORD was upon me; and He took
me there.

2 In the visions of God He took me into
the land of Israel and set me on a very
high mountain; on it toward the south
was something like the structure of a
city.
3 He took me there, and behold, there
was a man whose appearance was like
the appearance of bronze. He had a line
of flax and a measuring rod in his hand,
and he stood in the gateway.
4 And the man said to me, "Son of man,
look with your eyes and hear with your
ears, and fix your mind on everything I
show you; for you were brought here so
that I might show them to you. Declare
to the house of Israel everything you
see."
5 Now there was a wall all around the
outside of the temple. In the man's hand
was a measuring rod six cubits long,
each being a cubit and a handbreadth;
and he measured the width of the wall

structure, one rod; and the height, one
rod.
6 Then he went to the gateway which
faced east; and he went up its stairs and
measured the threshold of the gateway,
which was one rod wide, and the other
threshold was one rod wide.
7 Each gate chamber was one rod long
and one rod wide; between the gate
chambers was a space of five cubits;
and the threshold of the gateway by the
vestibule of the inside gate was one rod.
8 He also measured the vestibule of the
inside gate, one rod.
9 Then he measured the vestibule of the
gateway, eight cubits; and the gateposts,
two cubits. The vestibule of the gate was
on the inside.
10 In the eastern gateway were three
gate chambers on one side and three on
the other; the three were all the same

size; also the gateposts were of the same
size on this side and that side.
11 He measured the width of the
entrance to the gateway, ten cubits; and
the length of the gate, thirteen cubits.
12 There was a space in front of the gate
chambers, one cubit on this side and one
cubit on that side; the gate chambers
were six cubits on this side and six cubits
on that side.
13 Then he measured the gateway from
the roof of one gate chamber to the roof
of the other; the width was twenty–five
cubits, as door faces door.
14 He measured the gateposts, sixty
cubits high, and the court all around the
gateway extended to the gatepost.
15 From the front of the entrance gate
to the front of the vestibule of the inner
gate was fifty cubits.
16 There were beveled window frames
in the gate chambers and in their

intervening archways on the inside of
the gateway all around, and likewise
in the vestibules. There were windows
all around on the inside. And on each
gatepost were palm trees.
17 Then he brought me into the outer
court; and there were chambers and a
pavement made all around the court;
thirty chambers faced the pavement.
18 The pavement was by the side of the
gateways, corresponding to the length
of the gateways; this was the lower
pavement.
19 Then he measured the width from
the front of the lower gateway to the
front of the inner court exterior, one
hundred cubits toward the east and the
north.
20 On the outer court was also a
gateway facing north, and he measured
its length and its width.

21 Its gate chambers, three on this side
and three on that side, its gateposts
and its archways, had the same
measurements as the first gate; its
length was fifty cubits and its width
twenty–five cubits.
22 Its windows and those of its
archways, and also its palm trees, had
the same measurements as the gateway
facing east; it was ascended by seven
steps, and its archway was in front of it.
23 A gate of the inner court was
opposite the northern gateway, just as
the eastern gateway; and he measured
from gateway to gateway, one hundred
cubits.
24 After that he brought me toward the
south, and there a gateway was facing
south; and he measured its gateposts
and archways according to these same
measurements.

25 There were windows in it and in its
archways all around like those windows;
its length was fifty cubits and its width
twenty–five cubits.
26 Seven steps led up to it, and its
archway was in front of them; and it had
palm trees on its gateposts, one on this
side and one on that side.
27 There was also a gateway on the
inner court, facing south; and he
measured from gateway to gateway
toward the south, one hundred cubits.
28 Then he brought me to the inner
court through the southern gateway;
he measured the southern gateway
according to these same measurements.
29 Also its gate chambers, its gateposts,
and its archways were according to
these same measurements; there were
windows in it and in its archways all
around; it was fifty cubits long and
twenty–five cubits wide.

30 There were archways all around,
twenty–five cubits long and five cubits
wide.
31 Its archways faced the outer court,
palm trees were on its gateposts, and
going up to it were eight steps.
32 And he brought me into the inner
court facing east; he measured the
gateway according to these same
measurements.
33 Also its gate chambers, its gateposts,
and its archways were according to
these same measurements; and there
were windows in it and in its archways
all around; it was fifty cubits long and
twenty–five cubits wide.
34 Its archways faced the outer court,
and palm trees were on its gateposts on
this side and on that side; and going up
to it were eight steps.

35 Then he brought me to the north
gateway and measured it according to
these same measurements—
36 also its gate chambers, its gateposts,
and its archways. It had windows all
around; its length was fifty cubits and its
width twenty–five cubits.
37 Its gateposts faced the outer court,
palm trees were on its gateposts on this
side and on that side, and going up to it
were eight steps.
38 There was a chamber and its entrance
by the gateposts of the gateway, where
they washed the burnt offering.
39 In the vestibule of the gateway
were two tables on this side and two
tables on that side, on which to slay the
burnt offering, the sin offering, and the
trespass offering.
40 At the outer side of the vestibule,
as one goes up to the entrance of the
northern gateway, were two tables; and

on the other side of the vestibule of the
gateway were two tables.
41 Four tables were on this side and
four tables on that side, by the side of
the gateway, eight tables on which they
slaughtered the sacrifices.
42 There were also four tables of hewn
stone for the burnt offering, one cubit
and a half long, one cubit and a half
wide, and one cubit high; on these they
laid the instruments with which they
slaughtered the burnt offering and the
sacrifice.
43 Inside were hooks, a handbreadth
wide, fastened all around; and the flesh
of the sacrifices was on the tables.
44 Outside the inner gate were the
chambers for the singers in the inner
court, one facing south at the side of
the northern gateway, and the other
facing north at the side of the southern
gateway.

45 Then he said to me, "This chamber
which faces south is for the priests who
have charge of the temple.
46 "The chamber which faces north is
for the priests who have charge of the
altar; these are the sons of Zadok, from
the sons of Levi, who come near the
LORD to minister to Him."
47 And he measured the court, one
hundred cubits long and one hundred
cubits wide, foursquare. The altar was in
front of the temple.
48 Then he brought me to the vestibule
of the temple and measured the
doorposts of the vestibule, five cubits
on this side and five cubits on that side;
and the width of the gateway was three
cubits on this side and three cubits on
that side.
49 The length of the vestibule was
twenty cubits, and the width eleven
cubits; and by the steps which led up to

it there were pillars by the doorposts,
one on this side and another on that
side.

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[1] Then he brought me into the
sanctuary and measured the
doorposts, six cubits wide on one
side and six cubits wide on the other
side—the width of the tabernacle.
[2] The width of the entryway was
ten cubits, and the side walls of the
entrance were five cubits on this side
and five cubits on the other side; and he
measured its length, forty cubits, and its
width, twenty cubits.
[3] Also he went inside and measured the
doorposts, two cubits; and the entrance,
six cubits high; and the width of the
entrance, seven cubits.
[4] He measured the length, twenty
cubits; and the width, twenty cubits,
beyond the sanctuary; and he said to
me, "This is the Most Holy Place."

5 Next, he measured the wall of the
temple, six cubits. The width of each
side chamber all around the temple was
four cubits on every side.
6 The side chambers were in three
stories, one above the other, thirty
chambers in each story; they rested
on ledges which were for the side
chambers all around, that they might be
supported, but not fastened to the wall
of the temple.
7 As one went up from story to story,
the side chambers became wider all
around, because their supporting ledges
in the wall of the temple ascended
like steps; therefore the width of the
structure increased as one went up from
the lowest story to the highest by way of
the middle one.
8 I also saw an elevation all around the
temple; it was the foundation of the side

chambers, a full rod, that is, six cubits
high.
9 The thickness of the outer wall of the
side chambers was five cubits, and so
also the remaining terrace by the place
of the side chambers of the temple.
10 And between it and the wall
chambers was a width of twenty cubits
all around the temple on every side.
11 The doors of the side chambers
opened on the terrace, one door toward
the north and another toward the south;
and the width of the terrace was five
cubits all around.
12 The building that faced the separating
courtyard at its western end was seventy
cubits wide; the wall of the building was
five cubits thick all around, and its length
ninety cubits.
13 So he measured the temple, one
hundred cubits long; and the separating

courtyard with the building and its walls
was one hundred cubits long;
14 also the width of the eastern face
of the temple, including the separating
courtyard, was one hundred cubits.
15 He measured the length of the
building behind it, facing the separating
courtyard, with its galleries on the one
side and on the other side, one hundred
cubits, as well as the inner temple and
the porches of the court,
16 their doorposts and the beveled
window frames. And the galleries all
around their three stories opposite the
threshold were paneled with wood
from the ground to the windows—the
windows were covered—
17 from the space above the door, even
to the inner room, as well as outside,
and on every wall all around, inside and
outside, by measure.

18 And it was made with cherubim and
palm trees, a palm tree between cherub
and cherub. Each cherub had two faces,
19 so that the face of a man was toward
a palm tree on one side, and the face of
a young lion toward a palm tree on the
other side; thus it was made throughout
the temple all around.
20 From the floor to the space above the
door, and on the wall of the sanctuary,
cherubim and palm trees were carved.
21 The doorposts of the temple were
square, as was the front of the sanctuary;
their appearance was similar.
22 The altar was of wood, three cubits
high, and its length two cubits. Its
corners, its length, and its sides were of
wood; and he said to me, "This is the
table that is before the LORD."
23 The temple and the sanctuary had
two doors.

24 The doors had two panels apiece,
two folding panels: two panels for one
door and two panels for the other door.
25 Cherubim and palm trees were
carved on the doors of the temple just
as they were carved on the walls. A
wooden canopy was on the front of the
vestibule outside.
26 There were beveled window frames
and palm trees on one side and on the
other, on the sides of the vestibule—also
on the side chambers of the temple and
on the canopies.

42 1 Then he brought me out into
the outer court, by the way
toward the north; and he brought me
into the chamber which was opposite
the separating courtyard, and which was
opposite the building toward the north.
2 Facing the length, which was one
hundred cubits (the width was fifty
cubits), was the north door.

3 Opposite the inner court of twenty
cubits, and opposite the pavement of
the outer court, was gallery against
gallery in three stories.
4 In front of the chambers, toward the
inside, was a walk ten cubits wide, at a
distance of one cubit; and their doors
faced north.
5 Now the upper chambers were
shorter, because the galleries took away
space from them more than from the
lower and middle stories of the building.
6 For they were in three stories and
did not have pillars like the pillars of
the courts; therefore the upper level
was shortened more than the lower and
middle levels from the ground up.
7 And a wall which was outside ran
parallel to the chambers, at the front of
the chambers, toward the outer court;
its length was fifty cubits.

8 The length of the chambers toward
the outer court was fifty cubits, whereas
that facing the temple was one hundred
cubits.
9 At the lower chambers was the
entrance on the east side, as one goes
into them from the outer court.
10 Also there were chambers in the
thickness of the wall of the court
toward the east, opposite the separating
courtyard and opposite the building.
11 There was a walk in front of them
also, and their appearance was like the
chambers which were toward the north;
they were as long and as wide as the
others, and all their exits and entrances
were according to plan.
12 And corresponding to the doors of
the chambers that were facing south,
as one enters them, there was a door
in front of the walk, the way directly in
front of the wall toward the east.

13 Then he said to me, "The north
chambers and the south chambers,
which are opposite the separating
courtyard, are the holy chambers where
the priests who approach the LORD shall
eat the most holy offerings. There they
shall lay the most holy offerings—the
grain offering, the sin offering, and the
trespass offering—for the place is holy.
14 "When the priests enter them, they
shall not go out of the holy chamber
into the outer court; but there they
shall leave their garments in which they
minister, for they are holy. They shall
put on other garments; then they may
approach that which is for the people."
15 Now when he had finished measuring
the inner temple, he brought me out
through the gateway that faces toward
the east, and measured it all around.

16 He measured the east side with the
measuring rod, five hundred rods by the
measuring rod all around.
17 He measured the north side, five
hundred rods by the measuring rod all
around.
18 He measured the south side, five
hundred rods by the measuring rod.
19 He came around to the west side
and measured five hundred rods by the
measuring rod.
20 He measured it on the four sides; it
had a wall all around, five hundred cubits
long and five hundred wide, to separate
the holy areas from the common.

43 1 Afterward he brought me to the
gate, the gate that faces toward
the east.
2 And behold, the glory of the God of
Israel came from the way of the east. His
voice was like the sound of many waters;
and the earth shone with His glory.

3 It was like the appearance of the
vision which I saw—like the vision which
I saw when I came to destroy the city.
The visions were like the vision which I
saw by the River Chebar; and I fell on my
face.
4 And the glory of the LORD came into
the temple by way of the gate which
faces toward the east.
5 The Spirit lifted me up and brought
me into the inner court; and behold, the
glory of the LORD filled the temple.
6 Then I heard Him speaking to me from
the temple, while a man stood beside
me.
7 And He said to me, "Son of man,
this is the place of My throne and the
place of the soles of My feet, where I
will dwell in the midst of the children of
Israel forever. No more shall the house
of Israel defile My holy name, they nor
their kings, by their harlotry or with the

carcasses of their kings on their high
places.
8 "When they set their threshold by
My threshold, and their doorpost by My
doorpost, with a wall between them and
Me, they defiled My holy name by the
abominations which they committed;
therefore I have consumed them in My
anger.
9 "Now let them put their harlotry and
the carcasses of their kings far away
from Me, and I will dwell in their midst
forever.
10 "Son of man, describe the temple to
the house of Israel, that they may be
ashamed of their iniquities; and let them
measure the pattern.
11 "And if they are ashamed of all
that they have done, make known to
them the design of the temple and its
arrangement, its exits and its entrances,
its entire design and all its ordinances, all

its forms and all its laws. Write it down
in their sight, so that they may keep its
whole design and all its ordinances, and
perform them.
12 "This is the law of the temple:
The whole area surrounding the
mountaintop is most holy. Behold, this is
the law of the temple.
13 "These are the measurements of the
altar in cubits (the cubit is one cubit and
a handbreadth): the base one cubit high
and one cubit wide, with a rim all around
its edge of one span. This is the height of
the altar:
14 "from the base on the ground to the
lower ledge, two cubits; the width of the
ledge, one cubit; from the smaller ledge
to the larger ledge, four cubits; and the
width of the ledge, one cubit.
15 "The altar hearth is four cubits high,
with four horns extending upward from
the hearth.

16 "The altar hearth is twelve cubits
long, twelve wide, square at its four
corners;
17 "the ledge, fourteen cubits long and
fourteen wide on its four sides, with a
rim of half a cubit around it; its base,
one cubit all around; and its steps face
toward the east."
18 And He said to me, "Son of man,
thus says the Lord GOD: ‘These are the
ordinances for the altar on the day when
it is made, for sacrificing burnt offerings
on it, and for sprinkling blood on it.
19 ‘You shall give a young bull for a sin
offering to the priests, the Levites, who
are of the seed of Zadok, who approach
Me to minister to Me,’ says the Lord
GOD.
20 ‘You shall take some of its blood and
put it on the four horns of the altar, on
the four corners of the ledge, and on the

rim around it; thus you shall cleanse it
and make atonement for it.
21 ‘Then you shall also take the bull
of the sin offering, and burn it in the
appointed place of the temple, outside
the sanctuary.
22 ‘On the second day you shall offer a
kid of the goats without blemish for a sin
offering; and they shall cleanse the altar,
as they cleansed it with the bull.
23 ‘When you have finished cleansing
it, you shall offer a young bull without
blemish, and a ram from the flock
without blemish.
24 ‘When you offer them before the
LORD, the priests shall throw salt on
them, and they will offer them up as a
burnt offering to the LORD.
25 ‘Every day for seven days you shall
prepare a goat for a sin offering; they
shall also prepare a young bull and a ram
from the flock, both without blemish.

26 'Seven days they shall make
atonement for the altar and purify it,
and so consecrate it.
27 'When these days are over it shall
be, on the eighth day and thereafter,
that the priests shall offer your burnt
offerings and your peace offerings on
the altar; and I will accept you,' says the
Lord GOD."

44 1 Then He brought me back to the
outer gate of the sanctuary which
faces toward the east, but it was shut.
2 And the LORD said to me, "This gate
shall be shut; it shall not be opened, and
no man shall enter by it, because the
LORD God of Israel has entered by it;
therefore it shall be shut.
3 "As for the prince, because he is the
prince, he may sit in it to eat bread
before the LORD; he shall enter by way
of the vestibule of the gateway, and go
out the same way."

4 Also He brought me by way of the
north gate to the front of the temple;
so I looked, and behold, the glory of the
LORD filled the house of the LORD; and I
fell on my face.
5 And the LORD said to me, "Son of
man, mark well, see with your eyes and
hear with your ears, all that I say to you
concerning all the ordinances of the
house of the LORD and all its laws. Mark
well who may enter the house and all
who go out from the sanctuary.
6 "Now say to the rebellious, to the
house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD:
"O house of Israel, let us have no more
of all your abominations.
7 "When you brought in foreigners,
uncircumcised in heart and
uncircumcised in flesh, to be in
My sanctuary to defile it—My house–
–and when you offered My food, the
fat and the blood, then they broke

My covenant because of all your
abominations.
8 "And you have not kept charge of My
holy things, but you have set others to
keep charge of My sanctuary for you."
9 ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: "No
foreigner, uncircumcised in heart or
uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter My
sanctuary, including any foreigner who is
among the children of Israel.
10 "And the Levites who went far
from Me, when Israel went astray, who
strayed away from Me after their idols,
they shall bear their iniquity.
11 "Yet they shall be ministers in My
sanctuary, as gatekeepers of the house
and ministers of the house; they shall
slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice
for the people, and they shall stand
before them to minister to them.
12 "Because they ministered to them
before their idols and caused the house

of Israel to fall into iniquity, therefore I
have raised My hand in an oath against
them," says the Lord GOD, "that they
shall bear their iniquity.
13 "And they shall not come near Me to
minister to Me as priest, nor come near
any of My holy things, nor into the Most
Holy Place; but they shall bear their
shame and their abominations which
they have committed.
14 "Nevertheless I will make them keep
charge of the temple, for all its work,
and for all that has to be done in it.
15 "But the priests, the Levites, the
sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My
sanctuary when the children of Israel
went astray from Me, they shall come
near Me to minister to Me; and they
shall stand before Me to offer to Me the
fat and the blood," says the Lord GOD.
16 "They shall enter My sanctuary,
and they shall come near My table to

minister to Me, and they shall keep My
charge.
17 "And it shall be, whenever they
enter the gates of the inner court, that
they shall put on linen garments; no
wool shall come upon them while they
minister within the gates of the inner
court or within the house.
18 "They shall have linen turbans on
their heads and linen trousers on their
bodies; they shall not clothe themselves
with anything that causes sweat.
19 "When they go out to the outer
court, to the outer court to the people,
they shall take off their garments in
which they have ministered, leave them
in the holy chambers, and put on other
garments; and in their holy garments
they shall not sanctify the people.
20 "They shall neither shave their heads
nor let their hair grow long; but they
shall keep their hair well trimmed.

21 "No priest shall drink wine when he
enters the inner court.
22 "They shall not take as wife a widow
or a divorced woman, but take virgins of
the descendants of the house of Israel,
or widows of priests.
23 "And they shall teach My people
the difference between the holy and
the unholy, and cause them to discern
between the unclean and the clean.
24 "In controversy they shall stand as
judges, and judge it according to My
judgments. They shall keep My laws
and My statutes in all My appointed
meetings, and they shall hallow My
Sabbaths.
25 "They shall not defile themselves by
coming near a dead person. Only for
father or mother, for son or daughter,
for brother or unmarried sister may they
defile themselves.

26 "After he is cleansed, they shall count
seven days for him.
27 "And on the day that he goes to the
sanctuary to minister in the sanctuary,
he must offer his sin offering in the inner
court," says the Lord GOD.
28 "It shall be, in regard to their
inheritance, that I am their inheritance.
You shall give them no possession in
Israel, for I am their possession.
29 "They shall eat the grain offering, the
sin offering, and the trespass offering;
every dedicated thing in Israel shall be
theirs.
30 "The best of all firstfruits of any kind,
and every sacrifice of any kind from all
your sacrifices, shall be the priest's; also
you shall give to the priest the first of
your ground meal, to cause a blessing to
rest on your house.

31 "The priests shall not eat anything,
bird or beast, that died naturally or was
torn by wild beasts.
45 1 "Moreover, when you divide the
land by lot into inheritance, you
shall set apart a district for the LORD, a
holy section of the land; its length shall
be twenty–five thousand cubits, and
the width ten thousand. It shall be holy
throughout its territory all around.
2 "Of this there shall be a square plot
for the sanctuary, five hundred by five
hundred rods, with fifty cubits around it
for an open space.
3 "So this is the district you shall
measure: twenty–five thousand cubits
long and ten thousand wide; in it shall
be the sanctuary, the Most Holy Place.
4 "It shall be a holy section of the land,
belonging to the priests, the ministers
of the sanctuary, who come near to
minister to the LORD; it shall be a place

for their houses and a holy place for the
sanctuary.
5 "An area twenty–five thousand
cubits long and ten thousand wide shall
belong to the Levites, the ministers
of the temple; they shall have twenty
chambers as a possession.
6 "You shall appoint as the property of
the city an area five thousand cubits
wide and twenty–five thousand long,
adjacent to the district of the holy
section; it shall belong to the whole
house of Israel.
7 "The prince shall have a section on
one side and the other of the holy
district and the city’s property; and
bordering on the holy district and the
city’s property, extending westward on
the west side and eastward on the east
side, the length shall be side by side with
one of the tribal portions, from the west
border to the east border.

8 "The land shall be his possession in
Israel; and My princes shall no more
oppress My people, but they shall give
the rest of the land to the house of
Israel, according to their tribes."
9 ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: "Enough,
O princes of Israel! Remove violence
and plundering, execute justice and
righteousness, and stop dispossessing
My people," says the Lord GOD.
10 "You shall have honest scales, an
honest ephah, and an honest bath.
11 "The ephah and the bath shall be
of the same measure, so that the bath
contains one–tenth of a homer, and
the ephah one–tenth of a homer; their
measure shall be according to the
homer.
12 "The shekel shall be twenty gerahs;
twenty shekels, twenty–five shekels, and
fifteen shekels shall be your mina.

13 "This is the offering which you shall
offer: you shall give one–sixth of an
ephah from a homer of wheat, and
one–sixth of an ephah from a homer of
barley.
14 "The ordinance concerning oil, the
bath of oil, is one–tenth of a bath from
a kor. A kor is a homer or ten baths, for
ten baths are a homer.
15 "And one lamb shall be given from
a flock of two hundred, from the rich
pastures of Israel. These shall be for
grain offerings, burnt offerings, and
peace offerings, to make atonement for
them," says the Lord GOD.
16 "All the people of the land shall give
this offering for the prince in Israel.
17 "Then it shall be the prince's part
to give burnt offerings, grain offerings,
and drink offerings, at the feasts, the
New Moons, the Sabbaths, and at all the
appointed seasons of the house of Israel.

He shall prepare the sin offering, the
grain offering, the burnt offering, and
the peace offerings to make atonement
for the house of Israel."
18 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "In the first
month, on the first day of the month,
you shall take a young bull without
blemish and cleanse the sanctuary.
19 "The priest shall take some of the
blood of the sin offering and put it on
the doorposts of the temple, on the four
corners of the ledge of the altar, and on
the gateposts of the gate of the inner
court.
20 "And so you shall do on the seventh
day of the month for everyone who has
sinned unintentionally or in ignorance.
Thus you shall make atonement for the
temple.
21 "In the first month, on the fourteenth
day of the month, you shall observe

the Passover, a feast of seven days;
unleavened bread shall be eaten.
22 "And on that day the prince shall
prepare for himself and for all the people
of the land a bull for a sin offering.
23 "On the seven days of the feast
he shall prepare a burnt offering to
the LORD, seven bulls and seven rams
without blemish, daily for seven days,
and a kid of the goats daily for a sin
offering.
24 "And he shall prepare a grain offering
of one ephah for each bull and one
ephah for each ram, together with a hin
of oil for each ephah.
25 "In the seventh month, on the
fifteenth day of the month, at the feast,
he shall do likewise for seven days,
according to the sin offering, the burnt
offering, the grain offering, and the oil."

46 1 ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: "The
gateway of the inner court that

faces toward the east shall be shut the
six working days; but on the Sabbath it
shall be opened, and on the day of the
New Moon it shall be opened.
2 "The prince shall enter by way of
the vestibule of the gateway from the
outside, and stand by the gatepost. The
priests shall prepare his burnt offering
and his peace offerings. He shall worship
at the threshold of the gate. Then he
shall go out, but the gate shall not be
shut until evening.
3 "Likewise the people of the land shall
worship at the entrance to this gateway
before the LORD on the Sabbaths and
the New Moons.
4 "The burnt offering that the prince
offers to the LORD on the Sabbath day
shall be six lambs without blemish, and
a ram without blemish;
5 "and the grain offering shall be one
ephah for a ram, and the grain offering

for the lambs, as much as he wants to
give, as well as a hin of oil with every
ephah.
6 "On the day of the New Moon it shall
be a young bull without blemish, six
lambs, and a ram; they shall be without
blemish.
7 "He shall prepare a grain offering of an
ephah for a bull, an ephah for a ram, as
much as he wants to give for the lambs,
and a hin of oil with every ephah.
8 "When the prince enters, he shall go
in by way of the vestibule of the gateway,
and go out the same way.
9 "But when the people of the land
come before the LORD on the appointed
feast days, whoever enters by way of
the north gate to worship shall go out
by way of the south gate; and whoever
enters by way of the south gate shall go
out by way of the north gate. He shall
not return by way of the gate through

which he came, but shall go out through
the opposite gate.
10 "The prince shall then be in their
midst. When they go in, he shall go in;
and when they go out, he shall go out.
11 "At the festivals and the appointed
feast days the grain offering shall be an
ephah for a bull, an ephah for a ram, as
much as he wants to give for the lambs,
and a hin of oil with every ephah.
12 "Now when the prince makes a
voluntary burnt offering or voluntary
peace offering to the LORD, the gate
that faces toward the east shall then be
opened for him; and he shall prepare his
burnt offering and his peace offerings as
he did on the Sabbath day. Then he shall
go out, and after he goes out the gate
shall be shut.
13 "You shall daily make a burnt offering
to the LORD of a lamb of the first year

without blemish; you shall prepare it
every morning.
14 "And you shall prepare a grain
offering with it every morning, a sixth of
an ephah, and a third of a hin of oil to
moisten the fine flour. This grain offering
is a perpetual ordinance, to be made
regularly to the LORD.
15 "Thus they shall prepare the lamb,
the grain offering, and the oil, as a
regular burnt offering every morning."
16 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "If the
prince gives a gift of some of his
inheritance to any of his sons, it shall
belong to his sons; it is their possession
by inheritance.
17 "But if he gives a gift of some of his
inheritance to one of his servants, it
shall be his until the year of liberty, after
which it shall return to the prince. But
his inheritance shall belong to his sons;
it shall become theirs.

18 "Moreover the prince shall not
take any of the people's inheritance by
evicting them from their property; he
shall provide an inheritance for his sons
from his own property, so that none of
My people may be scattered from his
property."'"
19 Now he brought me through the
entrance, which was at the side of the
gate, into the holy chambers of the
priests which face toward the north;
and there a place was situated at their
extreme western end.
20 And he said to me, "This is the place
where the priests shall boil the trespass
offering and the sin offering, and where
they shall bake the grain offering, so
that they do not bring them out into the
outer court to sanctify the people."
21 Then he brought me out into the
outer court and caused me to pass by
the four corners of the court; and in fact,

in every corner of the court there was
another court.
22 In the four corners of the court were
enclosed courts, forty cubits long and
thirty wide; all four corners were the
same size.
23 There was a row of building stones
all around in them, all around the four of
them; and cooking hearths were made
under the rows of stones all around.
24 And he said to me, "These are the
kitchens where the ministers of the
temple shall boil the sacrifices of the
people."

47 1 Then he brought me back to
the door of the temple; and
there was water, flowing from under the
threshold of the temple toward the east,
for the front of the temple faced east;
the water was flowing from under the
right side of the temple, south of the
altar.

2 He brought me out by way of the
north gate, and led me around on the
outside to the outer gateway that faces
east; and there was water, running out
on the right side.
3 And when the man went out to
the east with the line in his hand, he
measured one thousand cubits, and he
brought me through the waters; the
water came up to my ankles.
4 Again he measured one thousand and
brought me through the waters; the
water came up to my knees. Again he
measured one thousand and brought
me through; the water came up to my
waist.
5 Again he measured one thousand,
and it was a river that I could not cross;
for the water was too deep, water in
which one must swim, a river that could
not be crossed.

6 He said to me, "Son of man, have you
seen this?" Then he brought me and
returned me to the bank of the river.
7 When I returned, there, along the
bank of the river, were very many trees
on one side and the other.
8 Then he said to me: "This water flows
toward the eastern region, goes down
into the valley, and enters the sea. When
it reaches the sea, its waters are healed.
9 "And it shall be that every living thing
that moves, wherever the rivers go, will
live. There will be a very great multitude
of fish, because these waters go there;
for they will be healed, and everything
will live wherever the river goes.
10 "It shall be that fishermen will stand
by it from En Gedi to En Eglaim; they will
be places for spreading their nets. Their
fish will be of the same kinds as the fish
of the Great Sea, exceedingly many.

11 "But its swamps and marshes will not
be healed; they will be given over to salt.
12 "Along the bank of the river, on this
side and that, will grow all kinds of
trees used for food; their leaves will not
wither, and their fruit will not fail. They
will bear fruit every month, because
their water flows from the sanctuary.
Their fruit will be for food, and their
leaves for medicine."
13 Thus says the Lord GOD: "These are
the borders by which you shall divide the
land as an inheritance among the twelve
tribes of Israel. Joseph shall have two
portions.
14 "You shall inherit it equally with one
another; for I raised My hand in an oath
to give it to your fathers, and this land
shall fall to you as your inheritance.
15 "This shall be the border of the land
on the north: from the Great Sea, by the
road to Hethlon, as one goes to Zedad,

16 "Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim (which
is between the border of Damascus and
the border of Hamath), to Hazar Hatticon
(which is on the border of Hauran).
17 "Thus the boundary shall be from
the Sea to Hazar Enan, the border
of Damascus; and as for the north,
northward, it is the border of Hamath.
This is the north side.
18 "On the east side you shall mark out
the border from between Hauran and
Damascus, and between Gilead and the
land of Israel, along the Jordan, and
along the eastern side of the sea. This is
the east side.
19 "The south side, toward the South,
shall be from Tamar to the waters of
Meribah by Kadesh, along the brook to
the Great Sea. This is the south side,
toward the South.
20 "The west side shall be the Great Sea,
from the southern boundary until one

comes to a point opposite Hamath. This
is the west side.
21 "Thus you shall divide this land
among yourselves according to the
tribes of Israel.
22 "It shall be that you will divide it by
lot as an inheritance for yourselves, and
for the strangers who dwell among you
and who bear children among you. They
shall be to you as native–born among
the children of Israel; they shall have an
inheritance with you among the tribes
of Israel.
23 "And it shall be that in whatever tribe
the stranger dwells, there you shall give
him his inheritance," says the Lord GOD.
48 1 "Now these are the names of
the tribes: From the northern
border along the road to Hethlon at the
entrance of Hamath, to Hazar Enan, the
border of Damascus northward, in the
direction of Hamath, there shall be one

section for Dan from its east to its west
side;
2 "by the border of Dan, from the east
side to the west, one section for Asher;
3 "by the border of Asher, from the
east side to the west, one section for
Naphtali;
4 "by the border of Naphtali, from the
east side to the west, one section for
Manasseh;
5 "by the border of Manasseh, from the
east side to the west, one section for
Ephraim;
6 "by the border of Ephraim, from the
east side to the west, one section for
Reuben;
7 "by the border of Reuben, from the
east side to the west, one section for
Judah;
8 "by the border of Judah, from the east
side to the west, shall be the district
which you shall set apart, twenty–five

thousand cubits in width, and in length
the same as one of the other portions,
from the east side to the west, with the
sanctuary in the center.
9 "The district that you shall set apart
for the LORD shall be twenty–five
thousand cubits in length and ten
thousand in width.
10 "To these—to the priests—the
holy district shall belong: on the north
twenty–five thousand cubits in length,
on the west ten thousand in width, on
the east ten thousand in width, and
on the south twenty–five thousand in
length. The sanctuary of the LORD shall
be in the center.
11 "It shall be for the priests of the sons
of Zadok, who are sanctified, who have
kept My charge, who did not go astray
when the children of Israel went astray,
as the Levites went astray.

12 "And this district of land that is set
apart shall be to them a thing most holy
by the border of the Levites.
13 "Opposite the border of the priests,
the Levites shall have an area twenty–
five thousand cubits in length and ten
thousand in width; its entire length shall
be twenty–five thousand and its width
ten thousand.
14 "And they shall not sell or exchange
any of it; they may not alienate this best
part of the land, for it is holy to the
LORD.
15 "The five thousand cubits in width
that remain, along the edge of the
twenty–five thousand, shall be for
general use by the city, for dwellings and
common–land; and the city shall be in
the center.
16 "These shall be its measurements:
the north side four thousand five
hundred cubits, the south side four

thousand five hundred, the east side
four thousand five hundred, and the
west side four thousand five hundred.
17 "The common–land of the city shall
be: to the north two hundred and fifty
cubits, to the south two hundred and
fifty, to the east two hundred and fifty,
and to the west two hundred and fifty.
18 "The rest of the length, alongside
the district of the holy section, shall be
ten thousand cubits to the east and ten
thousand to the west. It shall be adjacent
to the district of the holy section, and its
produce shall be food for the workers of
the city.
19 "The workers of the city, from all the
tribes of Israel, shall cultivate it.
20 "The entire district shall be twenty–
five thousand cubits by twenty–five
thousand cubits, foursquare. You shall
set apart the holy district with the
property of the city.

21 "The rest shall belong to the prince,
on one side and on the other of the holy
district and of the city’s property, next to
the twenty–five thousand cubits of the
holy district as far as the eastern border,
and westward next to the twenty–five
thousand as far as the western border,
adjacent to the tribal portions; it shall
belong to the prince. It shall be the holy
district, and the sanctuary of the temple
shall be in the center.
22 "Moreover, apart from the
possession of the Levites and the
possession of the city which are in the
midst of what belongs to the prince, the
area between the border of Judah and
the border of Benjamin shall belong to
the prince.
23 "As for the rest of the tribes, from
the east side to the west, Benjamin shall
have one section;

24 "by the border of Benjamin, from the
east side to the west, Simeon shall have
one section;
25 "by the border of Simeon, from the
east side to the west, Issachar shall have
one section;
26 "by the border of Issachar, from the
east side to the west, Zebulun shall have
one section;
27 "by the border of Zebulun, from the
east side to the west, Gad shall have one
section;
28 "by the border of Gad, on the south
side, toward the South, the border shall
be from Tamar to the waters of Meribah
by Kadesh, along the brook to the Great
Sea.
29 "This is the land which you shall
divide by lot as an inheritance among
the tribes of Israel, and these are their
portions," says the Lord GOD.

30 "These are the exits of the city. On
the north side, measuring four thousand
five hundred cubits
31 ‘(the gates of the city shall be named
after the tribes of Israel), the three gates
northward: one gate for Reuben, one
gate for Judah, and one gate for Levi;
32 "on the east side, four thousand five
hundred cubits, three gates: one gate for
Joseph, one gate for Benjamin, and one
gate for Dan;
33 "on the south side, measuring four
thousand five hundred cubits, three
gates: one gate for Simeon, one gate for
Issachar, and one gate for Zebulun;
34 "on the west side, four thousand five
hundred cubits with their three gates:
one gate for Gad, one gate for Asher, and
one gate for Naphtali.
35 "All the way around shall be eighteen
thousand cubits;and the name of the

city from that day shall be: THE LORD IS THERE."

Daniel

1 [1] In the third year of the reign
of Jehoiakim king of Judah,
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came
to Jerusalem and besieged it.
[2] And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of
Judah into his hand, with some of the
articles of the house of God, which he
carried into the land of Shinar to the
house of his god; and he brought the
articles into the treasure house of his
god.
[3] Then the king instructed Ashpenaz,
the master of his eunuchs, to bring some
of the children of Israel and some of
the king's descendants and some of the
nobles,
[4] young men in whom there was no
blemish, but good–looking, gifted in

all wisdom, possessing knowledge and
quick to understand, who had ability to
serve in the king's palace, and whom
they might teach the language and
literature of the Chaldeans.
5 And the king appointed for them a
daily provision of the king's delicacies
and of the wine which he drank, and
three years of training for them, so that
at the end of that time they might serve
before the king.
6 Now from among those of the sons of
Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael,
and Azariah.
7 To them the chief of the eunuchs
gave names: he gave Daniel the name
Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach;
to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah,
Abed–Nego.
8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that
he would not defile himself with the
portion of the king's delicacies, nor with

the wine which he drank; therefore he
requested of the chief of the eunuchs
that he might not defile himself.
9 Now God had brought Daniel into the
favor and goodwill of the chief of the
eunuchs.
10 And the chief of the eunuchs said
to Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, who
has appointed your food and drink. For
why should he see your faces looking
worse than the young men who are your
age? Then you would endanger my head
before the king."
11 So Daniel said to the steward whom
the chief of the eunuchs had set over
Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,
12 "Please test your servants for ten
days, and let them give us vegetables to
eat and water to drink.
13 "Then let our appearance be
examined before you, and the
appearance of the young men who eat

the portion of the king’s delicacies;
and as you see fit, so deal with your
servants."
14 So he consented with them in this
matter, and tested them ten days.
15 And at the end of ten days their
features appeared better and fatter in
flesh than all the young men who ate
the portion of the king’s delicacies.
16 Thus the steward took away their
portion of delicacies and the wine that
they were to drink, and gave them
vegetables.
17 As for these four young men, God
gave them knowledge and skill in all
literature and wisdom; and Daniel had
understanding in all visions and dreams.
18 Now at the end of the days, when
the king had said that they should be
brought in, the chief of the eunuchs
brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

19 Then the king interviewed them, and
among them all none was found like
Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah;
therefore they served before the king.
20 And in all matters of wisdom and
understanding about which the king
examined them, he found them ten
times better than all the magicians and
astrologers who were in all his realm.
21 Thus Daniel continued until the first
year of King Cyrus.

2 1 Now in the second year
of Nebuchadnezzar's reign,
Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his
spirit was so troubled that his sleep left
him.
2 Then the king gave the command to
call the magicians, the astrologers, the
sorcerers, and the Chaldeans to tell the
king his dreams. So they came and stood
before the king.

3 And the king said to them, "I have
had a dream, and my spirit is anxious to
know the dream."
4 Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king
in Aramaic, "O king, live forever! Tell
your servants the dream, and we will
give the interpretation."
5 The king answered and said to the
Chaldeans, "My decision is firm: if you
do not make known the dream to me,
and its interpretation, you shall be cut in
pieces, and your houses shall be made
an ash heap.
6 "However, if you tell the dream and
its interpretation, you shall receive from
me gifts, rewards, and great honor.
Therefore tell me the dream and its
interpretation."
7 They answered again and said, "Let
the king tell his servants the dream, and
we will give its interpretation."

8 The king answered and said, "I know
for certain that you would gain time,
because you see that my decision is firm:
9 "if you do not make known the dream
to me, there is only one decree for you!
For you have agreed to speak lying and
corrupt words before me till the time has
changed. Therefore tell me the dream,
and I shall know that you can give me its
interpretation."
10 The Chaldeans answered the king,
and said, "There is not a man on earth
who can tell the king's matter; therefore
no king, lord, or ruler has ever asked
such things of any magician, astrologer,
or Chaldean.
11 "It is a difficult thing that the king
requests, and there is no other who can
tell it to the king except the gods, whose
dwelling is not with flesh."

12 For this reason the king was angry
and very furious, and gave a command
to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.
13 So the decree went out, and they
began killing the wise men; and they
sought Daniel and his companions, to kill
them.
14 Then with counsel and wisdom
Daniel answered Arioch, the captain of
the king’s guard, who had gone out to
kill the wise men of Babylon;
15 he answered and said to Arioch the
king’s captain, "Why is the decree from
the king so urgent?" Then Arioch made
the decision known to Daniel.
16 So Daniel went in and asked the king
to give him time, that he might tell the
king the interpretation.
17 Then Daniel went to his house, and
made the decision known to Hananiah,
Mishael, and Azariah, his companions,

18 that they might seek mercies
from the God of heaven concerning
this secret, so that Daniel and his
companions might not perish with the
rest of the wise men of Babylon.
19 Then the secret was revealed to
Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed
the God of heaven.
20 Daniel answered and said: "Blessed
be the name of God forever and ever,
For wisdom and might are His.
21 And He changes the times and the
seasons; He removes kings and raises
up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise
And knowledge to those who have
understanding.
22 He reveals deep and secret things;
He knows what is in the darkness, And
light dwells with Him.
23 "I thank You and praise You, O God of
my fathers; You have given me wisdom
and might, And have now made known

to me what we asked of You, For You
have made known to us the king’s
demand."
24 Therefore Daniel went to Arioch,
whom the king had appointed to destroy
the wise men of Babylon. He went and
said thus to him: "Do not destroy the
wise men of Babylon; take me before
the king, and I will tell the king the
interpretation."
25 Then Arioch quickly brought Daniel
before the king, and said thus to him,
"I have found a man of the captives of
Judah, who will make known to the king
the interpretation."
26 The king answered and said to
Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar,
"Are you able to make known to me
the dream which I have seen, and its
interpretation?"
27 Daniel answered in the presence of
the king, and said, "The secret which

the king has demanded, the wise men,
the astrologers, the magicians, and the
soothsayers cannot declare to the king.
28 "But there is a God in heaven who
reveals secrets, and He has made known
to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be
in the latter days. Your dream, and the
visions of your head upon your bed,
were these:
29 "As for you, O king, thoughts came
to your mind while on your bed, about
what would come to pass after this; and
He who reveals secrets has made known
to you what will be.
30 "But as for me, this secret has not
been revealed to me because I have
more wisdom than anyone living, but
for our sakes who make known the
interpretation to the king, and that you
may know the thoughts of your heart.
31 "You, O king, were watching; and
behold, a great image! This great image,

whose splendor was excellent, stood
before you; and its form was awesome.
32 "This image’s head was of fine gold,
its chest and arms of silver, its belly and
thighs of bronze,
33 "its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron
and partly of clay.
34 "You watched while a stone was cut
out without hands, which struck the
image on its feet of iron and clay, and
broke them in pieces.
35 "Then the iron, the clay, the bronze,
the silver, and the gold were crushed
together, and became like chaff from
the summer threshing floors; the wind
carried them away so that no trace
of them was found. And the stone
that struck the image became a great
mountain and filled the whole earth.
36 "This is the dream. Now we will tell
the interpretation of it before the king.

37 "You, O king, are a king of kings.
For the God of heaven has given you a
kingdom, power, strength, and glory;
38 "and wherever the children of men
dwell, or the beasts of the field and the
birds of the heaven, He has given them
into your hand, and has made you ruler
over them all—you are this head of gold.
39 "But after you shall arise another
kingdom inferior to yours; then another,
a third kingdom of bronze, which shall
rule over all the earth.
40 "And the fourth kingdom shall be as
strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks
in pieces and shatters everything; and
like iron that crushes, that kingdom will
break in pieces and crush all the others.
41 "Whereas you saw the feet and toes,
partly of potter's clay and partly of iron,
the kingdom shall be divided; yet the
strength of the iron shall be in it, just

as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic
clay.
42 "And as the toes of the feet were
partly of iron and partly of clay, so the
kingdom shall be partly strong and partly
fragile.
43 "As you saw iron mixed with ceramic
clay, they will mingle with the seed of
men; but they will not adhere to one
another, just as iron does not mix with
clay.
44 "And in the days of these kings the
God of heaven will set up a kingdom
which shall never be destroyed; and
the kingdom shall not be left to other
people; it shall break in pieces and
consume all these kingdoms, and it shall
stand forever.
45 "Inasmuch as you saw that the stone
was cut out of the mountain without
hands, and that it broke in pieces the
iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver,

and the gold—the great God has made
known to the king what will come to
pass after this. The dream is certain, and
its interpretation is sure."
46 Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on
his face, prostrate before Daniel, and
commanded that they should present an
offering and incense to him.
47 The king answered Daniel, and said,
"Truly your God is the God of gods, the
Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets,
since you could reveal this secret."
48 Then the king promoted Daniel and
gave him many great gifts; and he made
him ruler over the whole province of
Babylon, and chief administrator over all
the wise men of Babylon.
49 Also Daniel petitioned the king,
and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and
Abed–Nego over the affairs of the
province of Babylon; but Daniel sat in
the gate of the king.

3

[1] Nebuchadnezzar the king made
an image of gold, whose height was
sixty cubits and its width six cubits. He
set it up in the plain of Dura, in the
province of Babylon.
[2] And King Nebuchadnezzar sent word
to gather together the satraps, the
administrators, the governors, the
counselors, the treasurers, the judges,
the magistrates, and all the officials of
the provinces, to come to the dedication
of the image which King Nebuchadnezzar
had set up.
[3] So the satraps, the administrators,
the governors, the counselors, the
treasurers, the judges, the magistrates,
and all the officials of the provinces
gathered together for the dedication of
the image that King Nebuchadnezzar
had set up; and they stood before the
image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

4 Then a herald cried aloud: "To you it
is commanded, O peoples, nations, and
languages,
5 "that at the time you hear the sound of
the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery,
in symphony with all kinds of music, you
shall fall down and worship the gold
image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set
up;
6 "and whoever does not fall down and
worship shall be cast immediately into
the midst of a burning fiery furnace."
7 So at that time, when all the people
heard the sound of the horn, flute, harp,
and lyre, in symphony with all kinds
of music, all the people, nations, and
languages fell down and worshiped the
gold image which King Nebuchadnezzar
had set up.
8 Therefore at that time certain
Chaldeans came forward and accused
the Jews.

9 They spoke and said to King
Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever!
10 "You, O king, have made a decree
that everyone who hears the sound of
the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery,
in symphony with all kinds of music, shall
fall down and worship the gold image;
11 "and whoever does not fall down and
worship shall be cast into the midst of a
burning fiery furnace.
12 "There are certain Jews whom you
have set over the affairs of the province
of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and
Abed–Nego; these men, O king, have
not paid due regard to you. They do
not serve your gods or worship the gold
image which you have set up."
13 Then Nebuchadnezzar, in rage
and fury, gave the command to bring
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–Nego. So
they brought these men before the king.

14 Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying to
them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach,
and Abed–Nego, that you do not serve
my gods or worship the gold image
which I have set up?
15 "Now if you are ready at the time you
hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp,
lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all
kinds of music, and you fall down and
worship the image which I have made,
good! But if you do not worship, you
shall be cast immediately into the midst
of a burning fiery furnace. And who is
the god who will deliver you from my
hands?"
16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–Nego
answered and said to the king, "O
Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to
answer you in this matter.
17 "If that is the case, our God whom
we serve is able to deliver us from the

burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver
us from your hand, O king.
18 "But if not, let it be known to you, O
king, that we do not serve your gods, nor
will we worship the gold image which
you have set up."
19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of
fury, and the expression on his face
changed toward Shadrach, Meshach, and
Abed–Nego. He spoke and commanded
that they heat the furnace seven times
more than it was usually heated.
20 And he commanded certain mighty
men of valor who were in his army to
bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–
Nego, and cast them into the burning
fiery furnace.
21 Then these men were bound in their
coats, their trousers, their turbans, and
their other garments, and were cast into
the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

22 Therefore, because the king’s
command was urgent, and the furnace
exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire
killed those men who took up Shadrach,
Meshach, and Abed–Nego.
23 And these three men, Shadrach,
Meshach, and Abed–Nego, fell down
bound into the midst of the burning fiery
furnace.
24 Then King Nebuchadnezzar was
astonished; and he rose in haste and
spoke, saying to his counselors, "Did we
not cast three men bound into the midst
of the fire?" They answered and said to
the king, "True, O king."
25 "Look!" he answered, "I see four men
loose, walking in the midst of the fire;
and they are not hurt, and the form of
the fourth is like the Son of God."
26 Then Nebuchadnezzar went near the
mouth of the burning fiery furnace and
spoke, saying, "Shadrach, Meshach, and

Abed–Nego, servants of the Most High
God, come out, and come here." Then
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–Nego
came from the midst of the fire.
27 And the satraps, administrators,
governors, and the king's counselors
gathered together, and they saw these
men on whose bodies the fire had no
power; the hair of their head was not
singed nor were their garments affected,
and the smell of fire was not on them.
28 Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying,
"Blessed be the God of Shadrach,
Meshach, and Abed–Nego, who sent His
Angel and delivered His servants who
trusted in Him, and they have frustrated
the king's word, and yielded their bodies,
that they should not serve nor worship
any god except their own God!
29 "Therefore I make a decree that
any people, nation, or language which
speaks anything amiss against the God

of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–Nego
shall be cut in pieces, and their houses
shall be made an ash heap; because
there is no other God who can deliver
like this."
30 Then the king promoted Shadrach,
Meshach, and Abed–Nego in the
province of Babylon.

4 1 Nebuchadnezzar the king, To all
peoples, nations, and languages
that dwell in all the earth: Peace be
multiplied to you.
2 I thought it good to declare the signs
and wonders that the Most High God
has worked for me.
3 How great are His signs, And how
mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an
everlasting kingdom, And His dominion
is from generation to generation.
4 I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at rest in my
house, and flourishing in my palace.

5 I saw a dream which made me afraid,
and the thoughts on my bed and the
visions of my head troubled me.
6 Therefore I issued a decree to bring in
all the wise men of Babylon before me,
that they might make known to me the
interpretation of the dream.
7 Then the magicians, the astrologers,
the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers
came in, and I told them the dream;
but they did not make known to me its
interpretation.
8 But at last Daniel came before me
(his name is Belteshazzar, according to
the name of my god; in him is the Spirit
of the Holy God), and I told the dream
before him, saying:
9 "Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians,
because I know that the Spirit of the Holy
God is in you, and no secret troubles you,
explain to me the visions of my dream
that I have seen, and its interpretation.

10 "These were the visions of my head
while on my bed: "I was looking, and
behold, A tree in the midst of the earth,
And its height was great.
11 The tree grew and became strong;
Its height reached to the heavens, And
it could be seen to the ends of all the
earth.
12 Its leaves were lovely, Its fruit
abundant, And in it was food for all. The
beasts of the field found shade under
it, The birds of the heavens dwelt in its
branches, And all flesh was fed from it.
13 "I saw in the visions of my head while
on my bed, and there was a watcher, a
holy one, coming down from heaven.
14 He cried aloud and said thus: ‘Chop
down the tree and cut off its branches,
Strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit.
Let the beasts get out from under it, And
the birds from its branches.

15 Nevertheless leave the stump and
roots in the earth, Bound with a band
of iron and bronze, In the tender grass
of the field. Let it be wet with the dew
of heaven, And let him graze with the
beasts On the grass of the earth.
16 Let his heart be changed from that
of a man, Let him be given the heart of
a beast, And let seven times pass over
him.
17 ‘This decision is by the decree of
the watchers, And the sentence by the
word of the holy ones, In order that the
living may know That the Most High
rules in the kingdom of men, Gives it to
whomever He will, And sets over it the
lowest of men.’
18 "This dream I, King Nebuchadnezzar,
have seen. Now you, Belteshazzar,
declare its interpretation, since all the
wise men of my kingdom are not able to
make known to me the interpretation;

but you are able, for the Spirit of the
Holy God is in you."
19 Then Daniel, whose name was
Belteshazzar, was astonished for a time,
and his thoughts troubled him. So the
king spoke, and said, "Belteshazzar, do
not let the dream or its interpretation
trouble you." Belteshazzar answered
and said, "My lord, may the dream
concern those who hate you, and its
interpretation concern your enemies!
20 The tree that you saw, which grew
and became strong, whose height
reached to the heavens and which could
be seen by all the earth,
21 whose leaves were lovely and its
fruit abundant, in which was food for
all, under which the beasts of the field
dwelt, and in whose branches the birds
of the heaven had their home—
22 it is you, O king, who have grown and
become strong; for your greatness has

grown and reaches to the heavens, and
your dominion to the end of the earth.
23 And inasmuch as the king saw a
watcher, a holy one, coming down from
heaven and saying, ‘Chop down the tree
and destroy it, but leave its stump and
roots in the earth, bound with a band
of iron and bronze in the tender grass
of the field; let it be wet with the dew
of heaven, and let him graze with the
beasts of the field, till seven times pass
over him’;
24 this is the interpretation, O king,
and this is the decree of the Most High,
which has come upon my lord the king:
25 They shall drive you from men, your
dwelling shall be with the beasts of the
field, and they shall make you eat grass
like oxen. They shall wet you with the
dew of heaven, and seven times shall
pass over you, till you know that the

Most High rules in the kingdom of men,
and gives it to whomever He chooses.
26 And inasmuch as they gave the
command to leave the stump and roots
of the tree, your kingdom shall be
assured to you, after you come to know
that Heaven rules.
27 Therefore, O king, let my advice be
acceptable to you; break off your sins
by being righteous, and your iniquities
by showing mercy to the poor. Perhaps
there may be a lengthening of your
prosperity."
28 All this came upon King
Nebuchadnezzar.
29 At the end of the twelve months he
was walking about the royal palace of
Babylon.
30 The king spoke, saying, "Is not this
great Babylon, that I have built for a
royal dwelling by my mighty power and
for the honor of my majesty?"

31 While the word was still in the king’s
mouth, a voice fell from heaven: "King
Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the
kingdom has departed from you!
32 And they shall drive you from men,
and your dwelling shall be with the
beasts of the field. They shall make you
eat grass like oxen; and seven times shall
pass over you, until you know that the
Most High rules in the kingdom of men,
and gives it to whomever He chooses."
33 That very hour the word was fulfilled
concerning Nebuchadnezzar; he was
driven from men and ate grass like
oxen; his body was wet with the dew of
heaven till his hair had grown like eagles’
feathers and his nails like birds’ claws.
34 And at the end of the time I,
Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to
heaven, and my understanding returned
to me; and I blessed the Most High
and praised and honored Him who

lives forever: For His dominion is an
everlasting dominion, And His kingdom
is from generation to generation.
35 All the inhabitants of the earth are
reputed as nothing; He does according
to His will in the army of heaven And
among the inhabitants of the earth. No
one can restrain His hand Or say to Him,
"What have You done?"
36 At the same time my reason returned
to me, and for the glory of my kingdom,
my honor and splendor returned to me.
My counselors and nobles resorted to
me, I was restored to my kingdom, and
excellent majesty was added to me.
37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and
extol and honor the King of heaven, all
of whose works are truth, and His ways
justice. And those who walk in pride He
is able to put down.

5 1 Belshazzar the king made a great
feast for a thousand of his lords,

and drank wine in the presence of the
thousand.
2 While he tasted the wine, Belshazzar
gave the command to bring the gold
and silver vessels which his father
Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the
temple which had been in Jerusalem,
that the king and his lords, his wives, and
his concubines might drink from them.
3 Then they brought the gold vessels
that had been taken from the temple
of the house of God which had been in
Jerusalem; and the king and his lords, his
wives, and his concubines drank from
them.
4 They drank wine, and praised the gods
of gold and silver, bronze and iron, wood
and stone.
5 In the same hour the fingers of a man's
hand appeared and wrote opposite the
lampstand on the plaster of the wall of

the king’s palace; and the king saw the
part of the hand that wrote.
6 Then the king’s countenance changed,
and his thoughts troubled him, so that
the joints of his hips were loosened and
his knees knocked against each other.
7 The king cried aloud to bring in the
astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the
soothsayers. The king spoke, saying to
the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever
reads this writing, and tells me its
interpretation, shall be clothed with
purple and have a chain of gold around
his neck; and he shall be the third ruler
in the kingdom."
8 Now all the king’s wise men came, but
they could not read the writing, or make
known to the king its interpretation.
9 Then King Belshazzar was greatly
troubled, his countenance was changed,
and his lords were astonished.

10 The queen, because of the words
of the king and his lords, came to the
banquet hall. The queen spoke, saying,
"O king, live forever! Do not let your
thoughts trouble you, nor let your
countenance change.
11 "There is a man in your kingdom
in whom is the Spirit of the Holy God.
And in the days of your father, light
and understanding and wisdom, like
the wisdom of the gods, were found
in him; and King Nebuchadnezzar your
father—your father the king—made
him chief of the magicians, astrologers,
Chaldeans, and soothsayers.
12 "Inasmuch as an excellent spirit,
knowledge, understanding, interpreting
dreams, solving riddles, and explaining
enigmas were found in this Daniel,
whom the king named Belteshazzar, now
let Daniel be called, and he will give the
interpretation."

13 Then Daniel was brought in before
the king. The king spoke, and said to
Daniel, "Are you that Daniel who is one
of the captives from Judah, whom my
father the king brought from Judah?
14 "I have heard of you, that the Spirit
of God is in you, and that light and
understanding and excellent wisdom are
found in you.
15 "Now the wise men, the astrologers,
have been brought in before me, that
they should read this writing and make
known to me its interpretation, but they
could not give the interpretation of the
thing.
16 "And I have heard of you, that you
can give interpretations and explain
enigmas. Now if you can read the
writing and make known to me its
interpretation, you shall be clothed with
purple and have a chain of gold around

your neck, and shall be the third ruler in
the kingdom."
17 Then Daniel answered, and said
before the king, "Let your gifts be for
yourself, and give your rewards to
another; yet I will read the writing to
the king, and make known to him the
interpretation.
18 "O king, the Most High God gave
Nebuchadnezzar your father a kingdom
and majesty, glory and honor.
19 "And because of the majesty that
He gave him, all peoples, nations, and
languages trembled and feared before
him. Whomever he wished, he executed;
whomever he wished, he kept alive;
whomever he wished, he set up; and
whomever he wished, he put down.
20 "But when his heart was lifted up,
and his spirit was hardened in pride, he
was deposed from his kingly throne, and
they took his glory from him.

21 "Then he was driven from the sons
of men, his heart was made like the
beasts, and his dwelling was with the
wild donkeys. They fed him with grass
like oxen, and his body was wet with
the dew of heaven, till he knew that the
Most High God rules in the kingdom of
men, and appoints over it whomever He
chooses.
22 "But you his son, Belshazzar, have
not humbled your heart, although you
knew all this.
23 "And you have lifted yourself up
against the Lord of heaven. They have
brought the vessels of His house before
you, and you and your lords, your wives
and your concubines, have drunk wine
from them. And you have praised the
gods of silver and gold, bronze and iron,
wood and stone, which do not see or
hear or know; and the God who holds

your breath in His hand and owns all
your ways, you have not glorified.
24 "Then the fingers of the hand were
sent from Him, and this writing was
written.
25 "And this is the inscription that
was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL,
UPHARSIN.
26 "This is the interpretation of each
word. MENE: God has numbered your
kingdom, and finished it;
27 "TEKEL: You have been weighed in
the balances, and found wanting;
28 "PERES: Your kingdom has been
divided, and given to the Medes and
Persians."
29 Then Belshazzar gave the command,
and they clothed Daniel with purple and
put a chain of gold around his neck, and
made a proclamation concerning him
that he should be the third ruler in the
kingdom.

30 That very night Belshazzar, king of
the Chaldeans, was slain.
31 And Darius the Mede received the
kingdom, being about sixty–two years
old.

6 1 It pleased Darius to set over the
kingdom one hundred and twenty
satraps, to be over the whole kingdom;
2 and over these, three governors, of
whom Daniel was one, that the satraps
might give account to them, so that the
king would suffer no loss.
3 Then this Daniel distinguished himself
above the governors and satraps,
because an excellent spirit was in him;
and the king gave thought to setting him
over the whole realm.
4 So the governors and satraps sought
to find some charge against Daniel
concerning the kingdom; but they could
find no charge or fault, because he was

faithful; nor was there any error or fault
found in him.
5 Then these men said, "We shall not
find any charge against this Daniel unless
we find it against him concerning the law
of his God."
6 So these governors and satraps
thronged before the king, and said thus
to him: "King Darius, live forever!
7 "All the governors of the kingdom,
the administrators and satraps, the
counselors and advisors, have consulted
together to establish a royal statute and
to make a firm decree, that whoever
petitions any god or man for thirty days,
except you, O king, shall be cast into the
den of lions.
8 "Now, O king, establish the decree
and sign the writing, so that it cannot
be changed, according to the law of the
Medes and Persians, which does not
alter."

9 Therefore King Darius signed the
written decree.
10 Now when Daniel knew that the
writing was signed, he went home. And
in his upper room, with his windows
open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down
on his knees three times that day, and
prayed and gave thanks before his God,
as was his custom since early days.
11 Then these men assembled and
found Daniel praying and making
supplication before his God.
12 And they went before the king, and
spoke concerning the king’s decree:
"Have you not signed a decree that
every man who petitions any god or man
within thirty days, except you, O king,
shall be cast into the den of lions?" The
king answered and said, "The thing is
true, according to the law of the Medes
and Persians, which does not alter."

[13] So they answered and said before
the king, "That Daniel, who is one of the
captives from Judah, does not show due
regard for you, O king, or for the decree
that you have signed, but makes his
petition three times a day."
[14] And the king, when he heard these
words, was greatly displeased with
himself, and set his heart on Daniel to
deliver him; and he labored till the going
down of the sun to deliver him.
[15] Then these men approached the
king, and said to the king, "Know, O
king, that it is the law of the Medes and
Persians that no decree or statute which
the king establishes may be changed."
[16] So the king gave the command, and
they brought Daniel and cast him into
the den of lions. But the king spoke,
saying to Daniel, "Your God, whom you
serve continually, He will deliver you."

17 Then a stone was brought and laid
on the mouth of the den, and the king
sealed it with his own signet ring and
with the signets of his lords, that the
purpose concerning Daniel might not be
changed.
18 Now the king went to his palace and
spent the night fasting; and no musicians
were brought before him. Also his sleep
went from him.
19 Then the king arose very early in the
morning and went in haste to the den of
lions.
20 And when he came to the den, he
cried out with a lamenting voice to
Daniel. The king spoke, saying to Daniel,
"Daniel, servant of the living God, has
your God, whom you serve continually,
been able to deliver you from the lions?"
21 Then Daniel said to the king, "O king,
live forever!

22 "My God sent His angel and shut the
lions' mouths, so that they have not
hurt me, because I was found innocent
before Him; and also, O king, I have done
no wrong before you."
23 Then the king was exceedingly glad
for him, and commanded that they
should take Daniel up out of the den. So
Daniel was taken up out of the den, and
no injury whatever was found on him,
because he believed in his God.
24 And the king gave the command,
and they brought those men who had
accused Daniel, and they cast them
into the den of lions—them, their
children, and their wives; and the lions
overpowered them, and broke all their
bones in pieces before they ever came
to the bottom of the den.
25 Then King Darius wrote: To all
peoples, nations, and languages that

dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied
to you.
26 I make a decree that in every
dominion of my kingdom men must
tremble and fear before the God of
Daniel. For He is the living God, And
steadfast forever; His kingdom is the one
which shall not be destroyed, And His
dominion shall endure to the end.
27 He delivers and rescues, And He
works signs and wonders In heaven and
on earth, Who has delivered Daniel from
the power of the lions.
28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign
of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the
Persian.

7 1 In the first year of Belshazzar king
of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and
visions of his head while on his bed.
Then he wrote down the dream, telling
the main facts.

2 Daniel spoke, saying, "I saw in my
vision by night, and behold, the four
winds of heaven were stirring up the
Great Sea.
3 "And four great beasts came up from
the sea, each different from the other.
4 "The first was like a lion, and had
eagle's wings. I watched till its wings
were plucked off; and it was lifted up
from the earth and made to stand on
two feet like a man, and a man's heart
was given to it.
5 "And suddenly another beast, a
second, like a bear. It was raised up on
one side, and had three ribs in its mouth
between its teeth. And they said thus to
it: 'Arise, devour much flesh!'
6 "After this I looked, and there was
another, like a leopard, which had on its
back four wings of a bird. The beast also
had four heads, and dominion was given
to it.

7 "After this I saw in the night visions,
and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and
terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge
iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking
in pieces, and trampling the residue
with its feet. It was different from all the
beasts that were before it, and it had ten
horns.
8 "I was considering the horns, and
there was another horn, a little one,
coming up among them, before whom
three of the first horns were plucked out
by the roots. And there, in this horn,
were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a
mouth speaking pompous words.
9 "I watched till thrones were put in
place, And the Ancient of Days was
seated; His garment was white as snow,
And the hair of His head was like pure
wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its
wheels a burning fire;

10 A fiery stream issued And came forth
from before Him. A thousand thousands
ministered to Him; Ten thousand times
ten thousand stood before Him. The
court was seated, And the books were
opened.
11 "I watched then because of the
sound of the pompous words which the
horn was speaking; I watched till the
beast was slain, and its body destroyed
and given to the burning flame.
12 "As for the rest of the beasts, they
had their dominion taken away, yet their
lives were prolonged for a season and a
time.
13 "I was watching in the night visions,
And behold, One like the Son of Man,
Coming with the clouds of heaven! He
came to the Ancient of Days, And they
brought Him near before Him.
14 Then to Him was given dominion and
glory and a kingdom, That all peoples,

nations, and languages should serve
Him. His dominion is an everlasting
dominion, Which shall not pass away,
And His kingdom the one Which shall
not be destroyed.
15 "I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit
within my body, and the visions of my
head troubled me.
16 "I came near to one of those who
stood by, and asked him the truth of all
this. So he told me and made known to
me the interpretation of these things:
17 ‘Those great beasts, which are four,
are four kings which arise out of the
earth.
18 ‘But the saints of the Most High shall
receive the kingdom, and possess the
kingdom forever, even forever and ever.’
19 "Then I wished to know the truth
about the fourth beast, which was
different from all the others, exceedingly
dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its

nails of bronze, which devoured, broke
in pieces, and trampled the residue with
its feet;
20 "and the ten horns that were on its
head, and the other horn which came
up, before which three fell, namely,
that horn which had eyes and a mouth
which spoke pompous words, whose
appearance was greater than his fellows.
21 "I was watching; and the same horn
was making war against the saints, and
prevailing against them,
22 "until the Ancient of Days came,
and a judgment was made in favor of
the saints of the Most High, and the
time came for the saints to possess the
kingdom.
23 "Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast
shall be A fourth kingdom on earth,
Which shall be different from all other
kingdoms, And shall devour the whole
earth, Trample it and break it in pieces.

24 The ten horns are ten kings Who shall
arise from this kingdom. And another
shall rise after them; He shall be different
from the first ones, And shall subdue
three kings.
25 He shall speak pompous words
against the Most High, Shall persecute
the saints of the Most High, And shall
intend to change times and law. Then
the saints shall be given into his hand
For a time and times and half a time.
26 'But the court shall be seated, And
they shall take away his dominion, To
consume and destroy it forever.
27 Then the kingdom and dominion,
And the greatness of the kingdoms
under the whole heaven, Shall be given
to the people, the saints of the Most
High. His kingdom is an everlasting
kingdom, And all dominions shall serve
and obey Him.'

28 "This is the end of the account. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed; but I kept the matter in my heart."

8 1 In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared to me—to me, Daniel—after the one that appeared to me the first time.

2 I saw in the vision, and it so happened while I was looking, that I was in Shushan, the citadel, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in the vision that I was by the River Ulai.

3 Then I lifted my eyes and saw, and there, standing beside the river, was a ram which had two horns, and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last.

4 I saw the ram pushing westward, northward, and southward, so that no animal could withstand him; nor was

there any that could deliver from his
hand, but he did according to his will
and became great.
[5] And as I was considering, suddenly a
male goat came from the west, across
the surface of the whole earth, without
touching the ground; and the goat had a
notable horn between his eyes.
[6] Then he came to the ram that had two
horns, which I had seen standing beside
the river, and ran at him with furious
power.
[7] And I saw him confronting the ram;
he was moved with rage against him,
attacked the ram, and broke his two
horns. There was no power in the ram to
withstand him, but he cast him down to
the ground and trampled him; and there
was no one that could deliver the ram
from his hand.
[8] Therefore the male goat grew very
great; but when he became strong, the

large horn was broken, and in place of it
four notable ones came up toward the
four winds of heaven.
9 And out of one of them came a little
horn which grew exceedingly great
toward the south, toward the east, and
toward the Glorious Land.
10 And it grew up to the host of heaven;
and it cast down some of the host and
some of the stars to the ground, and
trampled them.
11 He even exalted himself as high as
the Prince of the host; and by him the
daily sacrifices were taken away, and the
place of His sanctuary was cast down.
12 Because of transgression, an army
was given over to the horn to oppose
the daily sacrifices; and he cast truth
down to the ground. He did all this and
prospered.
13 Then I heard a holy one speaking; and
another holy one said to that certain one

who was speaking, "How long will the
vision be, concerning the daily sacrifices
and the transgression of desolation, the
giving of both the sanctuary and the
host to be trampled under foot?"
14 And he said to me, "For two thousand
three hundred days; then the sanctuary
shall be cleansed."
15 Then it happened, when I, Daniel,
had seen the vision and was seeking
the meaning, that suddenly there stood
before me one having the appearance of
a man.
16 And I heard a man’s voice between
the banks of the Ulai, who called, and
said, "Gabriel, make this man understand
the vision."
17 So he came near where I stood, and
when he came I was afraid and fell on
my face; but he said to me, "Understand,
son of man, that the vision refers to the
time of the end."

18 Now, as he was speaking with me, I
was in a deep sleep with my face to the
ground; but he touched me, and stood
me upright.
19 And he said, "Look, I am making
known to you what shall happen in the
latter time of the indignation; for at the
appointed time the end shall be.
20 "The ram which you saw, having the
two horns—they are the kings of Media
and Persia.
21 "And the male goat is the kingdom of
Greece. The large horn that is between
its eyes is the first king.
22 "As for the broken horn and the four
that stood up in its place, four kingdoms
shall arise out of that nation, but not
with its power.
23 "And in the latter time of their
kingdom, When the transgressors have
reached their fullness, A king shall arise,

Having fierce features, Who understands
sinister schemes.
24 His power shall be mighty, but not
by his own power; He shall destroy
fearfully, And shall prosper and thrive;
He shall destroy the mighty, and also the
holy people.
25 "Through his cunning He shall cause
deceit to prosper under his rule; And
he shall exalt himself in his heart. He
shall destroy many in their prosperity.
He shall even rise against the Prince of
princes; But he shall be broken without
human means.
26 "And the vision of the evenings
and mornings Which was told is true;
Therefore seal up the vision, For it refers
to many days in the future."
27 And I, Daniel, fainted and was sick for
days; afterward I arose and went about
the king's business. I was astonished by
the vision, but no one understood it.

9 1 In the first year of Darius the son
of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the
Medes, who was made king over the
realm of the Chaldeans—
2 in the first year of his reign I, Daniel,
understood by the books the number of
the years specified by the word of the
LORD through Jeremiah the prophet,
that He would accomplish seventy years
in the desolations of Jerusalem.
3 Then I set my face toward the Lord
God to make request by prayer and
supplications, with fasting, sackcloth,
and ashes.
4 And I prayed to the LORD my God,
and made confession, and said, "O Lord,
great and awesome God, who keeps His
covenant and mercy with those who
love Him, and with those who keep His
commandments,
5 "we have sinned and committed
iniquity, we have done wickedly and

rebelled, even by departing from Your
precepts and Your judgments.
6 "Neither have we heeded Your
servants the prophets, who spoke in
Your name to our kings and our princes,
to our fathers and all the people of the
land.
7 "O Lord, righteousness belongs to
You, but to us shame of face, as it is
this day—to the men of Judah, to the
inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel,
those near and those far off in all the
countries to which You have driven
them, because of the unfaithfulness
which they have committed against You.
8 "O Lord, to us belongs shame of
face, to our kings, our princes, and our
fathers, because we have sinned against
You.
9 "To the Lord our God belong mercy
and forgiveness, though we have
rebelled against Him.

10 "We have not obeyed the voice of
the LORD our God, to walk in His laws,
which He set before us by His servants
the prophets.
11 "Yes, all Israel has transgressed Your
law, and has departed so as not to obey
Your voice; therefore the curse and the
oath written in the Law of Moses the
servant of God have been poured out on
us, because we have sinned against Him.
12 "And He has confirmed His words,
which He spoke against us and against
our judges who judged us, by bringing
upon us a great disaster; for under the
whole heaven such has never been done
as what has been done to Jerusalem.
13 "As it is written in the Law of Moses,
all this disaster has come upon us; yet
we have not made our prayer before the
LORD our God, that we might turn from
our iniquities and understand Your truth.

14 "Therefore the LORD has kept the
disaster in mind, and brought it upon us;
for the LORD our God is righteous in all
the works which He does, though we
have not obeyed His voice.
15 "And now, O Lord our God, who
brought Your people out of the land of
Egypt with a mighty hand, and made
Yourself a name, as it is this day—we
have sinned, we have done wickedly!
16 "O Lord, according to all Your
righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and
Your fury be turned away from Your city
Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; because
for our sins, and for the iniquities of our
fathers, Jerusalem and Your people are a
reproach to all those around us.
17 "Now therefore, our God, hear
the prayer of Your servant, and his
supplications, and for the Lord's sake
cause Your face to shine on Your
sanctuary, which is desolate.

18 "O my God, incline Your ear and
hear; open Your eyes and see our
desolations, and the city which is called
by Your name; for we do not present our
supplications before You because of our
righteous deeds, but because of Your
great mercies.
19 "O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O
Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for
Your own sake, my God, for Your city and
Your people are called by Your name."
20 Now while I was speaking, praying,
and confessing my sin and the sin of
my people Israel, and presenting my
supplication before the LORD my God for
the holy mountain of my God,
21 yes, while I was speaking in prayer,
the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the
vision at the beginning, being caused to
fly swiftly, reached me about the time of
the evening offering.

[22] And he informed me, and talked
with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have
now come forth to give you skill to
understand.
[23] "At the beginning of your
supplications the command went
out, and I have come to tell you, for you
are greatly beloved; therefore consider
the matter, and understand the vision:
[24] "Seventy weeks are determined
For your people and for your holy city,
To finish the transgression, To make
an end of sins, To make reconciliation
for iniquity, To bring in everlasting
righteousness, To seal up vision and
prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.
[25] "Know therefore and understand,
That from the going forth of the
command To restore and build
Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince,
There shall be seven weeks and sixty–
two weeks; The street shall be built

again, and the wall, Even in troublesome
times.
26 "And after the sixty–two weeks
Messiah shall be cut off, but not for
Himself; And the people of the prince
who is to come Shall destroy the city
and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be
with a flood, And till the end of the war
desolations are determined.
27 Then he shall confirm a covenant
with many for one week; But in the
middle of the week He shall bring an end
to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing
of abominations shall be one who makes
desolate, Even until the consummation,
which is determined, Is poured out on
the desolate."

10 1 In the third year of Cyrus king
of Persia a message was revealed
to Daniel, whose name was called
Belteshazzar. The message was true,
but the appointed time was long; and

he understood the message, and had
understanding of the vision.
2 In those days I, Daniel, was mourning
three full weeks.
3 I ate no pleasant food, no meat or
wine came into my mouth, nor did I
anoint myself at all, till three whole
weeks were fulfilled.
4 Now on the twenty–fourth day of the
first month, as I was by the side of the
great river, that is, the Tigris,
5 I lifted my eyes and looked, and
behold, a certain man clothed in linen,
whose waist was girded with gold of
Uphaz!
6 His body was like beryl, his face like
the appearance of lightning, his eyes like
torches of fire, his arms and feet like
burnished bronze in color, and the sound
of his words like the voice of a multitude.
7 And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision,
for the men who were with me did not

see the vision; but a great terror fell
upon them, so that they fled to hide
themselves.
8 Therefore I was left alone when I
saw this great vision, and no strength
remained in me; for my vigor was
turned to frailty in me, and I retained no
strength.
9 Yet I heard the sound of his words;
and while I heard the sound of his words
I was in a deep sleep on my face, with
my face to the ground.
10 Suddenly, a hand touched me, which
made me tremble on my knees and on
the palms of my hands.
11 And he said to me, "O Daniel, man
greatly beloved, understand the words
that I speak to you, and stand upright,
for I have now been sent to you." While
he was speaking this word to me, I stood
trembling.

12 Then he said to me, "Do not fear,
Daniel, for from the first day that you set
your heart to understand, and to humble
yourself before your God, your words
were heard; and I have come because of
your words.
13 "But the prince of the kingdom of
Persia withstood me twenty–one days;
and behold, Michael, one of the chief
princes, came to help me, for I had been
left alone there with the kings of Persia.
14 "Now I have come to make you
understand what will happen to your
people in the latter days, for the vision
refers to many days yet to come."
15 When he had spoken such words to
me, I turned my face toward the ground
and became speechless.
16 And suddenly, one having the
likeness of the sons of men touched
my lips; then I opened my mouth and
spoke, saying to him who stood before

me, "My lord, because of the vision my
sorrows have overwhelmed me, and I
have retained no strength.
17 "For how can this servant of my lord
talk with you, my lord? As for me, no
strength remains in me now, nor is any
breath left in me."
18 Then again, the one having the
likeness of a man touched me and
strengthened me.
19 And he said, "O man greatly beloved,
fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes,
be strong!" So when he spoke to me I
was strengthened, and said, "Let my lord
speak, for you have strengthened me."
20 Then he said, "Do you know why
I have come to you? And now I must
return to fight with the prince of Persia;
and when I have gone forth, indeed the
prince of Greece will come.
21 "But I will tell you what is noted in
the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds

me against these, except Michael your
prince.)

11

1 ("Also in the first year of Darius
the Mede, I, even I, stood up to
confirm and strengthen him.)
2 "And now I will tell you the truth:
Behold, three more kings will arise in
Persia, and the fourth shall be far richer
than them all; by his strength, through
his riches, he shall stir up all against the
realm of Greece.
3 "Then a mighty king shall arise, who
shall rule with great dominion, and do
according to his will.
4 "And when he has arisen, his kingdom
shall be broken up and divided toward
the four winds of heaven, but not
among his posterity nor according to
his dominion with which he ruled; for
his kingdom shall be uprooted, even for
others besides these.

5 "Also the king of the South shall
become strong, as well as one of his
princes; and he shall gain power over
him and have dominion. His dominion
shall be a great dominion.
6 "And at the end of some years they
shall join forces, for the daughter of the
king of the South shall go to the king
of the North to make an agreement;
but she shall not retain the power of
her authority, and neither he nor his
authority shall stand; but she shall be
given up, with those who brought her,
and with him who begot her, and with
him who strengthened her in those
times.
7 "But from a branch of her roots one
shall arise in his place, who shall come
with an army, enter the fortress of the
king of the North, and deal with them
and prevail.

[8] "And he shall also carry their gods
captive to Egypt, with their princes and
their precious articles of silver and gold;
and he shall continue more years than
the king of the North.
[9] "Also the king of the North shall come
to the kingdom of the king of the South,
but shall return to his own land.
[10] "However his sons shall stir up strife,
and assemble a multitude of great
forces; and one shall certainly come and
overwhelm and pass through; then he
shall return to his fortress and stir up
strife.
[11] "And the king of the South shall be
moved with rage, and go out and fight
with him, with the king of the North,
who shall muster a great multitude; but
the multitude shall be given into the
hand of his enemy.
[12] "When he has taken away the
multitude, his heart will be lifted up; and

he will cast down tens of thousands, but
he will not prevail.
13 "For the king of the North will return
and muster a multitude greater than the
former, and shall certainly come at the
end of some years with a great army and
much equipment.
14 "Now in those times many shall rise
up against the king of the South. Also,
violent men of your people shall exalt
themselves in fulfillment of the vision,
but they shall fall.
15 "So the king of the North shall come
and build a siege mound, and take a
fortified city; and the forces of the South
shall not withstand him. Even his choice
troops shall have no strength to resist.
16 "But he who comes against him shall
do according to his own will, and no one
shall stand against him. He shall stand in
the Glorious Land with destruction in his
power.

[17] "He shall also set his face to enter
with the strength of his whole kingdom,
and upright ones with him; thus shall he
do. And he shall give him the daughter
of women to destroy it; but she shall not
stand with him, or be for him.
[18] "After this he shall turn his face to
the coastlands, and shall take many. But
a ruler shall bring the reproach against
them to an end; and with the reproach
removed, he shall turn back on him.
[19] "Then he shall turn his face toward
the fortress of his own land; but he shall
stumble and fall, and not be found.
[20] "There shall arise in his place one
who imposes taxes on the glorious
kingdom; but within a few days he shall
be destroyed, but not in anger or in
battle.
[21] "And in his place shall arise a vile
person, to whom they will not give the
honor of royalty; but he shall come in

peaceably, and seize the kingdom by
intrigue.
22 "With the force of a flood they shall
be swept away from before him and
be broken, and also the prince of the
covenant.
23 "And after the league is made with
him he shall act deceitfully, for he shall
come up and become strong with a small
number of people.
24 "He shall enter peaceably, even
into the richest places of the province;
and he shall do what his fathers have
not done, nor his forefathers: he shall
disperse among them the plunder, spoil,
and riches; and he shall devise his plans
against the strongholds, but only for a
time.
25 "He shall stir up his power and his
courage against the king of the South
with a great army. And the king of the
South shall be stirred up to battle with a

very great and mighty army; but he shall
not stand, for they shall devise plans
against him.
26 "Yes, those who eat of the portion of
his delicacies shall destroy him; his army
shall be swept away, and many shall fall
down slain.
27 "Both these kings’ hearts shall be
bent on evil, and they shall speak lies at
the same table; but it shall not prosper,
for the end will still be at the appointed
time.
28 "While returning to his land with
great riches, his heart shall be moved
against the holy covenant; so he shall do
damage and return to his own land.
29 "At the appointed time he shall
return and go toward the south; but it
shall not be like the former or the latter.
30 "For ships from Cyprus shall come
against him; therefore he shall be
grieved, and return in rage against the

holy covenant, and do damage. So he
shall return and show regard for those
who forsake the holy covenant.
31 "And forces shall be mustered by
him, and they shall defile the sanctuary
fortress; then they shall take away the
daily sacrifices, and place there the
abomination of desolation.
32 "Those who do wickedly against the
covenant he shall corrupt with flattery;
but the people who know their God shall
be strong, and carry out great exploits.
33 "And those of the people who
understand shall instruct many; yet for
many days they shall fall by sword and
flame, by captivity and plundering.
34 "Now when they fall, they shall be
aided with a little help; but many shall
join with them by intrigue.
35 "And some of those of understanding
shall fall, to refine them, purify them,
and make them white, until the time

of the end; because it is still for the
appointed time.
36 "Then the king shall do according to
his own will: he shall exalt and magnify
himself above every god, shall speak
blasphemies against the God of gods,
and shall prosper till the wrath has
been accomplished; for what has been
determined shall be done.
37 "He shall regard neither the God of
his fathers nor the desire of women, nor
regard any god; for he shall exalt himself
above them all.
38 "But in their place he shall honor a
god of fortresses; and a god which his
fathers did not know he shall honor with
gold and silver, with precious stones and
pleasant things.
39 "Thus he shall act against the
strongest fortresses with a foreign
god, which he shall acknowledge, and
advance its glory; and he shall cause

them to rule over many, and divide the
land for gain.
40 "At the time of the end the king of
the South shall attack him; and the king
of the North shall come against him like
a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen,
and with many ships; and he shall enter
the countries, overwhelm them, and
pass through.
41 "He shall also enter the Glorious
Land, and many countries shall be
overthrown; but these shall escape
from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the
prominent people of Ammon.
42 "He shall stretch out his hand against
the countries, and the land of Egypt shall
not escape.
43 "He shall have power over the
treasures of gold and silver, and over all
the precious things of Egypt; also the
Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his
heels.

44 "But news from the east and the
north shall trouble him; therefore he
shall go out with great fury to destroy
and annihilate many.
45 "And he shall plant the tents of
his palace between the seas and the
glorious holy mountain; yet he shall
come to his end, and no one will help
him.

12 1 "At that time Michael shall stand
up, The great prince who stands
watch over the sons of your people; And
there shall be a time of trouble, Such
as never was since there was a nation,
Even to that time. And at that time your
people shall be delivered, Every one who
is found written in the book.
2 And many of those who sleep in the
dust of the earth shall awake, Some
to everlasting life, Some to shame and
everlasting contempt.

3 Those who are wise shall shine Like
the brightness of the firmament, And
those who turn many to righteousness
Like the stars forever and ever.
4 "But you, Daniel, shut up the words,
and seal the book until the time of the
end; many shall run to and fro, and
knowledge shall increase."
5 Then I, Daniel, looked; and there
stood two others, one on this riverbank
and the other on that riverbank.
6 And one said to the man clothed in
linen, who was above the waters of the
river, "How long shall the fulfillment of
these wonders be?"
7 Then I heard the man clothed in linen,
who was above the waters of the river,
when he held up his right hand and his
left hand to heaven, and swore by Him
who lives forever, that it shall be for a
time, times, and half a time; and when
the power of the holy people has been

completely shattered, all these things
shall be finished.
8 Although I heard, I did not understand.
Then I said, "My lord, what shall be the
end of these things?"
9 And he said, "Go your way, Daniel, for
the words are closed up and sealed till
the time of the end.
10 "Many shall be purified, made
white, and refined, but the wicked shall
do wickedly; and none of the wicked
shall understand, but the wise shall
understand.
11 "And from the time that the
daily sacrifice is taken away, and the
abomination of desolation is set up,
there shall be one thousand two
hundred and ninety days.
12 "Blessed is he who waits, and comes
to the one thousand three hundred and
thirty–five days.

13 "But you, go your way till the end;
for you shall rest, and will arise to your
inheritance at the end of the days."

Hosea

1 [1] The word of the LORD that came
to Hosea the son of Beeri, in the
days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and
Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days
of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of
Israel.
[2] When the LORD began to speak by
Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea: "Go, take
yourself a wife of harlotry And children
of harlotry, For the land has committed
great harlotry By departing from the
LORD."
[3] So he went and took Gomer the
daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived
and bore him a son.
[4] Then the LORD said to him: "Call his
name Jezreel, For in a little while I will
avenge the bloodshed of Jezreel on the

house of Jehu, And bring an end to the
kingdom of the house of Israel.
5 It shall come to pass in that day That I
will break the bow of Israel in the Valley
of Jezreel."
6 And she conceived again and bore a
daughter. Then God said to him: "Call her
name Lo–Ruhamah, For I will no longer
have mercy on the house of Israel, But I
will utterly take them away.
7 Yet I will have mercy on the house of
Judah, Will save them by the LORD their
God, And will not save them by bow,
Nor by sword or battle, By horses or
horsemen."
8 Now when she had weaned Lo–
Ruhamah, she conceived and bore a
son.
9 Then God said: "Call his name
Lo–Ammi, For you are not My people,
And I will not be your God.

10 "Yet the number of the children
of Israel Shall be as the sand of the
sea, Which cannot be measured or
numbered. And it shall come to pass In
the place where it was said to them, ‘You
are not My people,’ There it shall be said
to them, ‘You are sons of the living God.’
11 Then the children of Judah and the
children of Israel Shall be gathered
together, And appoint for themselves
one head; And they shall come up out
of the land, For great will be the day of
Jezreel!

2 1 Say to your brethren, ‘My people,’
And to your sisters, ‘Mercy is shown.’
2 "Bring charges against your mother,
bring charges; For she is not My wife,
nor am I her Husband! Let her put away
her harlotries from her sight, And her
adulteries from between her breasts;
3 Lest I strip her naked And expose her,
as in the day she was born, And make

her like a wilderness, And set her like a
dry land, And slay her with thirst.
4 "I will not have mercy on her children,
For they are the children of harlotry.
5 For their mother has played the
harlot; She who conceived them has
behaved shamefully. For she said, 'I will
go after my lovers, Who give me my
bread and my water, My wool and my
linen, My oil and my drink.'
6 "Therefore, behold, I will hedge up
your way with thorns, And wall her in, So
that she cannot find her paths.
7 She will chase her lovers, But not
overtake them; Yes, she will seek them,
but not find them. Then she will say, 'I
will go and return to my first husband,
For then it was better for me than now.'
8 For she did not know That I gave
her grain, new wine, and oil, And
multiplied her silver and gold—Which
they prepared for Baal.

9 "Therefore I will return and take away
My grain in its time And My new wine
in its season, And will take back My
wool and My linen, Given to cover her
nakedness.
10 Now I will uncover her lewdness in
the sight of her lovers, And no one shall
deliver her from My hand.
11 I will also cause all her mirth to cease,
Her feast days, Her New Moons, Her
Sabbaths—All her appointed feasts.
12 "And I will destroy her vines and her
fig trees, Of which she has said, 'These
are my wages that my lovers have given
me.' So I will make them a forest, And
the beasts of the field shall eat them.
13 I will punish her For the days of the
Baals to which she burned incense. She
decked herself with her earrings and
jewelry, And went after her lovers; But
Me she forgot," says the LORD.

[14] "Therefore, behold, I will allure her,
Will bring her into the wilderness, And
speak comfort to her.
[15] I will give her her vineyards from
there, And the Valley of Achor as a door
of hope; She shall sing there, As in the
days of her youth, As in the day when
she came up from the land of Egypt.
[16] "And it shall be, in that day," Says
the LORD, "That you will call Me 'My
Husband,' And no longer call Me 'My
Master,'
[17] For I will take from her mouth the
names of the Baals, And they shall be
remembered by their name no more.
[18] In that day I will make a covenant
for them With the beasts of the field,
With the birds of the air, And with the
creeping things of the ground. Bow and
sword of battle I will shatter from the
earth, To make them lie down safely.

19 "I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes,
I will betroth you to Me In righteousness
and justice, In lovingkindness and mercy;
20 I will betroth you to Me in
faithfulness, And you shall know the
LORD.
21 "It shall come to pass in that day
That I will answer," says the LORD; "I
will answer the heavens, And they shall
answer the earth.
22 The earth shall answer With grain,
With new wine, And with oil; They shall
answer Jezreel.
23 Then I will sow her for Myself in the
earth, And I will have mercy on her who
had not obtained mercy; Then I will say
to those who were not My people, ‘You
are My people!’ And they shall say, ‘You
are my God!’"

3 1 Then the LORD said to me, "Go
again, love a woman who is loved by
a lover and is committing adultery, just

like the love of the LORD for the children
of Israel, who look to other gods and
love the raisin cakes of the pagans."
2 So I bought her for myself for fifteen
shekels of silver, and one and one–half
homers of barley.
3 And I said to her, "You shall stay with
me many days; you shall not play the
harlot, nor shall you have a man—so,
too, will I be toward you."
4 For the children of Israel shall abide
many days without king or prince,
without sacrifice or sacred pillar, without
ephod or teraphim.
5 Afterward the children of Israel shall
return and seek the LORD their God and
David their king. They shall fear the LORD
and His goodness in the latter days.

4

1 Hear the word of the LORD, You
children of Israel, For the LORD
brings a charge against the inhabitants

of the land: "There is no truth or mercy
Or knowledge of God in the land.
2 By swearing and lying, Killing and
stealing and committing adultery, They
break all restraint, With bloodshed upon
bloodshed.
3 Therefore the land will mourn; And
everyone who dwells there will waste
away With the beasts of the field And
the birds of the air; Even the fish of the
sea will be taken away.
4 "Now let no man contend, or rebuke
another; For your people are like those
who contend with the priest.
5 Therefore you shall stumble in the
day; The prophet also shall stumble with
you in the night; And I will destroy your
mother.
6 My people are destroyed for lack of
knowledge. Because you have rejected
knowledge, I also will reject you from
being priest for Me; Because you have

forgotten the law of your God, I also will
forget your children.
7 "The more they increased, The more
they sinned against Me; I will change
their glory into shame.
8 They eat up the sin of My people;
They set their heart on their iniquity.
9 And it shall be: like people, like priest.
So I will punish them for their ways, And
reward them for their deeds.
10 For they shall eat, but not have
enough; They shall commit harlotry, but
not increase; Because they have ceased
obeying the LORD.
11 "Harlotry, wine, and new wine
enslave the heart.
12 My people ask counsel from their
wooden idols, And their staff informs
them. For the spirit of harlotry has
caused them to stray, And they have
played the harlot against their God.

13 They offer sacrifices on the
mountaintops, And burn incense on
the hills, Under oaks, poplars, and
terebinths, Because their shade is
good. Therefore your daughters commit
harlotry, And your brides commit
adultery.
14 "I will not punish your daughters
when they commit harlotry, Nor your
brides when they commit adultery;
For the men themselves go apart with
harlots, And offer sacrifices with a ritual
harlot. Therefore people who do not
understand will be trampled.
15 "Though you, Israel, play the harlot,
Let not Judah offend. Do not come up
to Gilgal, Nor go up to Beth Aven, Nor
swear an oath, saying, ‘As the LORD lives’
—
16 "For Israel is stubborn Like a stubborn
calf; Now the LORD will let them forage
Like a lamb in open country.

17 "Ephraim is joined to idols, Let him
alone.
18 Their drink is rebellion, They commit
harlotry continually. Her rulers dearly
love dishonor.
19 The wind has wrapped her up in
its wings, And they shall be ashamed
because of their sacrifices.

5 1 "Hear this, O priests! Take heed,
O house of Israel! Give ear, O house
of the king! For yours is the judgment,
Because you have been a snare to
Mizpah And a net spread on Tabor.
2 The revolters are deeply involved in
slaughter, Though I rebuke them all.
3 I know Ephraim, And Israel is not
hidden from Me; For now, O Ephraim,
you commit harlotry; Israel is defiled.
4 "They do not direct their deeds
Toward turning to their God, For the
spirit of harlotry is in their midst, And
they do not know the LORD.

5 The pride of Israel testifies to his face;
Therefore Israel and Ephraim stumble in
their iniquity; Judah also stumbles with
them.
6 "With their flocks and herds They
shall go to seek the LORD, But they will
not find Him; He has withdrawn Himself
from them.
7 They have dealt treacherously with
the LORD, For they have begotten pagan
children. Now a New Moon shall devour
them and their heritage.
8 "Blow the ram’s horn in Gibeah, The
trumpet in Ramah! Cry aloud at Beth
Aven, ‘Look behind you, O Benjamin!’
9 Ephraim shall be desolate in the day
of rebuke; Among the tribes of Israel I
make known what is sure.
10 "The princes of Judah are like those
who remove a landmark; I will pour out
My wrath on them like water.

11 Ephraim is oppressed and broken in
judgment, Because he willingly walked
by human precept.
12 Therefore I will be to Ephraim like a
moth, And to the house of Judah like
rottenness.
13 "When Ephraim saw his sickness,
And Judah saw his wound, Then Ephraim
went to Assyria And sent to King Jareb;
Yet he cannot cure you, Nor heal you of
your wound.
14 For I will be like a lion to Ephraim,
And like a young lion to the house of
Judah. I, even I, will tear them and go
away; I will take them away, and no one
shall rescue.
15 I will return again to My place Till
they acknowledge their offense. Then
they will seek My face; In their affliction
they will earnestly seek Me."

6 1 Come, and let us return to the
LORD; For He has torn, but He will

heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind
us up.
2 After two days He will revive us; On
the third day He will raise us up, That we
may live in His sight.
3 Let us know, Let us pursue the
knowledge of the LORD. His going forth
is established as the morning; He will
come to us like the rain, Like the latter
and former rain to the earth.
4 "O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O
Judah, what shall I do to you? For your
faithfulness is like a morning cloud, And
like the early dew it goes away.
5 Therefore I have hewn them by the
prophets, I have slain them by the words
of My mouth; And your judgments are
like light that goes forth.
6 For I desire mercy and not sacrifice,
And the knowledge of God more than
burnt offerings.

7 "But like men they transgressed the
covenant; There they dealt treacherously
with Me.
8 Gilead is a city of evildoers, And
defiled with blood.
9 As bands of robbers lie in wait for a
man, So the company of priests murder
on the way to Shechem; Surely they
commit lewdness.
10 I have seen a horrible thing in the
house of Israel: There is the harlotry of
Ephraim; Israel is defiled.
11 Also, O Judah, a harvest is appointed
for you, When I return the captives of
My people.
7 1 "When I would have healed Israel,
Then the iniquity of Ephraim was
uncovered, And the wickedness of
Samaria. For they have committed fraud;
A thief comes in; A band of robbers takes
spoil outside.

2 They do not consider in their hearts
That I remember all their wickedness;
Now their own deeds have surrounded
them; They are before My face.
3 They make a king glad with their
wickedness, And princes with their lies.
4 "They are all adulterers. Like an oven
heated by a baker—He ceases stirring
the fire after kneading the dough, Until
it is leavened.
5 In the day of our king Princes have
made him sick, inflamed with wine; He
stretched out his hand with scoffers.
6 They prepare their heart like an oven,
While they lie in wait; Their baker sleeps
all night; In the morning it burns like a
flaming fire.
7 They are all hot, like an oven, And
have devoured their judges; All their
kings have fallen. None among them
calls upon Me.

8 "Ephraim has mixed himself among
the peoples; Ephraim is a cake unturned.
9 Aliens have devoured his strength, But
he does not know it; Yes, gray hairs are
here and there on him, Yet he does not
know it.
10 And the pride of Israel testifies to his
face, But they do not return to the LORD
their God, Nor seek Him for all this.
11 "Ephraim also is like a silly dove,
without sense—They call to Egypt, They
go to Assyria.
12 Wherever they go, I will spread My
net on them; I will bring them down
like birds of the air; I will chastise them
According to what their congregation
has heard.
13 "Woe to them, for they have fled
from Me! Destruction to them, Because
they have transgressed against Me!
Though I redeemed them, Yet they have
spoken lies against Me.

14 They did not cry out to Me with their
heart When they wailed upon their
beds. "They assemble together for grain
and new wine, They rebel against Me;
15 Though I disciplined and
strengthened their arms, Yet they
devise evil against Me;
16 They return, but not to the Most
High; They are like a treacherous bow.
Their princes shall fall by the sword For
the cursings of their tongue. This shall
be their derision in the land of Egypt.

8 1 "Set the trumpet to your mouth!
He shall come like an eagle against
the house of the LORD, Because they
have transgressed My covenant And
rebelled against My law.
2 Israel will cry to Me, 'My God, we
know You!'
3 Israel has rejected the good; The
enemy will pursue him.

4 "They set up kings, but not by
Me; They made princes, but I did
not acknowledge them. From their
silver and gold They made idols for
themselves—That they might be cut off.
5 Your calf is rejected, O Samaria! My
anger is aroused against them—How
long until they attain to innocence?
6 For from Israel is even this: A workman
made it, and it is not God; But the calf of
Samaria shall be broken to pieces.
7 "They sow the wind, And reap the
whirlwind. The stalk has no bud; It
shall never produce meal. If it should
produce, Aliens would swallow it up.
8 Israel is swallowed up; Now they
are among the Gentiles Like a vessel in
which is no pleasure.
9 For they have gone up to Assyria, Like
a wild donkey alone by itself; Ephraim
has hired lovers.

10 Yes, though they have hired among
the nations, Now I will gather them; And
they shall sorrow a little, Because of the
burden of the king of princes.
11 "Because Ephraim has made many
altars for sin, They have become for him
altars for sinning.
12 I have written for him the great things
of My law, But they were considered a
strange thing.
13 For the sacrifices of My offerings
they sacrifice flesh and eat it, But the
LORD does not accept them. Now He
will remember their iniquity and punish
their sins. They shall return to Egypt.
14 "For Israel has forgotten his Maker,
And has built temples; Judah also has
multiplied fortified cities; But I will send
fire upon his cities, And it shall devour
his palaces."
9 1 Do not rejoice, O Israel, with joy like
other peoples, For you have played

the harlot against your God. You have
made love for hire on every threshing
floor.
2 The threshing floor and the winepress
Shall not feed them, And the new wine
shall fail in her.
3 They shall not dwell in the LORD'S
land, But Ephraim shall return to Egypt,
And shall eat unclean things in Assyria.
4 They shall not offer wine offerings to
the LORD, Nor shall their sacrifices be
pleasing to Him. It shall be like bread of
mourners to them; All who eat it shall be
defiled. For their bread shall be for their
own life; It shall not come into the house
of the LORD.
5 What will you do in the appointed day,
And in the day of the feast of the LORD?
6 For indeed they are gone because of
destruction. Egypt shall gather them up;
Memphis shall bury them. Nettles shall

possess their valuables of silver; Thorns
shall be in their tents.
7 The days of punishment have come;
The days of recompense have come.
Israel knows! The prophet is a fool, The
spiritual man is insane, Because of the
greatness of your iniquity and great
enmity.
8 The watchman of Ephraim is with my
God; But the prophet is a fowler’s snare
in all his ways—Enmity in the house of
his God.
9 They are deeply corrupted, As in the
days of Gibeah. He will remember their
iniquity; He will punish their sins.
10 "I found Israel Like grapes in the
wilderness; I saw your fathers As the
firstfruits on the fig tree in its first
season. But they went to Baal Peor, And
separated themselves to that shame;
They became an abomination like the
thing they loved.

11 As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird—No birth, no pregnancy, and no conception!
12 Though they bring up their children, Yet I will bereave them to the last man. Yes, woe to them when I depart from them!
13 Just as I saw Ephraim like Tyre, planted in a pleasant place, So Ephraim will bring out his children to the murderer."
14 Give them, O LORD—What will You give? Give them a miscarrying womb And dry breasts!
15 "All their wickedness is in Gilgal, For there I hated them. Because of the evil of their deeds I will drive them from My house; I will love them no more. All their princes are rebellious.
16 Ephraim is stricken, Their root is dried up; They shall bear no fruit. Yes,

were they to bear children, I would kill
the darlings of their womb."
17 My God will cast them away, Because
they did not obey Him; And they shall be
wanderers among the nations.

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1 Israel empties his vine; He
brings forth fruit for himself.
According to the multitude of his fruit
He has increased the altars; According
to the bounty of his land They have
embellished his sacred pillars.
2 Their heart is divided; Now they are
held guilty. He will break down their
altars; He will ruin their sacred pillars.
3 For now they say, "We have no king,
Because we did not fear the LORD. And
as for a king, what would he do for us?"
4 They have spoken words, Swearing
falsely in making a covenant. Thus
judgment springs up like hemlock in the
furrows of the field.

5 The inhabitants of Samaria fear
Because of the calf of Beth Aven. For
its people mourn for it, And its priests
shriek for it—Because its glory has
departed from it.
6 The idol also shall be carried to Assyria
As a present for King Jareb. Ephraim
shall receive shame, And Israel shall be
ashamed of his own counsel.
7 As for Samaria, her king is cut off Like
a twig on the water.
8 Also the high places of Aven, the sin of
Israel, Shall be destroyed. The thorn and
thistle shall grow on their altars; They
shall say to the mountains, "Cover us!"
And to the hills, "Fall on us!"
9 "O Israel, you have sinned from the
days of Gibeah; There they stood. The
battle in Gibeah against the children of
iniquity Did not overtake them.
10 When it is My desire, I will chasten
them. Peoples shall be gathered against

them When I bind them for their two
transgressions.
11 Ephraim is a trained heifer That loves
to thresh grain; But I harnessed her fair
neck, I will make Ephraim pull a plow.
Judah shall plow; Jacob shall break his
clods."
12 Sow for yourselves righteousness;
Reap in mercy; Break up your fallow
ground, For it is time to seek the LORD,
Till He comes and rains righteousness on
you.
13 You have plowed wickedness; You
have reaped iniquity. You have eaten
the fruit of lies, Because you trusted in
your own way, In the multitude of your
mighty men.
14 Therefore tumult shall arise among
your people, And all your fortresses shall
be plundered As Shalman plundered
Beth Arbel in the day of battle—A

mother dashed in pieces upon her
children.
15 Thus it shall be done to you, O Bethel,
Because of your great wickedness. At
dawn the king of Israel Shall be cut off
utterly.

11 1 "When Israel was a child, I loved
him, And out of Egypt I called My
son.
2 As they called them, So they went
from them; They sacrificed to the Baals,
And burned incense to carved images.
3 "I taught Ephraim to walk, Taking
them by their arms; But they did not
know that I healed them.
4 I drew them with gentle cords, With
bands of love, And I was to them as
those who take the yoke from their neck.
I stooped and fed them.
5 "He shall not return to the land of
Egypt; But the Assyrian shall be his king,
Because they refused to repent.

6 And the sword shall slash in his cities,
Devour his districts, And consume them,
Because of their own counsels.
7 My people are bent on backsliding
from Me. Though they call to the Most
High, None at all exalt Him.
8 "How can I give you up, Ephraim? How
can I hand you over, Israel? How can I
make you like Admah? How can I set you
like Zeboiim? My heart churns within
Me; My sympathy is stirred.
9 I will not execute the fierceness of My
anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim.
For I am God, and not man, The Holy
One in your midst; And I will not come
with terror.
10 "They shall walk after the LORD. He
will roar like a lion. When He roars, Then
His sons shall come trembling from the
west;
11 They shall come trembling like a bird
from Egypt, Like a dove from the land of

Assyria. And I will let them dwell in their
houses," Says the LORD.
12 "Ephraim has encircled Me with lies,
And the house of Israel with deceit; But
Judah still walks with God, Even with the
Holy One who is faithful.
12 1 "Ephraim feeds on the wind,
And pursues the east wind; He
daily increases lies and desolation.
Also they make a covenant with the
Assyrians, And oil is carried to Egypt.
2 "The LORD also brings a charge against
Judah, And will punish Jacob according
to his ways; According to his deeds He
will recompense him.
3 He took his brother by the heel in the
womb, And in his strength he struggled
with God.
4 Yes, he struggled with the Angel and
prevailed; He wept, and sought favor
from Him. He found Him in Bethel, And
there He spoke to us—

5 That is, the LORD God of hosts. The
LORD is His memorable name.
6 So you, by the help of your God,
return; Observe mercy and justice, And
wait on your God continually.
7 "A cunning Canaanite! Deceitful scales
are in his hand; He loves to oppress.
8 And Ephraim said, ‘Surely I have
become rich, I have found wealth for
myself; In all my labors They shall find in
me no iniquity that is sin.’
9 "But I am the LORD your God, Ever
since the land of Egypt; I will again make
you dwell in tents, As in the days of the
appointed feast.
10 I have also spoken by the prophets,
And have multiplied visions; I have given
symbols through the witness of the
prophets."
11 Though Gilead has idols—Surely they
are vanity—Though they sacrifice bulls

in Gilgal, Indeed their altars shall be
heaps in the furrows of the field.
12 Jacob fled to the country of Syria;
Israel served for a spouse, And for a wife
he tended sheep.
13 By a prophet the LORD brought Israel
out of Egypt, And by a prophet he was
preserved.
14 Ephraim provoked Him to anger most
bitterly; Therefore his Lord will leave the
guilt of his bloodshed upon him, And
return his reproach upon him.

13 1 When Ephraim spoke, trembling,
He exalted himself in Israel; But
when he offended through Baal worship,
he died.
2 Now they sin more and more, And
have made for themselves molded
images, Idols of their silver, according
to their skill; All of it is the work of
craftsmen. They say of them, "Let the
men who sacrifice kiss the calves!"

3 Therefore they shall be like the
morning cloud And like the early dew
that passes away, Like chaff blown off
from a threshing floor And like smoke
from a chimney.
4 "Yet I am the LORD your God Ever
since the land of Egypt, And you shall
know no God but Me; For there is no
Savior besides Me.
5 I knew you in the wilderness, In the
land of great drought.
6 When they had pasture, they were
filled; They were filled and their heart
was exalted; Therefore they forgot Me.
7 "So I will be to them like a lion; Like a
leopard by the road I will lurk;
8 I will meet them like a bear deprived
of her cubs; I will tear open their rib
cage, And there I will devour them like a
lion. The wild beast shall tear them.
9 "O Israel, you are destroyed, But your
help is from Me.

10 I will be your King; Where is any
other, That he may save you in all your
cities? And your judges to whom you
said, 'Give me a king and princes'?
11 I gave you a king in My anger, And
took him away in My wrath.
12 "The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up;
His sin is stored up.
13 The sorrows of a woman in childbirth
shall come upon him. He is an unwise
son, For he should not stay long where
children are born.
14 "I will ransom them from the power
of the grave; I will redeem them from
death. O Death, I will be your plagues! O
Grave, I will be your destruction! Pity is
hidden from My eyes.
15 Though he is fruitful among his
brethren, An east wind shall come; The
wind of the LORD shall come up from the
wilderness. Then his spring shall become
dry, And his fountain shall be dried up.

He shall plunder the treasury of every
desirable prize.
16 Samaria is held guilty, For she has
rebelled against her God. They shall
fall by the sword, Their infants shall be
dashed in pieces, And their women with
child ripped open.

14 1 O Israel, return to the LORD
your God, For you have stumbled
because of your iniquity;
2 Take words with you, And return to
the LORD. Say to Him, "Take away all
iniquity; Receive us graciously, For we
will offer the sacrifices of our lips.
3 Assyria shall not save us, We will not
ride on horses, Nor will we say anymore
to the work of our hands, ‘You are our
gods.’ For in You the fatherless finds
mercy."
4 "I will heal their backsliding, I will love
them freely, For My anger has turned
away from him.

5 I will be like the dew to Israel; He shall
grow like the lily, And lengthen his roots
like Lebanon.
6 His branches shall spread; His beauty
shall be like an olive tree, And his
fragrance like Lebanon.
7 Those who dwell under his shadow
shall return; They shall be revived like
grain, And grow like a vine. Their scent
shall be like the wine of Lebanon.
8 "Ephraim shall say, ‘What have I to do
anymore with idols?’ I have heard and
observed him. I am like a green cypress
tree; Your fruit is found in Me."
9 Who is wise? Let him understand
these things. Who is prudent? Let him
know them. For the ways of the LORD
are right; The righteous walk in them,
But transgressors stumble in them.

Joel

1 1 The word of the LORD that came to
Joel the son of Pethuel.
2 Hear this, you elders, And give ear,
all you inhabitants of the land! Has
anything like this happened in your days,
Or even in the days of your fathers?
3 Tell your children about it, Let your
children tell their children, And their
children another generation.
4 What the chewing locust left, the
swarming locust has eaten; What the
swarming locust left, the crawling locust
has eaten; And what the crawling locust
left, the consuming locust has eaten.
5 Awake, you drunkards, and weep; And
wail, all you drinkers of wine, Because
of the new wine, For it has been cut off
from your mouth.

6 For a nation has come up against My
land, Strong, and without number; His
teeth are the teeth of a lion, And he has
the fangs of a fierce lion.
7 He has laid waste My vine, And ruined
My fig tree; He has stripped it bare and
thrown it away; Its branches are made
white.
8 Lament like a virgin girded with
sackcloth For the husband of her youth.
9 The grain offering and the drink
offering Have been cut off from the
house of the LORD; The priests mourn,
who minister to the LORD.
10 The field is wasted, The land mourns;
For the grain is ruined, The new wine is
dried up, The oil fails.
11 Be ashamed, you farmers, Wail, you
vinedressers, For the wheat and the
barley; Because the harvest of the field
has perished.

12 The vine has dried up, And the fig
tree has withered; The pomegranate
tree, The palm tree also, And the apple
tree—All the trees of the field are
withered; Surely joy has withered away
from the sons of men.
13 Gird yourselves and lament, you
priests; Wail, you who minister before
the altar; Come, lie all night in sackcloth,
You who minister to my God; For the
grain offering and the drink offering Are
withheld from the house of your God.
14 Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred
assembly; Gather the elders And all the
inhabitants of the land Into the house of
the LORD your God, And cry out to the
LORD.
15 Alas for the day! For the day of
the LORD is at hand; It shall come as
destruction from the Almighty.

16 Is not the food cut off before our
eyes, Joy and gladness from the house
of our God?
17 The seed shrivels under the clods,
Storehouses are in shambles; Barns
are broken down, For the grain has
withered.
18 How the animals groan! The herds of
cattle are restless, Because they have no
pasture; Even the flocks of sheep suffer
punishment.
19 O LORD, to You I cry out; For fire
has devoured the open pastures, And
a flame has burned all the trees of the
field.
20 The beasts of the field also cry out
to You, For the water brooks are dried
up, And fire has devoured the open
pastures.

2 1 Blow the trumpet in Zion,
And sound an alarm in My holy
mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the

land tremble; For the day of the LORD is
coming, For it is at hand:
2 A day of darkness and gloominess,
A day of clouds and thick darkness,
Like the morning clouds spread over
the mountains. A people come, great
and strong, The like of whom has never
been; Nor will there ever be any such
after them, Even for many successive
generations.
3 A fire devours before them, And
behind them a flame burns; The land is
like the Garden of Eden before them,
And behind them a desolate wilderness;
Surely nothing shall escape them.
4 Their appearance is like the
appearance of horses; And like swift
steeds, so they run.
5 With a noise like chariots Over
mountaintops they leap, Like the noise
of a flaming fire that devours the

stubble, Like a strong people set in battle
array.
6 Before them the people writhe in
pain; All faces are drained of color.
7 They run like mighty men, They climb
the wall like men of war; Every one
marches in formation, And they do not
break ranks.
8 They do not push one another; Every
one marches in his own column. Though
they lunge between the weapons, They
are not cut down.
9 They run to and fro in the city, They
run on the wall; They climb into the
houses, They enter at the windows like a
thief.
10 The earth quakes before them, The
heavens tremble; The sun and moon
grow dark, And the stars diminish their
brightness.
11 The LORD gives voice before His
army, For His camp is very great; For

strong is the One who executes His
word. For the day of the LORD is great
and very terrible; Who can endure it?
12 "Now, therefore," says the LORD,
"Turn to Me with all your heart,
With fasting, with weeping, and with
mourning."
13 So rend your heart, and not your
garments; Return to the LORD your God,
For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to
anger, and of great kindness; And He
relents from doing harm.
14 Who knows if He will turn and relent,
And leave a blessing behind Him—A
grain offering and a drink offering For
the LORD your God?
15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate
a fast, Call a sacred assembly;
16 Gather the people, Sanctify the
congregation, Assemble the elders,
Gather the children and nursing babes;
Let the bridegroom go out from his

chamber, And the bride from her
dressing room.
17 Let the priests, who minister to the
LORD, Weep between the porch and the
altar; Let them say, "Spare Your people,
O LORD, And do not give Your heritage to
reproach, That the nations should rule
over them. Why should they say among
the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"
18 Then the LORD will be zealous for His
land, And pity His people.
19 The LORD will answer and say to His
people, "Behold, I will send you grain
and new wine and oil, And you will be
satisfied by them; I will no longer make
you a reproach among the nations.
20 "But I will remove far from you the
northern army, And will drive him away
into a barren and desolate land, With
his face toward the eastern sea And his
back toward the western sea; His stench

will come up, And his foul odor will rise,
Because he has done monstrous things."
21 Fear not, O land; Be glad and rejoice,
For the LORD has done marvelous
things!
22 Do not be afraid, you beasts of the
field; For the open pastures are springing
up, And the tree bears its fruit; The fig
tree and the vine yield their strength.
23 Be glad then, you children of Zion,
And rejoice in the LORD your God; For He
has given you the former rain faithfully,
And He will cause the rain to come down
for you—The former rain, And the latter
rain in the first month.
24 The threshing floors shall be full of
wheat, And the vats shall overflow with
new wine and oil.
25 "So I will restore to you the years
that the swarming locust has eaten, The
crawling locust, The consuming locust,

And the chewing locust, My great army
which I sent among you.
26 You shall eat in plenty and be
satisfied, And praise the name of
the LORD your God, Who has dealt
wondrously with you; And My people
shall never be put to shame.
27 Then you shall know that I am in the
midst of Israel: I am the LORD your God
And there is no other. My people shall
never be put to shame.
28 "And it shall come to pass afterward
That I will pour out My Spirit on all
flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall
prophesy, Your old men shall dream
dreams, Your young men shall see
visions.
29 And also on My menservants and
on My maidservants I will pour out My
Spirit in those days.

30 "And I will show wonders in the
heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire
and pillars of smoke.
31 The sun shall be turned into darkness,
And the moon into blood, Before the
coming of the great and awesome day of
the LORD.
32 And it shall come to pass That
whoever calls on the name of the LORD
Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in
Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As
the LORD has said, Among the remnant
whom the LORD calls.

3 1 "For behold, in those days and at
that time, When I bring back the
captives of Judah and Jerusalem,
2 I will also gather all nations, And bring
them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat;
And I will enter into judgment with
them there On account of My people,
My heritage Israel, Whom they have

scattered among the nations; They have
also divided up My land.
3 They have cast lots for My people,
Have given a boy as payment for a harlot,
And sold a girl for wine, that they may
drink.
4 "Indeed, what have you to do with
Me, O Tyre and Sidon, and all the coasts
of Philistia? Will you retaliate against
Me? But if you retaliate against Me,
Swiftly and speedily I will return your
retaliation upon your own head;
5 Because you have taken My silver
and My gold, And have carried into your
temples My prized possessions.
6 Also the people of Judah and the
people of Jerusalem You have sold to the
Greeks, That you may remove them far
from their borders.
7 "Behold, I will raise them Out of the
place to which you have sold them, And

will return your retaliation upon your
own head.
8 I will sell your sons and your daughters
Into the hand of the people of Judah,
And they will sell them to the Sabeans,
To a people far off; For the LORD has
spoken."
9 Proclaim this among the nations:
"Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty
men, Let all the men of war draw near,
Let them come up.
10 Beat your plowshares into swords
And your pruning hooks into spears; Let
the weak say, ‘I am strong.’"
11 Assemble and come, all you nations,
And gather together all around. Cause
Your mighty ones to go down there, O
LORD.
12 "Let the nations be wakened, and
come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat;
For there I will sit to judge all the
surrounding nations.

13 Put in the sickle, for the harvest is
ripe. Come, go down; For the winepress
is full, The vats overflow—For their
wickedness is great."
14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley
of decision! For the day of the LORD is
near in the valley of decision.
15 The sun and moon will grow
dark, And the stars will diminish their
brightness.
16 The LORD also will roar from Zion,
And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The
heavens and earth will shake; But the
LORD will be a shelter for His people,
And the strength of the children of Israel.
17 "So you shall know that I am the
LORD your God, Dwelling in Zion My holy
mountain. Then Jerusalem shall be holy,
And no aliens shall ever pass through
her again."
18 And it will come to pass in that day
That the mountains shall drip with new

wine, The hills shall flow with milk, And
all the brooks of Judah shall be flooded
with water; A fountain shall flow from
the house of the LORD And water the
Valley of Acacias.
19 "Egypt shall be a desolation, And
Edom a desolate wilderness, Because of
violence against the people of Judah, For
they have shed innocent blood in their
land.
20 But Judah shall abide forever,
And Jerusalem from generation to
generation.
21 "For I will acquit them of the guilt of
bloodshed, whom I had not acquitted;
For the LORD dwells in Zion."

Amos

1 1 The words of Amos, who was
among the sheepbreeders of Tekoa,
which he saw concerning Israel in the
days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in
the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash,
king of Israel, two years before the
earthquake.
2 And he said: "The LORD roars
from Zion, And utters His voice
from Jerusalem; The pastures of the
shepherds mourn, And the top of Carmel
withers."
3 Thus says the LORD: "For three
transgressions of Damascus, and for
four, I will not turn away its punishment,
Because they have threshed Gilead with
implements of iron.

4 But I will send a fire into the house of
Hazael, Which shall devour the palaces
of Ben–Hadad.
5 I will also break the gate bar of
Damascus, And cut off the inhabitant
from the Valley of Aven, And the one
who holds the scepter from Beth Eden.
The people of Syria shall go captive to
Kir," Says the LORD.
6 Thus says the LORD: "For three
transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will
not turn away its punishment, Because
they took captive the whole captivity To
deliver them up to Edom.
7 But I will send a fire upon the wall of
Gaza, Which shall devour its palaces.
8 I will cut off the inhabitant from
Ashdod, And the one who holds the
scepter from Ashkelon; I will turn My
hand against Ekron, And the remnant
of the Philistines shall perish," Says the
Lord GOD.

9 Thus says the LORD: "For three
transgressions of Tyre, and for four, I will
not turn away its punishment, Because
they delivered up the whole captivity
to Edom, And did not remember the
covenant of brotherhood.
10 But I will send a fire upon the wall of
Tyre, Which shall devour its palaces."
11 Thus says the LORD: "For three
transgressions of Edom, and for four,
I will not turn away its punishment,
Because he pursued his brother with the
sword, And cast off all pity; His anger
tore perpetually, And he kept his wrath
forever.
12 But I will send a fire upon Teman,
Which shall devour the palaces of
Bozrah."
13 Thus says the LORD: "For three
transgressions of the people of Ammon,
and for four, I will not turn away its
punishment, Because they ripped open

the women with child in Gilead, That
they might enlarge their territory.
14 But I will kindle a fire in the wall of
Rabbah, And it shall devour its palaces,
Amid shouting in the day of battle, And a
tempest in the day of the whirlwind.
15 Their king shall go into captivity, He
and his princes together," Says the LORD.
2 1 Thus says the LORD: "For three
transgressions of Moab, and for four,
I will not turn away its punishment,
Because he burned the bones of the king
of Edom to lime.
2 But I will send a fire upon Moab, And
it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth;
Moab shall die with tumult, With
shouting and trumpet sound.
3 And I will cut off the judge from its
midst, And slay all its princes with him,"
Says the LORD.
4 Thus says the LORD: "For three
transgressions of Judah, and for four,

I will not turn away its punishment,
Because they have despised the law
of the LORD, And have not kept His
commandments. Their lies lead them
astray, Lies which their fathers followed.
5 But I will send a fire upon Judah, And
it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem."
6 Thus says the LORD: "For three
transgressions of Israel, and for four,
I will not turn away its punishment,
Because they sell the righteous for silver,
And the poor for a pair of sandals.
7 They pant after the dust of the earth
which is on the head of the poor, And
pervert the way of the humble. A man
and his father go in to the same girl, To
defile My holy name.
8 They lie down by every altar on
clothes taken in pledge, And drink the
wine of the condemned in the house of
their god.

9 "Yet it was I who destroyed the
Amorite before them, Whose height was
like the height of the cedars, And he was
as strong as the oaks; Yet I destroyed his
fruit above And his roots beneath.
10 Also it was I who brought you up
from the land of Egypt, And led you forty
years through the wilderness, To possess
the land of the Amorite.
11 I raised up some of your sons as
prophets, And some of your young men
as Nazirites. Is it not so, O you children
of Israel?" Says the LORD.
12 "But you gave the Nazirites wine to
drink, And commanded the prophets
saying, 'Do not prophesy!'
13 "Behold, I am weighed down by
you, As a cart full of sheaves is weighed
down.
14 Therefore flight shall perish from the
swift, The strong shall not strengthen

his power, Nor shall the mighty deliver
himself;
15 He shall not stand who handles the
bow, The swift of foot shall not escape,
Nor shall he who rides a horse deliver
himself.
16 The most courageous men of might
Shall flee naked in that day," Says the
LORD.
3 1 Hear this word that the LORD has
spoken against you, O children of
Israel, against the whole family which
I brought up from the land of Egypt,
saying:
2 "You only have I known of all the
families of the earth; Therefore I will
punish you for all your iniquities."
3 Can two walk together, unless they
are agreed?
4 Will a lion roar in the forest, when he
has no prey? Will a young lion cry out of
his den, if he has caught nothing?

5 Will a bird fall into a snare on the
earth, where there is no trap for it? Will
a snare spring up from the earth, if it has
caught nothing at all?
6 If a trumpet is blown in a city, will not
the people be afraid? If there is calamity
in a city, will not the LORD have done it?
7 Surely the Lord GOD does nothing,
Unless He reveals His secret to His
servants the prophets.
8 A lion has roared! Who will not fear?
The Lord GOD has spoken! Who can but
prophesy?
9 "Proclaim in the palaces at Ashdod,
And in the palaces in the land of Egypt,
and say: 'Assemble on the mountains of
Samaria; See great tumults in her midst,
And the oppressed within her.
10 For they do not know to do right,'
Says the LORD, 'Who store up violence
and robbery in their palaces.'"

11 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
"An adversary shall be all around
the land; He shall sap your strength
from you, And your palaces shall be
plundered."
12 Thus says the LORD: "As a shepherd
takes from the mouth of a lion Two legs
or a piece of an ear, So shall the children
of Israel be taken out Who dwell in
Samaria—In the corner of a bed and on
the edge of a couch!
13 Hear and testify against the house of
Jacob," Says the Lord GOD, the God of
hosts,
14 "That in the day I punish Israel for
their transgressions, I will also visit
destruction on the altars of Bethel; And
the horns of the altar shall be cut off And
fall to the ground.
15 I will destroy the winter house along
with the summer house; The houses of

ivory shall perish, And the great houses
shall have an end," Says the LORD.

4 [1] Hear this word, you cows of
Bashan, who are on the mountain
of Samaria, Who oppress the poor,
Who crush the needy, Who say to your
husbands, "Bring wine, let us drink!"
[2] The Lord GOD has sworn by His
holiness: "Behold, the days shall come
upon you When He will take you away
with fishhooks, And your posterity with
fishhooks.
[3] You will go out through broken walls,
Each one straight ahead of her, And
you will be cast into Harmon," Says the
LORD.
[4] "Come to Bethel and transgress, At
Gilgal multiply transgression; Bring your
sacrifices every morning, Your tithes
every three days.
[5] Offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with
leaven, Proclaim and announce the

freewill offerings; For this you love, You
children of Israel!" Says the Lord GOD.
6 "Also I gave you cleanness of teeth in
all your cities. And lack of bread in all
your places; Yet you have not returned
to Me," Says the LORD.
7 "I also withheld rain from you, When
there were still three months to the
harvest. I made it rain on one city, I
withheld rain from another city. One
part was rained upon, And where it did
not rain the part withered.
8 So two or three cities wandered to
another city to drink water, But they
were not satisfied; Yet you have not
returned to Me," Says the LORD.
9 "I blasted you with blight and mildew.
When your gardens increased, Your
vineyards, Your fig trees, And your olive
trees, The locust devoured them; Yet
you have not returned to Me," Says the
LORD.

10 "I sent among you a plague after the
manner of Egypt; Your young men I killed
with a sword, Along with your captive
horses; I made the stench of your camps
come up into your nostrils; Yet you have
not returned to Me," Says the LORD.
11 "I overthrew some of you, As God
overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, And
you were like a firebrand plucked from
the burning; Yet you have not returned
to Me," Says the LORD.
12 "Therefore thus will I do to you, O
Israel; Because I will do this to you,
Prepare to meet your God, O Israel!"
13 For behold, He who forms mountains,
And creates the wind, Who declares to
man what his thought is, And makes the
morning darkness, Who treads the high
places of the earth—The LORD God of
hosts is His name.

5 1 Hear this word which I take up
against you, a lamentation, O house
of Israel:
2 The virgin of Israel has fallen; She will
rise no more. She lies forsaken on her
land; There is no one to raise her up.
3 For thus says the Lord GOD: "The city
that goes out by a thousand Shall have
a hundred left, And that which goes out
by a hundred Shall have ten left to the
house of Israel."
4 For thus says the LORD to the house
of Israel: "Seek Me and live;
5 But do not seek Bethel, Nor enter
Gilgal, Nor pass over to Beersheba; For
Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, And
Bethel shall come to nothing.
6 Seek the LORD and live, Lest He break
out like fire in the house of Joseph, And
devour it, With no one to quench it in
Bethel—

7 You who turn justice to wormwood, And lay righteousness to rest in the earth!"
8 He made the Pleiades and Orion; He turns the shadow of death into morning And makes the day dark as night; He calls for the waters of the sea And pours them out on the face of the earth; The LORD is His name.
9 He rains ruin upon the strong, So that fury comes upon the fortress.
10 They hate the one who rebukes in the gate, And they abhor the one who speaks uprightly.
11 Therefore, because you tread down the poor And take grain taxes from him, Though you have built houses of hewn stone, Yet you shall not dwell in them; You have planted pleasant vineyards, But you shall not drink wine from them.
12 For I know your manifold transgressions And your mighty

sins: Afflicting the just and taking bribes;
Diverting the poor from justice at the
gate.
13 Therefore the prudent keep silent at
that time, For it is an evil time.
14 Seek good and not evil, That you may
live; So the LORD God of hosts will be
with you, As you have spoken.
15 Hate evil, love good; Establish justice
in the gate. It may be that the LORD God
of hosts Will be gracious to the remnant
of Joseph.
16 Therefore the LORD God of hosts, the
Lord, says this: "There shall be wailing
in all streets, And they shall say in all
the highways, 'Alas! Alas!' They shall
call the farmer to mourning, And skillful
lamenters to wailing.
17 In all vineyards there shall be wailing,
For I will pass through you," Says the
LORD.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of
the LORD! For what good is the day of
the LORD to you? It will be darkness, and
not light.
19 It will be as though a man fled from a
lion, And a bear met him! Or as though
he went into the house, Leaned his hand
on the wall, And a serpent bit him!
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness,
and not light? Is it not very dark, with no
brightness in it?
21 "I hate, I despise your feast days, And
I do not savor your sacred assemblies.
22 Though you offer Me burnt offerings
and your grain offerings, I will not accept
them, Nor will I regard your fattened
peace offerings.
23 Take away from Me the noise of your
songs, For I will not hear the melody of
your stringed instruments.
24 But let justice run down like water,
And righteousness like a mighty stream.

25 "Did you offer Me sacrifices and
offerings In the wilderness forty years, O
house of Israel?
26 You also carried Sikkuth your king
And Chiun, your idols, The star of your
gods, Which you made for yourselves.
27 Therefore I will send you into
captivity beyond Damascus," Says the
LORD, whose name is the God of hosts.

6 1 Woe to you who are at ease in Zion,
And trust in Mount Samaria, Notable
persons in the chief nation, To whom the
house of Israel comes!
2 Go over to Calneh and see; And from
there go to Hamath the great; Then go
down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you
better than these kingdoms? Or is their
territory greater than your territory?
3 Woe to you who put far off the day of
doom, Who cause the seat of violence to
come near;

4 Who lie on beds of ivory, Stretch out
on your couches, Eat lambs from the
flock And calves from the midst of the
stall;
5 Who sing idly to the sound of stringed
instruments, And invent for yourselves
musical instruments like David;
6 Who drink wine from bowls, And
anoint yourselves with the best
ointments, But are not grieved for the
affliction of Joseph.
7 Therefore they shall now go captive as
the first of the captives, And those who
recline at banquets shall be removed.
8 The Lord GOD has sworn by Himself,
The LORD God of hosts says: "I abhor
the pride of Jacob, And hate his palaces;
Therefore I will deliver up the city And
all that is in it."
9 Then it shall come to pass, that if ten
men remain in one house, they shall die.

10 And when a relative of the dead,
with one who will burn the bodies, picks
up the bodies to take them out of the
house, he will say to one inside the
house, "Are there any more with you?"
Then someone will say, "None." And he
will say, "Hold your tongue! For we dare
not mention the name of the LORD."
11 For behold, the LORD gives a
command: He will break the great house
into bits, And the little house into pieces.
12 Do horses run on rocks? Does one
plow there with oxen? Yet you have
turned justice into gall, And the fruit of
righteousness into wormwood,
13 You who rejoice over Lo Debar, Who
say, "Have we not taken Karnaim for
ourselves By our own strength?"
14 "But, behold, I will raise up a nation
against you, O house of Israel," Says the
LORD God of hosts; "And they will afflict

you from the entrance of Hamath To the
Valley of the Arabah."

7 [1] Thus the Lord GOD showed me:
Behold, He formed locust swarms at
the beginning of the late crop; indeed
it was the late crop after the king’s
mowings.
[2] And so it was, when they had finished
eating the grass of the land, that I said:
"O Lord GOD, forgive, I pray! Oh, that
Jacob may stand, For he is small!"
[3] So the LORD relented concerning this.
"It shall not be," said the LORD.
[4] Thus the Lord GOD showed me:
Behold, the Lord GOD called for conflict
by fire, and it consumed the great deep
and devoured the territory.
[5] Then I said: "O Lord GOD, cease, I
pray! Oh, that Jacob may stand, For he is
small!"

6 So the LORD relented concerning this.
"This also shall not be," said the Lord
GOD.
7 Thus He showed me: Behold, the Lord
stood on a wall made with a plumb line,
with a plumb line in His hand.
8 And the LORD said to me, "Amos,
what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb
line." Then the Lord said: "Behold, I am
setting a plumb line In the midst of My
people Israel; I will not pass by them
anymore.
9 The high places of Isaac shall be
desolate, And the sanctuaries of Israel
shall be laid waste. I will rise with the
sword against the house of Jeroboam."
10 Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel
sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying,
"Amos has conspired against you in the
midst of the house of Israel. The land is
not able to bear all his words.

11 "For thus Amos has said: ‘Jeroboam
shall die by the sword, And Israel shall
surely be led away captive From their
own land.’"
12 Then Amaziah said to Amos: "Go, you
seer! Flee to the land of Judah. There eat
bread, And there prophesy.
13 But never again prophesy at Bethel,
For it is the king’s sanctuary, And it is the
royal residence."
14 Then Amos answered, and said
to Amaziah: "I was no prophet, Nor
was I a son of a prophet, But I was a
sheepbreeder And a tender of sycamore
fruit.
15 Then the LORD took me as I followed
the flock, And the LORD said to me, ‘Go,
prophesy to My people Israel.’
16 Now therefore, hear the word of the
LORD: You say, ‘Do not prophesy against
Israel, And do not spout against the
house of Isaac.’

17 "Therefore thus says the LORD: ‘Your
wife shall be a harlot in the city; Your
sons and daughters shall fall by the
sword; Your land shall be divided by
survey line; You shall die in a defiled
land; And Israel shall surely be led away
captive From his own land.’"

8 1 Thus the Lord GOD showed me:
Behold, a basket of summer fruit.
2 And He said, "Amos, what do you
see?" So I said, "A basket of summer
fruit." Then the LORD said to me: "The
end has come upon My people Israel; I
will not pass by them anymore.
3 And the songs of the temple Shall
be wailing in that day," Says the Lord
GOD—"Many dead bodies everywhere,
They shall be thrown out in silence."
4 Hear this, you who swallow up the
needy, And make the poor of the land
fail,

5 Saying: "When will the New Moon
be past, That we may sell grain? And
the Sabbath, That we may trade wheat?
Making the ephah small and the shekel
large, Falsifying the scales by deceit,
6 That we may buy the poor for
silver, And the needy for a pair of
sandals—Even sell the bad wheat?"
7 The LORD has sworn by the pride of
Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of
their works.
8 Shall the land not tremble for this,
And everyone mourn who dwells in it?
All of it shall swell like the River, Heave
and subside Like the River of Egypt.
9 "And it shall come to pass in that day,"
says the Lord GOD, "That I will make the
sun go down at noon, And I will darken
the earth in broad daylight;
10 I will turn your feasts into mourning,
And all your songs into lamentation; I
will bring sackcloth on every waist, And

baldness on every head; I will make it
like mourning for an only son, And its
end like a bitter day.
11 "Behold, the days are coming," says
the Lord GOD, "That I will send a famine
on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a
thirst for water, But of hearing the words
of the LORD.
12 They shall wander from sea to sea,
And from north to east; They shall run to
and fro, seeking the word of the LORD,
But shall not find it.
13 "In that day the fair virgins And
strong young men Shall faint from thirst.
14 Those who swear by the sin of
Samaria, Who say, ‘As your god lives,
O Dan!’ And, ‘As the way of Beersheba
lives!’ They shall fall and never rise
again."
9 1 I saw the Lord standing by the altar,
and He said: "Strike the doorposts,
that the thresholds may shake, And

break them on the heads of them all. I
will slay the last of them with the sword.
He who flees from them shall not get
away, And he who escapes from them
shall not be delivered.
2 "Though they dig into hell, From there
my hand shall take them; Though they
climb up to heaven, From there I will
bring them down;
3 And though they hide themselves on
top of Carmel, From there I will search
and take them; Though they hide from
My sight at the bottom of the sea, From
there I will command the serpent, and it
shall bite them;
4 Though they go into captivity before
their enemies, From there I will
command the sword, And it shall slay
them. I will set My eyes on them for
harm and not for good."
5 The Lord GOD of hosts, He who
touches the earth and it melts, And all

who dwell there mourn; All of it shall
swell like the River, And subside like the
River of Egypt.
6 He who builds His layers in the sky,
And has founded His strata in the earth;
Who calls for the waters of the sea,
And pours them out on the face of the
earth—The LORD is His name.
7 "Are you not like the people of
Ethiopia to Me, O children of Israel?"
says the LORD. "Did I not bring up Israel
from the land of Egypt, The Philistines
from Caphtor, And the Syrians from Kir?
8 "Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are
on the sinful kingdom, And I will destroy
it from the face of the earth; Yet I will
not utterly destroy the house of Jacob,"
Says the LORD.
9 "For surely I will command, And will
sift the house of Israel among all nations,
As grain is sifted in a sieve; Yet not the
smallest grain shall fall to the ground.

10 All the sinners of My people shall die
by the sword, Who say, 'The calamity
shall not overtake nor confront us.'
11 "On that day I will raise up The
tabernacle of David, which has fallen
down, And repair its damages; I will raise
up its ruins, And rebuild it as in the days
of old;
12 That they may possess the remnant
of Edom, And all the Gentiles who are
called by My name," Says the LORD who
does this thing.
13 "Behold, the days are coming," says
the LORD, "When the plowman shall
overtake the reaper, And the treader
of grapes him who sows seed; The
mountains shall drip with sweet wine,
And all the hills shall flow with it.
14 I will bring back the captives of My
people Israel; They shall build the waste
cities and inhabit them; They shall plant
vineyards and drink wine from them;

They shall also make gardens and eat
fruit from them.
15 I will plant them in their land, And no
longer shall they be pulled up From the
land I have given them," Says the LORD
your God.

Obadiah

1 [1] The vision of Obadiah. Thus says
the Lord GOD concerning Edom (We
have heard a report from the LORD, And
a messenger has been sent among the
nations, saying, "Arise, and let us rise up
against her for battle"):
[2] "Behold, I will make you small
among the nations; You shall be greatly
despised.
[3] The pride of your heart has deceived
you, You who dwell in the clefts of the
rock, Whose habitation is high; You who
say in your heart, ‘Who will bring me
down to the ground?’
[4] Though you ascend as high as the
eagle, And though you set your nest
among the stars, From there I will bring
you down," says the LORD.

5 "If thieves had come to you, If robbers
by night—Oh, how you will be cut off!
—Would they not have stolen till they
had enough? If grape–gatherers had
come to you, Would they not have left
some gleanings?
6 "Oh, how Esau shall be searched out!
How his hidden treasures shall be sought
after!
7 All the men in your confederacy Shall
force you to the border; The men at
peace with you Shall deceive you and
prevail against you. Those who eat your
bread shall lay a trap for you. No one is
aware of it.
8 "Will I not in that day," says the LORD,
"Even destroy the wise men from Edom,
And understanding from the mountains
of Esau?
9 Then your mighty men, O Teman, shall
be dismayed, To the end that everyone

from the mountains of Esau May be cut
off by slaughter.
10 "For violence against your brother
Jacob, Shame shall cover you, And you
shall be cut off forever.
11 In the day that you stood on the other
side—In the day that strangers carried
captive his forces, When foreigners
entered his gates And cast lots for
Jerusalem—Even you were as one of
them.
12 But you should not have gazed on
the day of your brother In the day of his
captivity; Nor should you have rejoiced
over the children of Judah In the day of
their destruction; Nor should you have
spoken proudly In the day of distress.
13 You should not have entered the
gate of My people In the day of their
calamity. Indeed, you should not have
gazed on their affliction In the day of

their calamity, Nor laid hands on their
substance In the day of their calamity.
14 You should not have stood at the
crossroads To cut off those among them
who escaped; Nor should you have
delivered up those among them who
remained In the day of distress.
15 "For the day of the LORD upon all
the nations is near; As you have done, it
shall be done to you; Your reprisal shall
return upon your own head.
16 For as you drank on my holy
mountain, So shall all the nations drink
continually; Yes, they shall drink, and
swallow, And they shall be as though
they had never been.
17 "But on Mount Zion there shall be
deliverance, And there shall be holiness;
The house of Jacob shall possess their
possessions.
18 The house of Jacob shall be a fire,
And the house of Joseph a flame; But

the house of Esau shall be stubble; They
shall kindle them and devour them, And
no survivor shall remain of the house of
Esau," For the LORD has spoken.
19 The South shall possess the
mountains of Esau, And the Lowland
shall possess Philistia. They shall possess
the fields of Ephraim And the fields of
Samaria. Benjamin shall possess Gilead.
20 And the captives of this host of the
children of Israel Shall possess the land
of the Canaanites As far as Zarephath.
The captives of Jerusalem who are in
Sepharad Shall possess the cities of the
South.
21 Then saviors shall come to Mount
Zion To judge the mountains of Esau,
And the kingdom shall be the LORD’S.

Jonah

1 [1] Now the word of the LORD came to
Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,
[2] "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great
city, and cry out against it; for their
wickedness has come up before Me."
[3] But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish
from the presence of the LORD. He went
down to Joppa, and found a ship going
to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went
down into it, to go with them to Tarshish
from the presence of the LORD.
[4] But the LORD sent out a great wind on
the sea, and there was a mighty tempest
on the sea, so that the ship was about to
be broken up.
[5] Then the mariners were afraid; and
every man cried out to his god, and
threw the cargo that was in the ship into

the sea, to lighten the load. But Jonah
had gone down into the lowest parts of
the ship, had lain down, and was fast
asleep.
6 So the captain came to him, and said
to him, "What do you mean, sleeper?
Arise, call on your God; perhaps your
God will consider us, so that we may not
perish."
7 And they said to one another, "Come,
let us cast lots, that we may know for
whose cause this trouble has come upon
us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on
Jonah.
8 Then they said to him, "Please tell us!
For whose cause is this trouble upon us?
What is your occupation? And where do
you come from? What is your country?
And of what people are you?"
9 So he said to them, "I am a Hebrew;
and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven,
who made the sea and the dry land."

10 Then the men were exceedingly
afraid, and said to him, "Why have you
done this?" For the men knew that he
fled from the presence of the LORD,
because he had told them.
11 Then they said to him, "What shall
we do to you that the sea may be calm
for us?" —for the sea was growing more
tempestuous.
12 And he said to them, "Pick me up and
throw me into the sea; then the sea will
become calm for you. For I know that
this great tempest is because of me."
13 Nevertheless the men rowed hard
to return to land, but they could not,
for the sea continued to grow more
tempestuous against them.
14 Therefore they cried out to the LORD
and said, "We pray, O LORD, please do
not let us perish for this man’s life, and
do not charge us with innocent blood;

for You, O LORD, have done as it pleased
You."
15 So they picked up Jonah and threw
him into the sea, and the sea ceased
from its raging.
16 Then the men feared the LORD
exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to
the LORD and took vows.
17 Now the LORD had prepared a great
fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in
the belly of the fish three days and three
nights.

2 1 Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his
God from the fish’s belly.
2 And he said: "I cried out to the
LORD because of my affliction, And He
answered me. "Out of the belly of Sheol
I cried, And You heard my voice.
3 For You cast me into the deep, Into
the heart of the seas, And the floods
surrounded me; All Your billows and
Your waves passed over me.

4 Then I said, ‘I have been cast out of
Your sight; Yet I will look again toward
Your holy temple.’
5 The waters surrounded me, even to
my soul; The deep closed around me;
Weeds were wrapped around my head.
6 I went down to the moorings of the
mountains; The earth with its bars
closed behind me forever; Yet You have
brought up my life from the pit, O LORD,
my God.
7 "When my soul fainted within me, I
remembered the LORD; And my prayer
went up to You, Into Your holy temple.
8 "Those who regard worthless idols
Forsake their own Mercy.
9 But I will sacrifice to You With the
voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I
have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD."
10 So the LORD spoke to the fish, and it
vomited Jonah onto dry land.

3 1 Now the word of the LORD came to
Jonah the second time, saying,
2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city,
and preach to it the message that I tell
you."
3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh,
according to the word of the LORD. Now
Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a
three–day journey in extent.
4 And Jonah began to enter the city on
the first day’s walk. Then he cried out
and said, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh
shall be overthrown!"
5 So the people of Nineveh believed
God, proclaimed a fast, and put on
sackcloth, from the greatest to the least
of them.
6 Then word came to the king of
Nineveh; and he arose from his throne
and laid aside his robe, covered himself
with sackcloth and sat in ashes.

7 And he caused it to be proclaimed
and published throughout Nineveh by
the decree of the king and his nobles,
saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd
nor flock, taste anything; do not let them
eat, or drink water.
8 But let man and beast be covered with
sackcloth, and cry mightily to God; yes,
let every one turn from his evil way and
from the violence that is in his hands.
9 Who can tell if God will turn and
relent, and turn away from His fierce
anger, so that we may not perish?
10 Then God saw their works, that they
turned from their evil way; and God
relented from the disaster that He had
said He would bring upon them, and He
did not do it.

4 1 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly,
and he became angry.
2 So he prayed to the LORD, and said,
"Ah, LORD, was not this what I said when

I was still in my country? Therefore I
fled previously to Tarshish; for I know
that You are a gracious and merciful
God, slow to anger and abundant in
lovingkindness, One who relents from
doing harm.
3 "Therefore now, O LORD, please take
my life from me, for it is better for me to
die than to live!"
4 Then the LORD said, "Is it right for you
to be angry?"
5 So Jonah went out of the city and sat
on the east side of the city. There he
made himself a shelter and sat under
it in the shade, till he might see what
would become of the city.
6 And the LORD God prepared a plant
and made it come up over Jonah, that it
might be shade for his head to deliver
him from his misery. So Jonah was very
grateful for the plant.

7 But as morning dawned the next
day God prepared a worm, and it so
damaged the plant that it withered.
8 And it happened, when the sun arose,
that God prepared a vehement east
wind; and the sun beat on Jonah’s head,
so that he grew faint. Then he wished
death for himself, and said, "It is better
for me to die than to live."
9 Then God said to Jonah, "Is it right for
you to be angry about the plant?" And
he said, "It is right for me to be angry,
even to death!"
10 But the LORD said, "You have had
pity on the plant for which you have not
labored, nor made it grow, which came
up in a night and perished in a night.
11 "And should I not pity Nineveh, that
great city, in which are more than one
hundred and twenty thousand persons
who cannot discern between their

right hand and their left—and much
livestock?"

Micah

1 [1] The word of the LORD that came
to Micah of Moresheth in the days
of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of
Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria
and Jerusalem.
[2] Hear, all you peoples! Listen, O earth,
and all that is in it! Let the Lord GOD be
a witness against you, The Lord from His
holy temple.
[3] For behold, the LORD is coming out of
His place; He will come down And tread
on the high places of the earth.
[4] The mountains will melt under Him,
And the valleys will split Like wax before
the fire, Like waters poured down a
steep place.
[5] All this is for the transgression of
Jacob And for the sins of the house

of Israel. What is the transgression of
Jacob? Is it not Samaria? And what are
the high places of Judah? Are they not
Jerusalem?
6 "Therefore I will make Samaria a heap
of ruins in the field, Places for planting
a vineyard; I will pour down her stones
into the valley, And I will uncover her
foundations.
7 All her carved images shall be beaten
to pieces, And all her pay as a harlot
shall be burned with the fire; All her
idols I will lay desolate, For she gathered
it from the pay of a harlot, And they shall
return to the pay of a harlot."
8 Therefore I will wail and howl, I will go
stripped and naked; I will make a wailing
like the jackals And a mourning like the
ostriches,
9 For her wounds are incurable. For it
has come to Judah; It has come to the
gate of My people—To Jerusalem.

10 Tell it not in Gath, Weep not at all; In
Beth Aphrah Roll yourself in the dust.
11 Pass by in naked shame, you
inhabitant of Shaphir; The inhabitant
of Zaanan does not go out. Beth Ezel
mourns; Its place to stand is taken away
from you.
12 For the inhabitant of Maroth pined
for good, But disaster came down from
the LORD To the gate of Jerusalem.
13 O inhabitant of Lachish, Harness the
chariot to the swift steeds (She was the
beginning of sin to the daughter of Zion),
For the transgressions of Israel were
found in you.
14 Therefore you shall give presents to
Moresheth Gath; The houses of Achzib
shall be a lie to the kings of Israel.
15 I will yet bring an heir to you, O
inhabitant of Mareshah; The glory of
Israel shall come to Adullam.

16 Make yourself bald and cut off your
hair, Because of your precious children;
Enlarge your baldness like an eagle, For
they shall go from you into captivity.
2 1 Woe to those who devise iniquity,
And work out evil on their beds! At
morning light they practice it, Because it
is in the power of their hand.
2 They covet fields and take them by
violence, Also houses, and seize them.
So they oppress a man and his house, A
man and his inheritance.
3 Therefore thus says the LORD:
"Behold, against this family I am devising
disaster, From which you cannot remove
your necks; Nor shall you walk haughtily,
For this is an evil time.
4 In that day one shall take up a proverb
against you, And lament with a bitter
lamentation, saying: ‘We are utterly
destroyed! He has changed the heritage
of my people; How He has removed it

from me! To a turncoat He has divided
our fields.’"
5 Therefore you will have no one to
determine boundaries by lot In the
assembly of the LORD.
6 "Do not prattle," you say to those who
prophesy. So they shall not prophesy
to you; They shall not return insult for
insult.
7 You who are named the house
of Jacob: "Is the Spirit of the LORD
restricted? Are these His doings? Do not
My words do good To him who walks
uprightly?
8 "Lately My people have risen up as
an enemy—You pull off the robe with
the garment From those who trust you,
as they pass by, Like men returned from
war.
9 The women of My people you cast out
From their pleasant houses; From their

children You have taken away My glory
forever.
10 "Arise and depart, For this is not your
rest; Because it is defiled, it shall destroy,
Yes, with utter destruction.
11 If a man should walk in a false spirit
And speak a lie, saying, ‘I will prophesy
to you of wine and drink,’ Even he would
be the prattler of this people.
12 "I will surely assemble all of you, O
Jacob, I will surely gather the remnant of
Israel; I will put them together like sheep
of the fold, Like a flock in the midst of
their pasture; They shall make a loud
noise because of so many people.
13 The one who breaks open will come
up before them; They will break out,
Pass through the gate, And go out by it;
Their king will pass before them, With
the LORD at their head."

3 1 And I said: "Hear now, O heads of
Jacob, And you rulers of the house of
Israel: Is it not for you to know justice?
2 You who hate good and love evil; Who
strip the skin from My people, And the
flesh from their bones;
3 Who also eat the flesh of My people,
Flay their skin from them, Break their
bones, And chop them in pieces Like
meat for the pot, Like flesh in the
caldron."
4 Then they will cry to the LORD, But He
will not hear them; He will even hide His
face from them at that time, Because
they have been evil in their deeds.
5 Thus says the LORD concerning the
prophets Who make my people stray;
Who chant "Peace" While they chew
with their teeth, But who prepare war
against him Who puts nothing into their
mouths:

6 "Therefore you shall have night
without vision, And you shall have
darkness without divination; The sun
shall go down on the prophets, And the
day shall be dark for them.
7 So the seers shall be ashamed, And
the diviners abashed; Indeed they shall
all cover their lips; For there is no answer
from God."
8 But truly I am full of power by the
Spirit of the LORD, And of justice
and might, To declare to Jacob his
transgression And to Israel his sin.
9 Now hear this, You heads of the house
of Jacob And rulers of the house of
Israel, Who abhor justice And pervert all
equity,
10 Who build up Zion with bloodshed
And Jerusalem with iniquity:
11 Her heads judge for a bribe, Her
priests teach for pay, And her prophets
divine for money. Yet they lean on the

LORD, and say, "Is not the LORD among
us? No harm can come upon us."
12 Therefore because of you Zion
shall be plowed like a field, Jerusalem
shall become heaps of ruins, And the
mountain of the temple Like the bare
hills of the forest.

4
1 Now it shall come to pass in the
latter days That the mountain of
the LORD’S house Shall be established
on the top of the mountains, And shall
be exalted above the hills; And peoples
shall flow to it.
2 Many nations shall come and say,
"Come, and let us go up to the mountain
of the LORD, To the house of the God of
Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we
shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion
the law shall go forth, And the word of
the LORD from Jerusalem.
3 He shall judge between many peoples,
And rebuke strong nations afar off; They

shall beat their swords into plowshares,
And their spears into pruning hooks;
Nation shall not lift up sword against
nation, Neither shall they learn war any
more.
4 But everyone shall sit under his vine
and under his fig tree, And no one shall
make them afraid; For the mouth of the
LORD of hosts has spoken.
5 For all people walk each in the name
of his god, But we will walk in the name
of the LORD our God Forever and ever.
6 "In that day," says the LORD, "I will
assemble the lame, I will gather the
outcast And those whom I have afflicted;
7 I will make the lame a remnant, And
the outcast a strong nation; So the LORD
will reign over them in Mount Zion From
now on, even forever.
8 And you, O tower of the flock, The
stronghold of the daughter of Zion,
To you shall it come, Even the former

dominion shall come, The kingdom of
the daughter of Jerusalem."
9 Now why do you cry aloud? Is there no
king in your midst? Has your counselor
perished? For pangs have seized you like
a woman in labor.
10 Be in pain, and labor to bring forth,
O daughter of Zion, Like a woman in
birth pangs. For now you shall go forth
from the city, You shall dwell in the
field, And to Babylon you shall go. There
you shall be delivered; There the LORD
will redeem you From the hand of your
enemies.
11 Now also many nations have
gathered against you, Who say, "Let her
be defiled, And let our eye look upon
Zion."
12 But they do not know the thoughts
of the LORD, Nor do they understand
His counsel; For He will gather them like
sheaves to the threshing floor.

13 "Arise and thresh, O daughter of
Zion; For I will make your horn iron, And
I will make your hooves bronze; You
shall beat in pieces many peoples; I will
consecrate their gain to the LORD, And
their substance to the Lord of the whole
earth."

5 1 Now gather yourself in troops, O
daughter of troops; He has laid siege
against us; They will strike the judge of
Israel with a rod on the cheek.
2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
Though you are little among the
thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall
come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in
Israel, Whose goings forth are from of
old, From everlasting."
3 Therefore He shall give them up, Until
the time that she who is in labor has
given birth; Then the remnant of His
brethren Shall return to the children of
Israel.

4 And He shall stand and feed His flock
In the strength of the LORD, In the
majesty of the name of the LORD His
God; And they shall abide, For now He
shall be great To the ends of the earth;
5 And this One shall be peace. When
the Assyrian comes into our land, And
when he treads in our palaces, Then we
will raise against him Seven shepherds
and eight princely men.
6 They shall waste with the sword the
land of Assyria, And the land of Nimrod
at its entrances; Thus He shall deliver us
from the Assyrian, When he comes into
our land And when he treads within our
borders.
7 Then the remnant of Jacob Shall be
in the midst of many peoples, Like dew
from the LORD, Like showers on the
grass, That tarry for no man Nor wait for
the sons of men.

8 And the remnant of Jacob Shall be
among the Gentiles, In the midst of
many peoples, Like a lion among the
beasts of the forest, Like a young lion
among flocks of sheep, Who, if he passes
through, Both treads down and tears in
pieces, And none can deliver.
9 Your hand shall be lifted against your
adversaries, And all your enemies shall
be cut off.
10 "And it shall be in that day," says the
LORD, "That I will cut off your horses
from your midst And destroy your
chariots.
11 I will cut off the cities of your land
And throw down all your strongholds.
12 I will cut off sorceries from your hand,
And you shall have no soothsayers.
13 Your carved images I will also cut off,
And your sacred pillars from your midst;
You shall no more worship the work of
your hands;

14 I will pluck your wooden images
from your midst; Thus I will destroy your
cities.
15 And I will execute vengeance in anger
and fury On the nations that have not
heard."
6 1 Hear now what the LORD says:
"Arise, plead your case before the
mountains, And let the hills hear your
voice.
2 Hear, O you mountains, the LORD'S
complaint, And you strong foundations
of the earth; For the LORD has a
complaint against His people, And He
will contend with Israel.
3 "O My people, what have I done to
you? And how have I wearied you?
Testify against Me.
4 For I brought you up from the land of
Egypt, I redeemed you from the house of
bondage; And I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

5 O My people, remember now What
Balak king of Moab counseled, And what
Balaam the son of Beor answered him,
From Acacia Grove to Gilgal, That you
may know the righteousness of the
LORD."
6 With what shall I come before the
LORD, And bow myself before the High
God? Shall I come before Him with burnt
offerings, With calves a year old?
7 Will the LORD be pleased with
thousands of rams, Ten thousand rivers
of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my
transgression, The fruit of my body for
the sin of my soul?
8 He has shown you, O man, what is
good; And what does the LORD require
of you But to do justly, To love mercy,
And to walk humbly with your God?
9 The LORD'S voice cries to the city—
Wisdom shall see Your name: "Hear the
Rod! Who has appointed it?

10 Are there yet the treasures of
wickedness In the house of the wicked,
And the short measure that is an
abomination?
11 Shall I count pure those with the
wicked scales, And with the bag of
deceitful weights?
12 For her rich men are full of violence,
Her inhabitants have spoken lies, And
their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.
13 "Therefore I will also make you sick
by striking you, By making you desolate
because of your sins.
14 You shall eat, but not be satisfied;
Hunger shall be in your midst. You may
carry some away, but shall not save
them; And what you do rescue I will give
over to the sword.
15 "You shall sow, but not reap; You
shall tread the olives, but not anoint
yourselves with oil; And make sweet
wine, but not drink wine.

16 For the statutes of Omri are kept;
All the works of Ahab's house are done;
And you walk in their counsels, That I
may make you a desolation, And your
inhabitants a hissing. Therefore you shall
bear the reproach of My people."

7 1 Woe is me! For I am like those who
gather summer fruits, Like those
who glean vintage grapes; There is no
cluster to eat Of the first–ripe fruit which
my soul desires.

2 The faithful man has perished from
the earth, And there is no one upright
among men. They all lie in wait for
blood; Every man hunts his brother with
a net.

3 That they may successfully do evil
with both hands—The prince asks for
gifts, The judge seeks a bribe, And the
great man utters his evil desire; So they
scheme together.

4 The best of them is like a brier; The
most upright is sharper than a thorn
hedge; The day of your watchman and
your punishment comes; Now shall be
their perplexity.
5 Do not trust in a friend; Do not put
your confidence in a companion; Guard
the doors of your mouth From her who
lies in your bosom.
6 For son dishonors father, Daughter
rises against her mother, Daughter–
in–law against her mother–in–law; A
man's enemies are the men of his own
household.
7 Therefore I will look to the LORD; I
will wait for the God of my salvation; My
God will hear me.
8 Do not rejoice over me, my enemy;
When I fall, I will arise; When I sit in
darkness, The LORD will be a light to me.
9 I will bear the indignation of the LORD,
Because I have sinned against Him, Until

He pleads my case And executes justice
for me. He will bring me forth to the
light; I will see His righteousness.
10 Then she who is my enemy will see,
And shame will cover her who said to
me, "Where is the LORD your God?"
My eyes will see her; Now she will be
trampled down Like mud in the streets.
11 In the day when your walls are to be
built, In that day the decree shall go far
and wide.
12 In that day they shall come to you
From Assyria and the fortified cities,
From the fortress to the River, From sea
to sea, And mountain to mountain.
13 Yet the land shall be desolate
Because of those who dwell in it, And for
the fruit of their deeds.
14 Shepherd Your people with Your staff,
The flock of Your heritage, Who dwell
solitarily in a woodland, In the midst of

Carmel; Let them feed in Bashan and
Gilead, As in days of old.
15 "As in the days when you came out
of the land of Egypt, I will show them
wonders."
16 The nations shall see and be ashamed
of all their might; They shall put their
hand over their mouth; Their ears shall
be deaf.
17 They shall lick the dust like a serpent;
They shall crawl from their holes like
snakes of the earth. They shall be afraid
of the LORD our God, And shall fear
because of You.
18 Who is a God like You, Pardoning
iniquity And passing over the
transgression of the remnant of
His heritage? He does not retain His
anger forever, Because He delights in
mercy.
19 He will again have compassion on us,
And will subdue our iniquities. You will

cast all our sins Into the depths of the
sea.
[20] You will give truth to Jacob And
mercy to Abraham, Which You have
sworn to our fathers From days of old.

Nahum

1 1 The burden against Nineveh. The
book of the vision of Nahum the
Elkoshite.
2 God is jealous, and the LORD avenges;
The LORD avenges and is furious.
The LORD will take vengeance on His
adversaries, And He reserves wrath for
His enemies;
3 The LORD is slow to anger and great
in power, And will not at all acquit the
wicked. The LORD has His way In the
whirlwind and in the storm, And the
clouds are the dust of His feet.
4 He rebukes the sea and makes it
dry, And dries up all the rivers. Bashan
and Carmel wither, And the flower of
Lebanon wilts.

5 The mountains quake before Him, The
hills melt, And the earth heaves at His
presence, Yes, the world and all who
dwell in it.
6 Who can stand before His indignation?
And who can endure the fierceness of
His anger? His fury is poured out like fire,
And the rocks are thrown down by Him.
7 The LORD is good, A stronghold in the
day of trouble; And He knows those who
trust in Him.
8 But with an overflowing flood He
will make an utter end of its place, And
darkness will pursue His enemies.
9 What do you conspire against the
LORD? He will make an utter end of it.
Affliction will not rise up a second time.
10 For while tangled like thorns, And
while drunken like drunkards, They shall
be devoured like stubble fully dried.

11 From you comes forth one Who
plots evil against the LORD, A wicked
counselor.
12 Thus says the LORD: "Though they
are safe, and likewise many, Yet in this
manner they will be cut down When he
passes through. Though I have afflicted
you, I will afflict you no more;
13 For now I will break off his yoke from
you, And burst your bonds apart."
14 The LORD has given a command
concerning you: "Your name shall be
perpetuated no longer. Out of the house
of your gods I will cut off the carved
image and the molded image. I will dig
your grave, For you are vile."
15 Behold, on the mountains The feet
of him who brings good tidings, Who
proclaims peace! O Judah, keep your
appointed feasts, Perform your vows.
For the wicked one shall no more pass
through you; He is utterly cut off.

2 [1] He who scatters has come up
before your face. Man the fort!
Watch the road! Strengthen your flanks!
Fortify your power mightily.
[2] For the LORD will restore the
excellence of Jacob Like the excellence
of Israel, For the emptiers have emptied
them out And ruined their vine branches.
[3] The shields of his mighty men are
made red, The valiant men are in scarlet.
The chariots come with flaming torches
In the day of his preparation, And the
spears are brandished.
[4] The chariots rage in the streets, They
jostle one another in the broad roads;
They seem like torches, They run like
lightning.
[5] He remembers his nobles; They
stumble in their walk; They make
haste to her walls, And the defense is
prepared.

6 The gates of the rivers are opened,
And the palace is dissolved.
7 It is decreed: She shall be led away
captive, She shall be brought up; And
her maidservants shall lead her as with
the voice of doves, Beating their breasts.
8 Though Nineveh of old was like a pool
of water, Now they flee away. "Halt!
Halt!" they cry; But no one turns back.
9 Take spoil of silver! Take spoil of gold!
There is no end of treasure, Or wealth of
every desirable prize.
10 She is empty, desolate, and waste!
The heart melts, and the knees shake;
Much pain is in every side, And all their
faces are drained of color.
11 Where is the dwelling of the lions,
And the feeding place of the young
lions, Where the lion walked, the lioness
and lion’s cub, And no one made them
afraid?

12 The lion tore in pieces enough for his
cubs, Killed for his lionesses, Filled his
caves with prey, And his dens with flesh.
13 "Behold, I am against you," says the
LORD of hosts, "I will burn your chariots
in smoke, and the sword shall devour
your young lions; I will cut off your prey
from the earth, and the voice of your
messengers shall be heard no more."

3 1 Woe to the bloody city! It is all full
of lies and robbery. Its victim never
departs.
2 The noise of a whip And the noise of
rattling wheels, Of galloping horses, Of
clattering chariots!
3 Horsemen charge with bright sword
and glittering spear. There is a multitude
of slain, A great number of bodies,
Countless corpses—They stumble over
the corpses—
4 Because of the multitude of harlotries
of the seductive harlot, The mistress

of sorceries, Who sells nations through
her harlotries, And families through her
sorceries.
5 "Behold, I am against you," says the
LORD of hosts; "I will lift your skirts
over your face, I will show the nations
your nakedness, And the kingdoms your
shame.
6 I will cast abominable filth upon
you, Make you vile, And make you a
spectacle.
7 It shall come to pass that all who look
upon you Will flee from you, and say,
‘Nineveh is laid waste! Who will bemoan
her?’ Where shall I seek comforters for
you?"
8 Are you better than No Amon That
was situated by the River, That had the
waters around her, Whose rampart was
the sea, Whose wall was the sea?

[9] Ethiopia and Egypt were her strength,
And it was boundless; Put and Lubim
were your helpers.
[10] Yet she was carried away, She went
into captivity; Her young children also
were dashed to pieces At the head
of every street; They cast lots for her
honorable men, And all her great men
were bound in chains.
[11] You also will be drunk; You will be
hidden; You also will seek refuge from
the enemy.
[12] All your strongholds are fig trees with
ripened figs: If they are shaken, They fall
into the mouth of the eater.
[13] Surely, your people in your midst are
women! The gates of your land are wide
open for your enemies; Fire shall devour
the bars of your gates.
[14] Draw your water for the siege! Fortify
your strongholds! Go into the clay and

tread the mortar! Make strong the brick
kiln!
15 There the fire will devour you, The
sword will cut you off; It will eat you up
like a locust. Make yourself many—like
the locust! Make yourself many—like
the swarming locusts!
16 You have multiplied your merchants
more than the stars of heaven. The
locust plunders and flies away.
17 Your commanders are like swarming
locusts, And your generals like great
grasshoppers, Which camp in the hedges
on a cold day; When the sun rises they
flee away, And the place where they are
is not known.
18 Your shepherds slumber, O king of
Assyria; Your nobles rest in the dust. Your
people are scattered on the mountains,
And no one gathers them.
19 Your injury has no healing, Your
wound is severe. All who hear news of

you Will clap their hands over you, For
upon whom has not your wickedness
passed continually?

Habakkuk

1 [1] The burden which the prophet
Habakkuk saw.
[2] O LORD, how long shall I cry, And
You will not hear? Even cry out to You,
"Violence!" And You will not save.
[3] Why do You show me iniquity, And
cause me to see trouble? For plundering
and violence are before me; There is
strife, and contention arises.
[4] Therefore the law is powerless, And
justice never goes forth. For the wicked
surround the righteous; Therefore
perverse judgment proceeds.
[5] "Look among the nations and watch–
–Be utterly astounded! For I will work a
work in your days Which you would not
believe, though it were told you.

6 For indeed I am raising up the
Chaldeans, A bitter and hasty nation
Which marches through the breadth of
the earth, To possess dwelling places
that are not theirs.
7 They are terrible and dreadful; Their
judgment and their dignity proceed from
themselves.
8 Their horses also are swifter than
leopards, And more fierce than evening
wolves. Their chargers charge ahead;
Their cavalry comes from afar; They fly
as the eagle that hastens to eat.
9 "They all come for violence; Their
faces are set like the east wind. They
gather captives like sand.
10 They scoff at kings, And princes are
scorned by them. They deride every
stronghold, For they heap up earthen
mounds and seize it.

11 Then his mind changes, and he
transgresses; He commits offense,
Ascribing this power to his god."
12 Are You not from everlasting, O LORD
my God, my Holy One? We shall not
die. O LORD, You have appointed them
for judgment; O Rock, You have marked
them for correction.
13 You are of purer eyes than to behold
evil, And cannot look on wickedness.
Why do You look on those who deal
treacherously, And hold Your tongue
when the wicked devours A person more
righteous than he?
14 Why do You make men like fish of the
sea, Like creeping things that have no
ruler over them?
15 They take up all of them with a hook,
They catch them in their net, And gather
them in their dragnet. Therefore they
rejoice and are glad.

16 Therefore they sacrifice to their
net, And burn incense to their dragnet;
Because by them their share is
sumptuous And their food plentiful.
17 Shall they therefore empty their net,
And continue to slay nations without
pity?
2 1 I will stand my watch And set myself
on the rampart, And watch to see
what He will say to me, And what I will
answer when I am corrected.
2 Then the LORD answered me and said:
"Write the vision And make it plain on
tablets, That he may run who reads it.
3 For the vision is yet for an appointed
time; But at the end it will speak, and it
will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it;
Because it will surely come, It will not
tarry.
4 "Behold the proud, His soul is not
upright in him; But the just shall live by
his faith.

5 "Indeed, because he transgresses by
wine, He is a proud man, And he does
not stay at home. Because he enlarges
his desire as hell, And he is like death,
and cannot be satisfied, He gathers to
himself all nations And heaps up for
himself all peoples.
6 "Will not all these take up a proverb
against him, And a taunting riddle
against him, and say, ‘Woe to him who
increases What is not his––how long?
And to him who loads himself with many
pledges’?
7 Will not your creditors rise up
suddenly? Will they not awaken who
oppress you? And you will become their
booty.
8 Because you have plundered many
nations, All the remnant of the people
shall plunder you, Because of men’s
blood And the violence of the land and
the city, And of all who dwell in it.

9 "Woe to him who covets evil gain for
his house, That he may set his nest on
high, That he may be delivered from the
power of disaster!
10 You give shameful counsel to your
house, Cutting off many peoples, And sin
against your soul.
11 For the stone will cry out from the
wall, And the beam from the timbers will
answer it.
12 "Woe to him who builds a town with
bloodshed, Who establishes a city by
iniquity!
13 Behold, is it not of the LORD of hosts
That the peoples labor to feed the fire,
And nations weary themselves in vain?
14 For the earth will be filled With the
knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As
the waters cover the sea.
15 "Woe to him who gives drink to his
neighbor, Pressing him to your bottle,

Even to make him drunk, That you may
look on his nakedness!
16 You are filled with shame instead of
glory. You also—drink! And be exposed
as uncircumcised! The cup of the LORD’S
right hand will be turned against you,
And utter shame will be on your glory.
17 For the violence done to Lebanon
will cover you, And the plunder of beasts
which made them afraid, Because of
men’s blood And the violence of the land
and the city, And of all who dwell in it.
18 "What profit is the image, that its
maker should carve it, The molded
image, a teacher of lies, That the maker
of its mold should trust in it, To make
mute idols?
19 Woe to him who says to wood,
‘Awake!’ To silent stone, ‘Arise! It shall
teach!’ Behold, it is overlaid with gold
and silver, Yet in it there is no breath at
all.

20 But the LORD is in His holy temple.
Let all the earth keep silence before
Him."

3 1 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet,
on Shigionoth.
2 O LORD, I have heard your speech and
was afraid; O LORD, revive Your work
in the midst of the years! In the midst
of the years make it known; In wrath
remember mercy.
3 God came from Teman, The Holy
One from Mount Paran. Selah His glory
covered the heavens, And the earth was
full of His praise.
4 His brightness was like the light; He
had rays flashing from His hand, And
there His power was hidden.
5 Before Him went pestilence, And fever
followed at His feet.
6 He stood and measured the earth; He
looked and startled the nations. And the
everlasting mountains were scattered,

The perpetual hills bowed. His ways are
everlasting.
7 I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction;
The curtains of the land of Midian
trembled.
8 O LORD, were You displeased with the
rivers, Was Your anger against the rivers,
Was Your wrath against the sea, That
You rode on Your horses, Your chariots
of salvation?
9 Your bow was made quite ready;
Oaths were sworn over Your arrows.
Selah You divided the earth with rivers.
10 The mountains saw You and
trembled; The overflowing of the water
passed by. The deep uttered its voice,
And lifted its hands on high.
11 The sun and moon stood still in
their habitation; At the light of Your
arrows they went, At the shining of Your
glittering spear.

12 You marched through the land in
indignation; You trampled the nations in
anger.
13 You went forth for the salvation of
Your people, For salvation with Your
Anointed. You struck the head from the
house of the wicked, By laying bare from
foundation to neck. Selah
14 You thrust through with his own
arrows The head of his villages. They
came out like a whirlwind to scatter me;
Their rejoicing was like feasting on the
poor in secret.
15 You walked through the sea with
Your horses, Through the heap of great
waters.
16 When I heard, my body trembled; My
lips quivered at the voice; Rottenness
entered my bones; And I trembled in
myself, That I might rest in the day
of trouble. When he comes up to the

people, He will invade them with his
troops.
17 Though the fig tree may not blossom,
Nor fruit be on the vines; Though the
labor of the olive may fail, And the fields
yield no food; Though the flock may be
cut off from the fold, And there be no
herd in the stalls—
18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy
in the God of my salvation.
19 The LORD God is my strength; He will
make my feet like deer's feet, And He
will make me walk on my high hills. To
the Chief Musician. With my stringed
instruments.

Zephaniah

1 [1] The word of the LORD which came
to Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the
son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the
son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah the
son of Amon, king of Judah.
[2] "I will utterly consume everything
From the face of the land," Says the
LORD;
[3] "I will consume man and beast; I will
consume the birds of the heavens, The
fish of the sea, And the stumbling blocks
along with the wicked. I will cut off man
from the face of the land," Says the
LORD.
[4] "I will stretch out My hand against
Judah, And against all the inhabitants
of Jerusalem. I will cut off every trace
of Baal from this place, The names of

the idolatrous priests with the pagan
priests—
5 Those who worship the host of heaven
on the housetops; Those who worship
and swear oaths by the LORD, But who
also swear by Milcom;
6 Those who have turned back from
following the LORD, And have not sought
the LORD, nor inquired of Him."
7 Be silent in the presence of the Lord
GOD; For the day of the LORD is at hand,
For the LORD has prepared a sacrifice;
He has invited His guests.
8 "And it shall be, In the day of the
LORD'S sacrifice, That I will punish the
princes and the king's children, And all
such as are clothed with foreign apparel.
9 In the same day I will punish All those
who leap over the threshold, Who fill
their masters' houses with violence and
deceit.

10 "And there shall be on that day," says
the LORD, "The sound of a mournful cry
from the Fish Gate, A wailing from the
Second Quarter, And a loud crashing
from the hills.
11 Wail, you inhabitants of Maktesh! For
all the merchant people are cut down;
All those who handle money are cut off.
12 "And it shall come to pass at that
time That I will search Jerusalem with
lamps, And punish the men Who are
settled in complacency, Who say in their
heart, ‘The LORD will not do good, Nor
will He do evil.’
13 Therefore their goods shall become
booty, And their houses a desolation;
They shall build houses, but not inhabit
them; They shall plant vineyards, but not
drink their wine."
14 The great day of the LORD is near; It
is near and hastens quickly. The noise of

the day of the LORD is bitter; There the
mighty men shall cry out.
15 That day is a day of wrath, A day of
trouble and distress, A day of devastation
and desolation, A day of darkness and
gloominess, A day of clouds and thick
darkness,
16 A day of trumpet and alarm Against
the fortified cities And against the high
towers.
17 "I will bring distress upon men, And
they shall walk like blind men, Because
they have sinned against the LORD; Their
blood shall be poured out like dust, And
their flesh like refuse."
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
Shall be able to deliver them In the day
of the LORD'S wrath; But the whole
land shall be devoured By the fire of
His jealousy, For He will make speedy
riddance Of all those who dwell in the
land.

2 [1] Gather yourselves together, yes,
gather together, O undesirable
nation,
[2] Before the decree is issued, Or the
day passes like chaff, Before the LORD'S
fierce anger comes upon you, Before the
day of the LORD'S anger comes upon
you!
[3] Seek the LORD, all you meek of the
earth, Who have upheld His justice. Seek
righteousness, seek humility. It may be
that you will be hidden In the day of the
LORD'S anger.
[4] For Gaza shall be forsaken, And
Ashkelon desolate; They shall drive out
Ashdod at noonday, And Ekron shall be
uprooted.
[5] Woe to the inhabitants of the
seacoast, The nation of the Cherethites!
The word of the LORD is against you,
O Canaan, land of the Philistines: "I

will destroy you; So there shall be no
inhabitant."
6 The seacoast shall be pastures, With
shelters for shepherds and folds for
flocks.
7 The coast shall be for the remnant of
the house of Judah; They shall feed their
flocks there; In the houses of Ashkelon
they shall lie down at evening. For the
LORD their God will intervene for them,
And return their captives.
8 "I have heard the reproach of Moab,
And the insults of the people of Ammon,
With which they have reproached My
people, And made arrogant threats
against their borders.
9 Therefore, as I live," Says the LORD of
hosts, the God of Israel, "Surely Moab
shall be like Sodom, And the people of
Ammon like Gomorrah—Overrun with
weeds and saltpits, And a perpetual
desolation. The residue of My people

shall plunder them, And the remnant of
My people shall possess them."
10 This they shall have for their pride,
Because they have reproached and
made arrogant threats Against the
people of the LORD of hosts.
11 The LORD will be awesome to them,
For He will reduce to nothing all the gods
of the earth; People shall worship Him,
Each one from his place, Indeed all the
shores of the nations.
12 "You Ethiopians also, You shall be
slain by My sword."
13 And He will stretch out His hand
against the north, Destroy Assyria, And
make Nineveh a desolation, As dry as
the wilderness.
14 The herds shall lie down in her midst,
Every beast of the nation. Both the
pelican and the bittern Shall lodge on
the capitals of her pillars; Their voice
shall sing in the windows; Desolation

shall be at the threshold; For He will lay
bare the cedar work.
15 This is the rejoicing city That dwelt
securely, That said in her heart, "I am
it, and there is none besides me." How
has she become a desolation, A place for
beasts to lie down! Everyone who passes
by her Shall hiss and shake his fist.

3 1 Woe to her who is rebellious and
polluted, To the oppressing city!
2 She has not obeyed His voice, She
has not received correction; She has not
trusted in the LORD, She has not drawn
near to her God.
3 Her princes in her midst are roaring
lions; Her judges are evening wolves
That leave not a bone till morning.
4 Her prophets are insolent, treacherous
people; Her priests have polluted the
sanctuary, They have done violence to
the law.

5 The LORD is righteous in her midst,
He will do no unrighteousness. Every
morning He brings His justice to light;
He never fails, But the unjust knows no
shame.
6 "I have cut off nations, Their fortresses
are devastated; I have made their streets
desolate, With none passing by. Their
cities are destroyed; There is no one, no
inhabitant.
7 I said, ‘Surely you will fear Me, You
will receive instruction’ —So that her
dwelling would not be cut off, Despite
everything for which I punished her. But
they rose early and corrupted all their
deeds.
8 "Therefore wait for Me," says the
LORD, "Until the day I rise up for
plunder; My determination is to gather
the nations To My assembly of kingdoms,
To pour on them My indignation, All

my fierce anger; All the earth shall be
devoured With the fire of My jealousy.
9 "For then I will restore to the peoples
a pure language, That they all may call
on the name of the LORD, To serve Him
with one accord.
10 From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia
My worshipers, The daughter of My
dispersed ones, Shall bring My offering.
11 In that day you shall not be shamed
for any of your deeds In which you
transgress against Me; For then I will
take away from your midst Those who
rejoice in your pride, And you shall no
longer be haughty In My holy mountain.
12 I will leave in your midst A meek and
humble people, And they shall trust in
the name of the LORD.
13 The remnant of Israel shall do no
unrighteousness And speak no lies, Nor
shall a deceitful tongue be found in their
mouth; For they shall feed their flocks

and lie down, And no one shall make
them afraid."
14 Sing, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O
Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your
heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!
15 The LORD has taken away your
judgments, He has cast out your enemy.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your
midst; You shall see disaster no more.
16 In that day it shall be said to
Jerusalem: "Do not fear; Zion, let not
your hands be weak.
17 The LORD your God in your midst,
The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice
over you with gladness, He will quiet you
with His love, He will rejoice over you
with singing."
18 "I will gather those who sorrow over
the appointed assembly, Who are among
you, To whom its reproach is a burden.
19 Behold, at that time I will deal with
all who afflict you; I will save the lame,

And gather those who were driven out;
I will appoint them for praise and fame
In every land where they were put to
shame.
20 At that time I will bring you back,
Even at the time I gather you; For I will
give you fame and praise Among all the
peoples of the earth, When I return your
captives before your eyes," Says the
LORD.

Haggai

1 [1] In the second year of King Darius,
in the sixth month, on the first day of
the month, the word of the LORD came
by Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the
son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and
to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high
priest, saying,
[2] "Thus speaks the LORD of hosts,
saying: ‘This people says, "The time has
not come, the time that the LORD’S
house should be built."’"
[3] Then the word of the LORD came by
Haggai the prophet, saying,
[4] "Is it time for you yourselves to dwell
in your paneled houses, and this temple
to lie in ruins?"
[5] Now therefore, thus says the LORD of
hosts: "Consider your ways!

6 "You have sown much, and bring in
little; You eat, but do not have enough;
You drink, but you are not filled with
drink; You clothe yourselves, but no one
is warm; And he who earns wages, Earns
wages to put into a bag with holes."
7 Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Consider
your ways!
8 "Go up to the mountains and bring
wood and build the temple, that I may
take pleasure in it and be glorified," says
the LORD.
9 "You looked for much, but indeed it
came to little; and when you brought it
home, I blew it away. Why?" says the
LORD of hosts. "Because of My house
that is in ruins, while every one of you
runs to his own house.
10 "Therefore the heavens above
you withhold the dew, and the earth
withholds its fruit.

11 "For I called for a drought on the land
and the mountains, on the grain and
the new wine and the oil, on whatever
the ground brings forth, on men and
livestock, and on all the labor of your
hands."
12 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel,
and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the
high priest, with all the remnant of the
people, obeyed the voice of the LORD
their God, and the words of Haggai the
prophet, as the LORD their God had sent
him; and the people feared the presence
of the LORD.
13 Then Haggai, the LORD'S messenger,
spoke the LORD'S message to the
people, saying, "I am with you, says the
LORD."
14 So the LORD stirred up the spirit
of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel,
governor of Judah, and the spirit of
Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high

priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of
the people; and they came and worked
on the house of the LORD of hosts, their
God,
15 on the twenty–fourth day of the
sixth month, in the second year of King
Darius.
2 1 In the seventh month, on the
twenty–first of the month, the
word of the LORD came by Haggai the
prophet, saying:
2 "Speak now to Zerubbabel the son
of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to
Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high
priest, and to the remnant of the people,
saying:
3 'Who is left among you who saw this
temple in its former glory? And how do
you see it now? In comparison with it, is
this not in your eyes as nothing?
4 'Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel,' says
the LORD; 'and be strong, Joshua, son

of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be
strong, all you people of the land,' says
the LORD, 'and work; for I am with you,'
says the LORD of hosts.
5 'According to the word that I
covenanted with you when you came
out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among
you; do not fear!'
6 "For thus says the LORD of hosts:
'Once more (it is a little while) I will
shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry
land;
7 'and I will shake all nations, and they
shall come to the Desire of All Nations,
and I will fill this temple with glory,' says
the LORD of hosts.
8 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is
Mine,' says the LORD of hosts.
9 'The glory of this latter temple shall
be greater than the former,' says the
LORD of hosts. 'And in this place I will
give peace,' says the LORD of hosts."

10 On the twenty–fourth day of the
ninth month, in the second year of
Darius, the word of the LORD came by
Haggai the prophet, saying,
11 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Now,
ask the priests concerning the law,
saying,
12 "If one carries holy meat in the fold
of his garment, and with the edge he
touches bread or stew, wine or oil, or
any food, will it become holy?"’" Then
the priests answered and said, "No."
13 And Haggai said, "If one who is
unclean because of a dead body touches
any of these, will it be unclean?" So the
priests answered and said, "It shall be
unclean."
14 Then Haggai answered and said,
"‘So is this people, and so is this nation
before Me,’ says the LORD, ‘and so is
every work of their hands; and what
they offer there is unclean.

15 ‘And now, carefully consider from this
day forward: from before stone was laid
upon stone in the temple of the LORD—
16 ‘since those days, when one came
to a heap of twenty ephahs, there were
but ten; when one came to the wine vat
to draw out fifty baths from the press,
there were but twenty.
17 ‘I struck you with blight and mildew
and hail in all the labors of your hands;
yet you did not turn to Me,’ says the
LORD.
18 ‘Consider now from this day forward,
from the twenty–fourth day of the ninth
month, from the day that the foundation
of the LORD’S temple was laid—consider
it:
19 ‘Is the seed still in the barn? As yet
the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate,
and the olive tree have not yielded fruit.
But from this day I will bless you.’"

20 And again the word of the LORD
came to Haggai on the twenty–fourth
day of the month, saying,
21 "Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of
Judah, saying: ‘I will shake heaven and
earth.
22 I will overthrow the throne of
kingdoms; I will destroy the strength of
the Gentile kingdoms. I will overthrow
the chariots And those who ride in them;
The horses and their riders shall come
down, Every one by the sword of his
brother.
23 ‘In that day,’ says the LORD of hosts,
‘I will take you, Zerubbabel My servant,
the son of Shealtiel,’ says the LORD, ‘and
will make you like a signet ring; for I have
chosen you,’ says the LORD of hosts."

Zechariah

1 [1] In the eighth month of the second
year of Darius, the word of the LORD
came to Zechariah the son of Berechiah,
the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,
[2] "The LORD has been very angry with
your fathers.
[3] "Therefore say to them, ‘Thus says the
LORD of hosts: "Return to Me," says the
LORD of hosts, "and I will return to you,"
says the LORD of hosts.
[4] "Do not be like your fathers, to whom
the former prophets preached, saying,
‘Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Turn
now from your evil ways and your evil
deeds."’ But they did not hear nor heed
Me," says the LORD.
[5] "Your fathers, where are they? And
the prophets, do they live forever?

6 Yet surely My words and My statutes,
Which I commanded My servants the
prophets, Did they not overtake your
fathers? "So they returned and said:
‘Just as the LORD of hosts determined
to do to us, According to our ways and
according to our deeds, So He has dealt
with us.’"’"
7 On the twenty–fourth day of the
eleventh month, which is the month
Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the
word of the LORD came to Zechariah the
son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the
prophet:
8 I saw by night, and behold, a man
riding on a red horse, and it stood among
the myrtle trees in the hollow; and
behind him were horses: red, sorrel, and
white.
9 Then I said, "My lord, what are these?"
So the angel who talked with me said to
me, "I will show you what they are."

10 And the man who stood among the
myrtle trees answered and said, "These
are the ones whom the LORD has sent to
walk to and fro throughout the earth."
11 So they answered the Angel of the
LORD, who stood among the myrtle
trees, and said, "We have walked to and
fro throughout the earth, and behold, all
the earth is resting quietly."
12 Then the Angel of the LORD answered
and said, "O LORD of hosts, how long
will You not have mercy on Jerusalem
and on the cities of Judah, against which
You were angry these seventy years?"
13 And the LORD answered the angel
who talked to me, with good and
comforting words.
14 So the angel who spoke with me
said to me, "Proclaim, saying, ‘Thus says
the LORD of hosts: "I am zealous for
Jerusalem And for Zion with great zeal.

15 I am exceedingly angry with the
nations at ease; For I was a little angry,
And they helped—but with evil intent."
16 ‘Therefore thus says the LORD: "I am
returning to Jerusalem with mercy; My
house shall be built in it," says the LORD
of hosts, "And a surveyor’s line shall be
stretched out over Jerusalem."’
17 "Again proclaim, saying, ‘Thus says
the LORD of hosts: "My cities shall again
spread out through prosperity; The
LORD will again comfort Zion, And will
again choose Jerusalem."’"
18 Then I raised my eyes and looked,
and there were four horns.
19 And I said to the angel who talked
with me, "What are these?" So he
answered me, "These are the horns
that have scattered Judah, Israel, and
Jerusalem."
20 Then the LORD showed me four
craftsmen.

21 And I said, "What are these coming
to do?" So he said, "These are the horns
that scattered Judah, so that no one
could lift up his head; but the craftsmen
are coming to terrify them, to cast out
the horns of the nations that lifted up
their horn against the land of Judah to
scatter it."

2 1 Then I raised my eyes and looked,
and behold, a man with a measuring
line in his hand.
2 So I said, "Where are you going?" And
he said to me, "To measure Jerusalem,
to see what is its width and what is its
length."
3 And there was the angel who talked
with me, going out; and another angel
was coming out to meet him,
4 who said to him, "Run, speak to this
young man, saying: ‘Jerusalem shall
be inhabited as towns without walls,

because of the multitude of men and
livestock in it.
5 ‘For I,’ says the LORD, ‘will be a wall of
fire all around her, and I will be the glory
in her midst.’"
6 "Up, up! Flee from the land of the
north," says the LORD; "for I have
spread you abroad like the four winds of
heaven," says the LORD.
7 "Up, Zion! Escape, you who dwell with
the daughter of Babylon."
8 For thus says the LORD of hosts: "He
sent Me after glory, to the nations which
plunder you; for he who touches you
touches the apple of His eye.
9 "For surely I will shake My hand
against them, and they shall become
spoil for their servants. Then you will
know that the LORD of hosts has sent
Me.

10 "Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion!
For behold, I am coming and I will dwell
in your midst," says the LORD.
11 "Many nations shall be joined to the
LORD in that day, and they shall become
My people. And I will dwell in your
midst. Then you will know that the LORD
of hosts has sent Me to you.
12 "And the LORD will take possession
of Judah as His inheritance in the Holy
Land, and will again choose Jerusalem.
13 "Be silent, all flesh, before the
LORD, for He is aroused from His holy
habitation!"

3 1 Then he showed me Joshua the
high priest standing before the Angel
of the LORD, and Satan standing at his
right hand to oppose him.
2 And the LORD said to Satan, "The
LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who
has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this
not a brand plucked from the fire?"

3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy
garments, and was standing before the
Angel.
4 Then He answered and spoke to those
who stood before Him, saying, "Take
away the filthy garments from him." And
to him He said, "See, I have removed
your iniquity from you, and I will clothe
you with rich robes."
5 And I said, "Let them put a clean
turban on his head." So they put a clean
turban on his head, and they put the
clothes on him. And the Angel of the
LORD stood by.
6 Then the Angel of the LORD
admonished Joshua, saying,
7 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘If you
will walk in My ways, And if you will keep
My command, Then you shall also judge
My house, And likewise have charge of
My courts; I will give you places to walk
Among these who stand here.

8 ‘Hear, O Joshua, the high priest, You
and your companions who sit before
you, For they are a wondrous sign; For
behold, I am bringing forth My Servant
the BRANCH.
9 For behold, the stone That I have
laid before Joshua: Upon the stone are
seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave its
inscription,’ Says the LORD of hosts, ‘And
I will remove the iniquity of that land in
one day.
10 In that day,’ says the LORD of hosts,
‘Everyone will invite his neighbor Under
his vine and under his fig tree.’"
4 1 Now the angel who talked with me
came back and wakened me, as a
man who is wakened out of his sleep.
2 And he said to me, "What do you
see?" So I said, "I am looking, and there
is a lampstand of solid gold with a bowl
on top of it, and on the stand seven

lamps with seven pipes to the seven
lamps.
3 "Two olive trees are by it, one at the
right of the bowl and the other at its
left."
4 So I answered and spoke to the angel
who talked with me, saying, "What are
these, my lord?"
5 Then the angel who talked with me
answered and said to me, "Do you not
know what these are?" And I said, "No,
my lord."
6 So he answered and said to me: "This
is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel:
‘Not by might nor by power, but by My
Spirit,’ Says the LORD of hosts.
7 ‘Who are you, O great mountain?
Before Zerubbabel you shall become
a plain! And he shall bring forth the
capstone With shouts of "Grace, grace
to it!"’"

8 Moreover the word of the LORD came
to me, saying:
9 "The hands of Zerubbabel Have laid
the foundation of this temple; His hands
shall also finish it. Then you will know
That the LORD of hosts has sent Me to
you.
10 For who has despised the day of
small things? For these seven rejoice
to see The plumb line in the hand of
Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the
LORD, Which scan to and fro throughout
the whole earth."
11 Then I answered and said to him,
"What are these two olive trees—at the
right of the lampstand and at its left?"
12 And I further answered and said to
him, "What are these two olive branches
that drip into the receptacles of the two
gold pipes from which the golden oil
drains?"

13 Then he answered me and said, "Do
you not know what these are?" And I
said, "No, my lord."
14 So he said, "These are the two
anointed ones, who stand beside the
Lord of the whole earth."

5 1 Then I turned and raised my eyes,
and saw there a flying scroll.
2 And he said to me, "What do you
see?" So I answered, "I see a flying scroll.
Its length is twenty cubits and its width
ten cubits."
3 Then he said to me, "This is the curse
that goes out over the face of the whole
earth: 'Every thief shall be expelled,'
according to this side of the scroll;
and, 'Every perjurer shall be expelled,'
according to that side of it."
4 "I will send out the curse," says the
LORD of hosts; "It shall enter the house
of the thief And the house of the one
who swears falsely by My name. It shall

remain in the midst of his house And
consume it, with its timber and stones."
5 Then the angel who talked with me
came out and said to me, "Lift your
eyes now, and see what this is that goes
forth."
6 So I asked, "What is it?" And he said,
"It is a basket that is going forth." He
also said, "This is their resemblance
throughout the earth:
7 "Here is a lead disc lifted up, and this
is a woman sitting inside the basket";
8 then he said, "This is Wickedness!"
And he thrust her down into the basket,
and threw the lead cover over its mouth.
9 Then I raised my eyes and looked, and
there were two women, coming with
the wind in their wings; for they had
wings like the wings of a stork, and they
lifted up the basket between earth and
heaven.

10 So I said to the angel who talked
with me, "Where are they carrying the
basket?"
11 And he said to me, "To build a house
for it in the land of Shinar; when it is
ready, the basket will be set there on its
base."

6 1 Then I turned and raised my
eyes and looked, and behold, four
chariots were coming from between two
mountains, and the mountains were
mountains of bronze.
2 With the first chariot were red horses,
with the second chariot black horses,
3 with the third chariot white horses,
and with the fourth chariot dappled
horses—strong steeds.
4 Then I answered and said to the angel
who talked with me, "What are these,
my lord?"
5 And the angel answered and said to
me, "These are four spirits of heaven,

who go out from their station before the
Lord of all the earth.
6 "The one with the black horses is
going to the north country, the white are
going after them, and the dappled are
going toward the south country."
7 Then the strong steeds went out,
eager to go, that they might walk to
and fro throughout the earth. And He
said, "Go, walk to and fro throughout
the earth." So they walked to and fro
throughout the earth.
8 And He called to me, and spoke to
me, saying, "See, those who go toward
the north country have given rest to My
Spirit in the north country."
9 Then the word of the LORD came to
me, saying:
10 "Receive the gift from the captives—
from Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah, who
have come from Babylon—and go the

same day and enter the house of Josiah
the son of Zephaniah.
11 "Take the silver and gold, make an
elaborate crown, and set it on the head
of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high
priest.
12 "Then speak to him, saying, ‘Thus
says the LORD of hosts, saying: "Behold,
the Man whose name is the BRANCH!
From His place He shall branch out, And
He shall build the temple of the LORD;
13 Yes, He shall build the temple of the
LORD. He shall bear the glory, And shall
sit and rule on His throne; So He shall be
a priest on His throne, And the counsel
of peace shall be between them both."’
14 "Now the elaborate crown shall be
for a memorial in the temple of the
LORD for Helem, Tobijah, Jedaiah, and
Hen the son of Zephaniah.
15 "Even those from afar shall come and
build the temple of the LORD. Then you

shall know that the LORD of hosts has
sent Me to you. And this shall come to
pass if you diligently obey the voice of
the LORD your God."

7 1 Now in the fourth year of King
Darius it came to pass that the word
of the LORD came to Zechariah, on the
fourth day of the ninth month, Chislev,
2 when the people sent Sherezer, with
Regem–Melech and his men, to the
house of God, to pray before the LORD,
3 and to ask the priests who were in
the house of the LORD of hosts, and the
prophets, saying, "Should I weep in the
fifth month and fast as I have done for so
many years?"
4 Then the word of the LORD of hosts
came to me, saying,
5 "Say to all the people of the land,
and to the priests: ‘When you fasted
and mourned in the fifth and seventh

months during those seventy years, did
you really fast for Me—for Me?
6 ‘When you eat and when you drink,
do you not eat and drink for yourselves?
7 ‘Should you not have obeyed the
words which the LORD proclaimed
through the former prophets when
Jerusalem and the cities around it were
inhabited and prosperous, and the South
and the Lowland were inhabited?’"
8 Then the word of the LORD came to
Zechariah, saying,
9 "Thus says the LORD of hosts:
‘Execute true justice, Show mercy and
compassion Everyone to his brother.
10 Do not oppress the widow or the
fatherless, The alien or the poor. Let
none of you plan evil in his heart Against
his brother.’
11 "But they refused to heed, shrugged
their shoulders, and stopped their ears
so that they could not hear.

12 "Yes, they made their hearts like flint,
refusing to hear the law and the words
which the LORD of hosts had sent by
His Spirit through the former prophets.
Thus great wrath came from the LORD of
hosts.
13 "Therefore it happened, that just
as He proclaimed and they would not
hear, so they called out and I would not
listen," says the LORD of hosts.
14 "But I scattered them with a
whirlwind among all the nations which
they had not known. Thus the land
became desolate after them, so that
no one passed through or returned; for
they made the pleasant land desolate."

8 1 Again the word of the LORD of
hosts came, saying,
2 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘I am
zealous for Zion with great zeal; With
great fervor I am zealous for her.’

3 "Thus says the LORD: ‘I will return
to Zion, And dwell in the midst of
Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called the
City of Truth, The Mountain of the LORD
of hosts, The Holy Mountain.’
4 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Old
men and old women shall again sit In the
streets of Jerusalem, Each one with his
staff in his hand Because of great age.
5 The streets of the city Shall be full of
boys and girls Playing in its streets.’
6 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘If it is
marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of
this people in these days, Will it also be
marvelous in My eyes?’ Says the LORD
of hosts.
7 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Behold,
I will save My people from the land of
the east And from the land of the west;
8 I will bring them back, And they shall
dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. They

shall be My people And I will be their
God, In truth and righteousness.’
9 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Let
your hands be strong, You who have
been hearing in these days These words
by the mouth of the prophets, Who
spoke in the day the foundation was laid
For the house of the LORD of hosts, That
the temple might be built.
10 For before these days There were no
wages for man nor any hire for beast;
There was no peace from the enemy for
whoever went out or came in; For I set
all men, everyone, against his neighbor.
11 ‘But now I will not treat the remnant
of this people as in the former days,’ says
the LORD of hosts.
12 ‘For the seed shall be prosperous,
The vine shall give its fruit, The ground
shall give her increase, And the heavens
shall give their dew—I will cause the

remnant of this people To possess all
these.
13 And it shall come to pass That just as
you were a curse among the nations, O
house of Judah and house of Israel, So I
will save you, and you shall be a blessing.
Do not fear, Let your hands be strong.'
14 "For thus says the LORD of hosts:
'Just as I determined to punish you When
your fathers provoked Me to wrath,'
Says the LORD of hosts, 'And I would not
relent,
15 So again in these days I am
determined to do good To Jerusalem and
to the house of Judah. Do not fear.
16 These are the things you shall
do: Speak each man the truth to his
neighbor; Give judgment in your gates
for truth, justice, and peace;
17 Let none of you think evil in your
heart against your neighbor; And do not

love a false oath. For all these are things
that I hate,’ Says the LORD."
18 Then the word of the LORD of hosts
came to me, saying,
19 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘The
fast of the fourth month, The fast of
the fifth, The fast of the seventh, And
the fast of the tenth, Shall be joy and
gladness and cheerful feasts For the
house of Judah. Therefore love truth and
peace.’
20 "Thus says the LORD of hosts:
‘Peoples shall yet come, Inhabitants of
many cities;
21 The inhabitants of one city shall go to
another, saying, "Let us continue to go
and pray before the LORD, And seek the
LORD of hosts. I myself will go also."
22 Yes, many peoples and strong nations
Shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in
Jerusalem, And to pray before the LORD.’

23 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘In
those days ten men from every language
of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of
a Jewish man, saying, "Let us go with
you, for we have heard that God is with
you."’"
9 1 The burden of the word of the
LORD Against the land of Hadrach,
And Damascus its resting place (For the
eyes of men And all the tribes of Israel
Are on the LORD);
2 Also against Hamath, which borders
on it, And against Tyre and Sidon, though
they are very wise.
3 For Tyre built herself a tower, Heaped
up silver like the dust, And gold like the
mire of the streets.
4 Behold, the Lord will cast her out; He
will destroy her power in the sea, And
she will be devoured by fire.
5 Ashkelon shall see it and fear; Gaza
also shall be very sorrowful; And Ekron,

for He dried up her expectation. The king
shall perish from Gaza, And Ashkelon
shall not be inhabited.
6 "A mixed race shall settle in Ashdod,
And I will cut off the pride of the
Philistines.
7 I will take away the blood from his
mouth, And the abominations from
between his teeth. But he who remains,
even he shall be for our God, And shall
be like a leader in Judah, And Ekron like
a Jebusite.
8 I will camp around My house Because
of the army, Because of him who passes
by and him who returns. No more shall
an oppressor pass through them, For
now I have seen with My eyes.
9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold,
your King is coming to you; He is just and
having salvation, Lowly and riding on a
donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
And the horse from Jerusalem; The
battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak
peace to the nations; His dominion shall
be ‘from sea to sea, And from the River
to the ends of the earth.’
11 "As for you also, Because of the
blood of your covenant, I will set your
prisoners free from the waterless pit.
12 Return to the stronghold, You
prisoners of hope. Even today I declare
That I will restore double to you.
13 For I have bent Judah, My bow, Fitted
the bow with Ephraim, And raised up
your sons, O Zion, Against your sons, O
Greece, And made you like the sword of
a mighty man."
14 Then the LORD will be seen over
them, And His arrow will go forth like
lightning. The Lord GOD will blow the
trumpet, And go with whirlwinds from
the south.

15 The LORD of hosts will defend them;
They shall devour and subdue with
slingstones. They shall drink and roar
as if with wine; They shall be filled with
blood like basins, Like the corners of the
altar.
16 The LORD their God will save them in
that day, As the flock of His people. For
they shall be like the jewels of a crown,
Lifted like a banner over His land—
17 For how great is its goodness And
how great its beauty! Grain shall make
the young men thrive, And new wine the
young women.
10 1 Ask the LORD for rain In the
time of the latter rain. The LORD
will make flashing clouds; He will give
them showers of rain, Grass in the field
for everyone.
2 For the idols speak delusion; The
diviners envision lies, And tell false
dreams; They comfort in vain. Therefore

the people wend their way like sheep;
They are in trouble because there is no
shepherd.
3 "My anger is kindled against the
shepherds, And I will punish the
goatherds. For the LORD of hosts will
visit His flock, The house of Judah, And
will make them as His royal horse in the
battle.
4 From him comes the cornerstone,
From him the tent peg, From him
the battle bow, From him every ruler
together.
5 They shall be like mighty men, Who
tread down their enemies In the mire of
the streets in the battle. They shall fight
because the LORD is with them, And the
riders on horses shall be put to shame.
6 "I will strengthen the house of Judah,
And I will save the house of Joseph. I will
bring them back, Because I have mercy
on them. They shall be as though I had

not cast them aside; For I am the LORD
their God, And I will hear them.
7 Those of Ephraim shall be like a mighty
man, And their heart shall rejoice as if
with wine. Yes, their children shall see it
and be glad; Their heart shall rejoice in
the LORD.
8 I will whistle for them and gather
them, For I will redeem them; And they
shall increase as they once increased.
9 "I will sow them among the peoples,
And they shall remember Me in far
countries; They shall live, together with
their children, And they shall return.
10 I will also bring them back from the
land of Egypt, And gather them from
Assyria. I will bring them into the land of
Gilead and Lebanon, Until no more room
is found for them.
11 He shall pass through the sea with
affliction, And strike the waves of the
sea: All the depths of the River shall dry

up. Then the pride of Assyria shall be
brought down, And the scepter of Egypt
shall depart.
12 "So I will strengthen them in the
LORD, And they shall walk up and down
in His name," Says the LORD.

11 1 Open your doors, O Lebanon,
That fire may devour your cedars.
2 Wail, O cypress, for the cedar has
fallen, Because the mighty trees are
ruined. Wail, O oaks of Bashan, For the
thick forest has come down.
3 There is the sound of wailing
shepherds! For their glory is in ruins.
There is the sound of roaring lions! For
the pride of the Jordan is in ruins.
4 Thus says the LORD my God, "Feed
the flock for slaughter,
5 "whose owners slaughter them and
feel no guilt; those who sell them say,
‘Blessed be the LORD, for I am rich’; and
their shepherds do not pity them.

6 "For I will no longer pity the
inhabitants of the land," says the LORD.
"But indeed I will give everyone into his
neighbor’s hand and into the hand of his
king. They shall attack the land, and I will
not deliver them from their hand."
7 So I fed the flock for slaughter, in
particular the poor of the flock. I took
for myself two staffs: the one I called
Beauty, and the other I called Bonds;
and I fed the flock.
8 I dismissed the three shepherds in
one month. My soul loathed them, and
their soul also abhorred me.
9 Then I said, "I will not feed you. Let
what is dying die, and what is perishing
perish. Let those that are left eat each
other’s flesh."
10 And I took my staff, Beauty, and cut it
in two, that I might break the covenant
which I had made with all the peoples.

11 So it was broken on that day. Thus
the poor of the flock, who were watching
me, knew that it was the word of the
LORD.
12 Then I said to them, "If it is agreeable
to you, give me my wages; and if not,
refrain." So they weighed out for my
wages thirty pieces of silver.
13 And the LORD said to me, "Throw it
to the potter" —that princely price they
set on me. So I took the thirty pieces of
silver and threw them into the house of
the LORD for the potter.
14 Then I cut in two my other
staff, Bonds, that I might break the
brotherhood between Judah and Israel.
15 And the LORD said to me, "Next, take
for yourself the implements of a foolish
shepherd.
16 "For indeed I will raise up a shepherd
in the land who will not care for those
who are cut off, nor seek the young,

nor heal those that are broken, nor feed
those that still stand. But he will eat the
flesh of the fat and tear their hooves in
pieces.
17 "Woe to the worthless shepherd,
Who leaves the flock! A sword shall be
against his arm And against his right eye;
His arm shall completely wither, And his
right eye shall be totally blinded."
12 1 The burden of the word of the
LORD against Israel. Thus says the
LORD, who stretches out the heavens,
lays the foundation of the earth, and
forms the spirit of man within him:
2 "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup
of drunkenness to all the surrounding
peoples, when they lay siege against
Judah and Jerusalem.
3 "And it shall happen in that day that I
will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone
for all peoples; all who would heave it
away will surely be cut in pieces, though

all nations of the earth are gathered
against it.
4 "In that day," says the LORD, "I will
strike every horse with confusion, and
its rider with madness; I will open My
eyes on the house of Judah, and will
strike every horse of the peoples with
blindness.
5 "And the governors of Judah shall
say in their heart, ‘The inhabitants of
Jerusalem are my strength in the LORD
of hosts, their God.’
6 "In that day I will make the governors
of Judah like a firepan in the woodpile,
and like a fiery torch in the sheaves; they
shall devour all the surrounding peoples
on the right hand and on the left, but
Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her
own place—Jerusalem.
7 "The LORD will save the tents of Judah
first, so that the glory of the house of
David and the glory of the inhabitants of

Jerusalem shall not become greater than
that of Judah.
8 "In that day the LORD will defend the
inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is
feeble among them in that day shall be
like David, and the house of David shall
be like God, like the Angel of the LORD
before them.
9 "It shall be in that day that I will seek
to destroy all the nations that come
against Jerusalem.
10 "And I will pour on the house of David
and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the
Spirit of grace and supplication; then
they will look on Me whom they pierced.
Yes, they will mourn for Him as one
mourns for his only son, and grieve for
Him as one grieves for a firstborn.
11 "In that day there shall be a
great mourning in Jerusalem, like the
mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain
of Megiddo.

12 "And the land shall mourn, every
family by itself: the family of the house
of David by itself, and their wives by
themselves; the family of the house
of Nathan by itself, and their wives by
themselves;
13 "the family of the house of Levi by
itself, and their wives by themselves; the
family of Shimei by itself, and their wives
by themselves;
14 "all the families that remain, every
family by itself, and their wives by
themselves.

13 1 "In that day a fountain shall be
opened for the house of David
and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for
sin and for uncleanness.
2 "It shall be in that day," says the LORD
of hosts, "that I will cut off the names of
the idols from the land, and they shall no
longer be remembered. I will also cause

the prophets and the unclean spirit to
depart from the land.
3 "It shall come to pass that if anyone
still prophesies, then his father and
mother who begot him will say to him,
'You shall not live, because you have
spoken lies in the name of the LORD.'
And his father and mother who begot
him shall thrust him through when he
prophesies.
4 "And it shall be in that day that every
prophet will be ashamed of his vision
when he prophesies; they will not wear
a robe of coarse hair to deceive.
5 "But he will say, 'I am no prophet, I am
a farmer; for a man taught me to keep
cattle from my youth.'
6 "And one will say to him, 'What are
these wounds between your arms?'
Then he will answer, 'Those with which
I was wounded in the house of my
friends.'

7 "Awake, O sword, against My
Shepherd, Against the Man who is My
Companion," Says the LORD of hosts.
"Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will
be scattered; Then I will turn My hand
against the little ones.
8 And it shall come to pass in all the
land," Says the LORD, "That two–thirds in
it shall be cut off and die, But one–third
shall be left in it:
9 I will bring the one–third through the
fire, Will refine them as silver is refined,
And test them as gold is tested. They
will call on My name, And I will answer
them. I will say, 'This is My people'; And
each one will say, 'The LORD is my God.'"

14 1 Behold, the day of the LORD is
coming, And your spoil will be
divided in your midst.
2 For I will gather all the nations to
battle against Jerusalem; The city shall
be taken, The houses rifled, And the

women ravished. Half of the city shall
go into captivity, But the remnant of the
people shall not be cut off from the city.
3 Then the LORD will go forth And fight
against those nations, As He fights in the
day of battle.
4 And in that day His feet will stand
on the Mount of Olives, Which faces
Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount
of Olives shall be split in two, From east
to west, Making a very large valley; Half
of the mountain shall move toward the
north And half of it toward the south.
5 Then you shall flee through My
mountain valley, For the mountain valley
shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee As
you fled from the earthquake In the days
of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus the LORD
my God will come, And all the saints with
You.

6 It shall come to pass in that day That
there will be no light; The lights will
diminish.
7 It shall be one day Which is known to
the LORD—Neither day nor night. But at
evening time it shall happen That it will
be light.
8 And in that day it shall be That living
waters shall flow from Jerusalem, Half of
them toward the eastern sea And half of
them toward the western sea; In both
summer and winter it shall occur.
9 And the LORD shall be King over all
the earth. In that day it shall be—"The
LORD is one," And His name one.
10 All the land shall be turned into a
plain from Geba to Rimmon south of
Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be raised
up and inhabited in her place from
Benjamin's Gate to the place of the First
Gate and the Corner Gate, and from

the Tower of Hananeel to the king's
winepresses.
11 The people shall dwell in it; And no
longer shall there be utter destruction,
But Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.
12 And this shall be the plague with
which the LORD will strike all the people
who fought against Jerusalem: Their
flesh shall dissolve while they stand on
their feet, Their eyes shall dissolve in
their sockets, And their tongues shall
dissolve in their mouths.
13 It shall come to pass in that day That
a great panic from the LORD will be
among them. Everyone will seize the
hand of his neighbor, And raise his hand
against his neighbor's hand;
14 Judah also will fight at Jerusalem.
And the wealth of all the surrounding
nations Shall be gathered together: Gold,
silver, and apparel in great abundance.

15 Such also shall be the plague On the
horse and the mule, On the camel and
the donkey, And on all the cattle that will
be in those camps. So shall this plague
be.
16 And it shall come to pass that
everyone who is left of all the nations
which came against Jerusalem shall go
up from year to year to worship the King,
the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast
of Tabernacles.
17 And it shall be that whichever of the
families of the earth do not come up to
Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD
of hosts, on them there will be no rain.
18 If the family of Egypt will not come
up and enter in, they shall have no
rain; they shall receive the plague with
which the LORD strikes the nations who
do not come up to keep the Feast of
Tabernacles.

19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt
and the punishment of all the nations
that do not come up to keep the Feast of
Tabernacles.
20 In that day "HOLINESS TO THE LORD"
shall be engraved on the bells of the
horses. The pots in the LORD’S house
shall be like the bowls before the altar.
21 Yes, every pot in Jerusalem and Judah
shall be holiness to the LORD of hosts.
Everyone who sacrifices shall come and
take them and cook in them. In that day
there shall no longer be a Canaanite in
the house of the LORD of hosts.

Malachi

1 [1] The burden of the word of the
LORD to Israel by Malachi.
[2] "I have loved you," says the LORD. "Yet
you say, ‘In what way have You loved
us?’ Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?" Says
the LORD. "Yet Jacob I have loved;
[3] But Esau I have hated, And laid waste
his mountains and his heritage For the
jackals of the wilderness."
[4] Even though Edom has said, "We have
been impoverished, But we will return
and build the desolate places," Thus says
the LORD of hosts: "They may build, but
I will throw down; They shall be called
the Territory of Wickedness, And the
people against whom the LORD will have
indignation forever.

5 Your eyes shall see, And you shall
say, 'The LORD is magnified beyond the
border of Israel.'
6 "A son honors his father, And a
servant his master. If then I am the
Father, Where is My honor? And if I am
a Master, Where is My reverence? Says
the LORD of hosts To you priests who
despise My name. Yet you say, 'In what
way have we despised Your name?'
7 "You offer defiled food on My altar.
But say, 'In what way have we defiled
You?' By saying, 'The table of the LORD
is contemptible.'
8 And when you offer the blind as a
sacrifice, Is it not evil? And when you
offer the lame and sick, Is it not evil?
Offer it then to your governor! Would he
be pleased with you? Would he accept
you favorably?" Says the LORD of hosts.
9 "But now entreat God's favor, That He
may be gracious to us. While this is being

done by your hands, Will He accept you
favorably?" Says the LORD of hosts.
10 "Who is there even among you who
would shut the doors, So that you would
not kindle fire on My altar in vain? I have
no pleasure in you," Says the LORD of
hosts, "Nor will I accept an offering from
your hands.
11 For from the rising of the sun, even
to its going down, My name shall be
great among the Gentiles; In every place
incense shall be offered to My name,
And a pure offering; For My name shall
be great among the nations," Says the
LORD of hosts.
12 "But you profane it, In that you say,
‘The table of the LORD is defiled; And its
fruit, its food, is contemptible.’
13 You also say, ‘Oh, what a weariness!’
And you sneer at it," Says the LORD of
hosts. "And you bring the stolen, the
lame, and the sick; Thus you bring an

offering! Should I accept this from your
hand?" Says the LORD.
14 "But cursed be the deceiver Who
has in his flock a male, And takes a
vow, But sacrifices to the Lord what is
blemished—For I am a great King," Says
the LORD of hosts, "And My name is to
be feared among the nations.

2 1 "And now, O priests, this
commandment is for you.
2 If you will not hear, And if you will
not take it to heart, To give glory to My
name," Says the LORD of hosts, "I will
send a curse upon you, And I will curse
your blessings. Yes, I have cursed them
already, Because you do not take it to
heart.
3 "Behold, I will rebuke your
descendants And spread refuse on
your faces, The refuse of your solemn
feasts; And one will take you away with
it.

4 Then you shall know that I have sent
this commandment to you, That My
covenant with Levi may continue," Says
the LORD of hosts.
5 "My covenant was with him, one of
life and peace, And I gave them to him
that he might fear Me; So he feared Me
And was reverent before My name.
6 The law of truth was in his mouth,
And injustice was not found on his lips.
He walked with Me in peace and equity,
And turned many away from iniquity.
7 "For the lips of a priest should keep
knowledge, And people should seek
the law from his mouth; For he is the
messenger of the LORD of hosts.
8 But you have departed from the way;
You have caused many to stumble at the
law. You have corrupted the covenant of
Levi," Says the LORD of hosts.
9 "Therefore I also have made you
contemptible and base Before all the

people, Because you have not kept My
ways But have shown partiality in the
law."
10 Have we not all one Father? Has
not one God created us? Why do we
deal treacherously with one another By
profaning the covenant of the fathers?
11 Judah has dealt treacherously, And
an abomination has been committed in
Israel and in Jerusalem, For Judah has
profaned The LORD'S holy institution
which He loves: He has married the
daughter of a foreign god.
12 May the LORD cut off from the tents
of Jacob The man who does this, being
awake and aware, Yet who brings an
offering to the LORD of hosts!
13 And this is the second thing you do:
You cover the altar of the LORD with
tears, With weeping and crying; So He
does not regard the offering anymore,

Nor receive it with goodwill from your
hands.
14 Yet you say, "For what reason?"
Because the LORD has been witness
Between you and the wife of your
youth, With whom you have dealt
treacherously; Yet she is your companion
And your wife by covenant.
15 But did He not make them one,
Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why
one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore
take heed to your spirit, And let none
deal treacherously with the wife of his
youth.
16 "For the LORD God of Israel says
That He hates divorce, For it covers
one’s garment with violence," Says the
LORD of hosts. "Therefore take heed
to your spirit, That you do not deal
treacherously."
17 You have wearied the LORD with
your words; Yet you say, "In what way

have we wearied Him?" In that you say,
"Everyone who does evil Is good in the
sight of the LORD, And He delights in
them," Or, "Where is the God of justice?"

3 1 "Behold, I send My messenger,
And he will prepare the way before
Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will
suddenly come to His temple, Even the
Messenger of the covenant, In whom
you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says
the LORD of hosts.

2 "But who can endure the day of His
coming? And who can stand when He
appears? For He is like a refiner's fire
And like launderer's soap.

3 He will sit as a refiner and a purifier
of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi,
And purge them as gold and silver, That
they may offer to the LORD An offering
in righteousness.

4 "Then the offering of Judah and
Jerusalem Will be pleasant to the LORD,
As in the days of old, As in former years.
5 And I will come near you for judgment;
I will be a swift witness Against sorcerers,
Against adulterers, Against perjurers,
Against those who exploit wage earners
and widows and orphans, And against
those who turn away an alien—Because
they do not fear Me," Says the LORD of
hosts.
6 "For I am the LORD, I do not change;
Therefore you are not consumed, O sons
of Jacob.
7 Yet from the days of your fathers You
have gone away from My ordinances
And have not kept them. Return to Me,
and I will return to you," Says the LORD
of hosts. "But you said, ‘In what way
shall we return?’
8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you have
robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way

have we robbed You?’ In tithes and
offerings.
9 You are cursed with a curse, For you
have robbed Me, Even this whole nation.
10 Bring all the tithes into the
storehouse, That there may be food in
My house, And try Me now in this," Says
the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for
you the windows of heaven And pour
out for you such blessing That there will
not be room enough to receive it.
11 "And I will rebuke the devourer for
your sakes, So that he will not destroy
the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the
vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,"
Says the LORD of hosts;
12 "And all nations will call you blessed,
For you will be a delightful land," Says
the LORD of hosts.
13 "Your words have been harsh against
Me," Says the LORD, "Yet you say, ‘What
have we spoken against You?’

14 You have said, ‘It is useless to serve
God; What profit is it that we have kept
His ordinance, And that we have walked
as mourners Before the LORD of hosts?
15 So now we call the proud blessed,
For those who do wickedness are raised
up; They even tempt God and go free.’"
16 Then those who feared the LORD
spoke to one another, And the LORD
listened and heard them; So a book of
remembrance was written before Him
For those who fear the LORD And who
meditate on His name.
17 "They shall be Mine," says the LORD
of hosts, "On the day that I make them
My jewels. And I will spare them As a
man spares his own son who serves
him."
18 Then you shall again discern Between
the righteous and the wicked, Between
one who serves God And one who does
not serve Him.

4 [1] "For behold, the day is coming,
Burning like an oven, And all the
proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be
stubble. And the day which is coming
shall burn them up," Says the LORD of
hosts, "That will leave them neither root
nor branch.
[2] But to you who fear My name The Sun
of Righteousness shall arise With healing
in His wings; And you shall go out And
grow fat like stall–fed calves.
[3] You shall trample the wicked, For they
shall be ashes under the soles of your
feet On the day that I do this," Says the
LORD of hosts.
[4] "Remember the Law of Moses, My
servant, Which I commanded him in
Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes
and judgments.
[5] Behold, I will send you Elijah the
prophet Before the coming of the great
and dreadful day of the LORD.

6 And he will turn The hearts of the
fathers to the children, And the hearts of
the children to their fathers, Lest I come
and strike the earth with a curse."

Matthew

1 [1] The book of the genealogy of Jesus
Christ, the Son of David, the Son of
Abraham:
2 Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot
Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his
brothers.
3 Judah begot Perez and Zerah by
Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron
begot Ram.
4 Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab
begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot
Salmon.
5 Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz
begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse,
6 and Jesse begot David the king. David
the king begot Solomon by her who had
been the wife of Uriah.

7 Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam
begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa.
8 Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat
begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah.
9 Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot
Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah.
10 Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh
begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah.
11 Josiah begot Jeconiah and his
brothers about the time they were
carried away to Babylon.
12 And after they were brought to
Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and
Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel.
13 Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot
Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor.
14 Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot
Achim, and Achim begot Eliud.
15 Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot
Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob.

16 And Jacob begot Joseph the husband
of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is
called Christ.
17 So all the generations from Abraham
to David are fourteen generations, from
David until the captivity in Babylon are
fourteen generations, and from the
captivity in Babylon until the Christ are
fourteen generations.
18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was
as follows: After His mother Mary was
betrothed to Joseph, before they came
together, she was found with child of the
Holy Spirit.
19 Then Joseph her husband, being a
just man, and not wanting to make her a
public example, was minded to put her
away secretly.
20 But while he thought about these
things, behold, an angel of the Lord
appeared to him in a dream, saying,
"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid

to take to you Mary your wife, for that
which is conceived in her is of the Holy
Spirit.
[21] "And she will bring forth a Son, and
you shall call His name JESUS, for He will
save His people from their sins."
[22] So all this was done that it might be
fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord
through the prophet, saying:
[23] "Behold, the virgin shall be with child,
and bear a Son, and they shall call His
name Immanuel," which is translated,
"God with us."
[24] Then Joseph, being aroused from
sleep, did as the angel of the Lord
commanded him and took to him his
wife,
[25] and did not know her till she had
brought forth her firstborn Son. And he
called His name JESUS.

2 [1] Now after Jesus was born in
Bethlehem of Judea in the days of

Herod the king, behold, wise men from
the East came to Jerusalem,
2 saying, "Where is He who has been
born King of the Jews? For we have seen
His star in the East and have come to
worship Him."
3 When Herod the king heard this, he
was troubled, and all Jerusalem with
him.
4 And when he had gathered all the
chief priests and scribes of the people
together, he inquired of them where the
Christ was to be born.
5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem
of Judea, for thus it is written by the
prophet:
6 ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of
Judah, Are not the least among the
rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come
a Ruler Who will shepherd My people
Israel.’"

7 Then Herod, when he had secretly
called the wise men, determined from
them what time the star appeared.
8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and
said, "Go and search carefully for the
young Child, and when you have found
Him, bring back word to me, that I may
come and worship Him also."
9 When they heard the king, they
departed; and behold, the star which
they had seen in the East went before
them, till it came and stood over where
the young Child was.
10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced
with exceedingly great joy.
11 And when they had come into the
house, they saw the young Child with
Mary His mother, and fell down and
worshiped Him. And when they had
opened their treasures, they presented
gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and
myrrh.

12 Then, being divinely warned in a
dream that they should not return to
Herod, they departed for their own
country another way.
13 Now when they had departed,
behold, an angel of the Lord appeared
to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise,
take the young Child and His mother,
flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring
you word; for Herod will seek the young
Child to destroy Him."
14 When he arose, he took the young
Child and His mother by night and
departed for Egypt,
15 and was there until the death of
Herod, that it might be fulfilled which
was spoken by the Lord through the
prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called
My Son."
16 Then Herod, when he saw that he
was deceived by the wise men, was
exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and

put to death all the male children who
were in Bethlehem and in all its districts,
from two years old and under, according
to the time which he had determined
from the wise men.
17 Then was fulfilled what was spoken
by Jeremiah the prophet, saying:
18 "A voice was heard in Ramah,
Lamentation, weeping, and great
mourning, Rachel weeping for her
children, Refusing to be comforted,
Because they are no more."
19 But when Herod was dead, behold,
an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream
to Joseph in Egypt,
20 saying, "Arise, take the young Child
and His mother, and go to the land of
Israel, for those who sought the young
Child's life are dead."
21 Then he arose, took the young Child
and His mother, and came into the land
of Israel.

22 But when he heard that Archelaus
was reigning over Judea instead of his
father Herod, he was afraid to go there.
And being warned by God in a dream, he
turned aside into the region of Galilee.
23 And he came and dwelt in a city
called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled
which was spoken by the prophets, "He
shall be called a Nazarene."

3

1 In those days John the Baptist came
preaching in the wilderness of Judea,
2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom
of heaven is at hand!"
3 For this is he who was spoken of by
the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of
one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare
the way of the LORD; Make His paths
straight.’"
4 And John himself was clothed in
camel’s hair, with a leather belt around
his waist; and his food was locusts and
wild honey.

5 Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the
region around the Jordan went out to
him
6 and were baptized by him in the
Jordan, confessing their sins.
7 But when he saw many of the
Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his
baptism, he said to them, "Brood of
vipers! Who warned you to flee from the
wrath to come?
8 "Therefore bear fruits worthy of
repentance,
9 "and do not think to say to yourselves,
‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I
say to you that God is able to raise up
children to Abraham from these stones.
10 "And even now the ax is laid to the
root of the trees. Therefore every tree
which does not bear good fruit is cut
down and thrown into the fire.
11 "I indeed baptize you with water unto
repentance, but He who is coming after

me is mightier than I, whose sandals I
am not worthy to carry. He will baptize
you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
12 "His winnowing fan is in His hand,
and He will thoroughly clean out His
threshing floor, and gather His wheat
into the barn; but He will burn up the
chaff with unquenchable fire."
13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John
at the Jordan to be baptized by him.
14 And John tried to prevent Him,
saying, "I need to be baptized by You,
and are You coming to me?"
15 But Jesus answered and said to him,
"Permit it to be so now, for thus it is
fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."
Then he allowed Him.
16 When He had been baptized, Jesus
came up immediately from the water;
and behold, the heavens were opened
to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God

descending like a dove and alighting
upon Him.
17 And suddenly a voice came from
heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son,
in whom I am well pleased."

4 1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit
into the wilderness to be tempted by
the devil.
2 And when He had fasted forty days
and forty nights, afterward He was
hungry.
3 Now when the tempter came to Him,
he said, "If You are the Son of God,
command that these stones become
bread."
4 But He answered and said, "It is
written, ‘Man shall not live by bread
alone, but by every word that proceeds
from the mouth of God.’"
5 Then the devil took Him up into the
holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the
temple,

6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son
of God, throw Yourself down. For it is
written: ‘He shall give His angels charge
over you,’ and, ‘In their hands they shall
bear you up, Lest you dash your foot
against a stone.’"
7 Jesus said to him, "It is written again,
‘You shall not tempt the LORD your
God.’"
8 Again, the devil took Him up on an
exceedingly high mountain, and showed
Him all the kingdoms of the world and
their glory.
9 And he said to Him, "All these things
I will give You if You will fall down and
worship me."
10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with
you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall
worship the LORD your God, and Him
only you shall serve.’"
11 Then the devil left Him, and behold,
angels came and ministered to Him.

12 Now when Jesus heard that John
had been put in prison, He departed to
Galilee.
13 And leaving Nazareth, He came and
dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea,
in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali,
14 that it might be fulfilled which was
spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:
15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of
Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond
the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles:
16 The people who sat in darkness have
seen a great light, And upon those who
sat in the region and shadow of death
Light has dawned."
17 From that time Jesus began to preach
and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of
heaven is at hand."
18 And Jesus, walking by the Sea
of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon
called Peter, and Andrew his brother,

casting a net into the sea; for they were
fishermen.
[19] Then He said to them, "Follow Me,
and I will make you fishers of men."
[20] They immediately left their nets and
followed Him.
[21] Going on from there, He saw two
other brothers, James the son of
Zebedee, and John his brother, in the
boat with Zebedee their father, mending
their nets. He called them,
[22] and immediately they left the boat
and their father, and followed Him.
[23] And Jesus went about all Galilee,
teaching in their synagogues, preaching
the gospel of the kingdom, and healing
all kinds of sickness and all kinds of
disease among the people.
[24] Then His fame went throughout all
Syria; and they brought to Him all sick
people who were afflicted with various
diseases and torments, and those who

were demon–possessed, epileptics, and
paralytics; and He healed them.
25 Great multitudes followed Him–
–from Galilee, and from Decapolis,
Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the
Jordan.

5 1 And seeing the multitudes, He went
up on a mountain, and when He was
seated His disciples came to Him.
2 Then He opened His mouth and
taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 Blessed are those who mourn, For
they shall be comforted.
5 Blessed are the meek, For they shall
inherit the earth.
6 Blessed are those who hunger and
thirst for righteousness, For they shall be
filled.
7 Blessed are the merciful, For they
shall obtain mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For they
shall see God.
9 Blessed are the peacemakers, For they
shall be called sons of God.
10 Blessed are those who are persecuted
for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when they revile
and persecute you, and say all kinds of
evil against you falsely for My sake.
12 "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for
great is your reward in heaven, for so
they persecuted the prophets who were
before you.
13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if
the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be
seasoned? It is then good for nothing
but to be thrown out and trampled
underfoot by men.
14 "You are the light of the world. A city
that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

15 "Nor do they light a lamp and put it
under a basket, but on a lampstand, and
it gives light to all who are in the house.
16 "Let your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good works and
glorify your Father in heaven.
17 "Do not think that I came to destroy
the Law or the Prophets. I did not come
to destroy but to fulfill.
18 "For assuredly, I say to you, till
heaven and earth pass away, one jot or
one tittle will by no means pass from the
law till all is fulfilled.
19 "Whoever therefore breaks one of
the least of these commandments, and
teaches men so, shall be called least in
the kingdom of heaven; but whoever
does and teaches them, he shall be
called great in the kingdom of heaven.
20 "For I say to you, that unless your
righteousness exceeds the righteousness

of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by
no means enter the kingdom of heaven.
21 "You have heard that it was said to
those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and
whoever murders will be in danger of
the judgment.’
22 "But I say to you that whoever is
angry with his brother without a cause
shall be in danger of the judgment. And
whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall
be in danger of the council. But whoever
says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell
fire.
23 "Therefore if you bring your gift to
the altar, and there remember that your
brother has something against you,
24 "leave your gift there before the altar,
and go your way. First be reconciled to
your brother, and then come and offer
your gift.
25 "Agree with your adversary quickly,
while you are on the way with him, lest

your adversary deliver you to the judge,
the judge hand you over to the officer,
and you be thrown into prison.
26 "Assuredly, I say to you, you will by
no means get out of there till you have
paid the last penny.
27 "You have heard that it was said
to those of old, ‘You shall not commit
adultery.’
28 "But I say to you that whoever looks
at a woman to lust for her has already
committed adultery with her in his heart.
29 "If your right eye causes you to sin,
pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is
more profitable for you that one of your
members perish, than for your whole
body to be cast into hell.
30 "And if your right hand causes you to
sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is
more profitable for you that one of your
members perish, than for your whole
body to be cast into hell.

31 "Furthermore it has been said,
‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give
her a certificate of divorce.’
32 "But I say to you that whoever
divorces his wife for any reason except
sexual immorality causes her to commit
adultery; and whoever marries a woman
who is divorced commits adultery.
33 "Again you have heard that it was
said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear
falsely, but shall perform your oaths to
the Lord.’
34 "But I say to you, do not swear at all:
neither by heaven, for it is God’s throne;
35 "nor by the earth, for it is His
footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the
city of the great King.
36 "Nor shall you swear by your head,
because you cannot make one hair white
or black.

37 "But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your
'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than
these is from the evil one.
38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An
eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'
39 "But I tell you not to resist an evil
person. But whoever slaps you on your
right cheek, turn the other to him also.
40 "If anyone wants to sue you and take
away your tunic, let him have your cloak
also.
41 "And whoever compels you to go one
mile, go with him two.
42 "Give to him who asks you, and from
him who wants to borrow from you do
not turn away.
43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You
shall love your neighbor and hate your
enemy.'
44 "But I say to you, love your enemies,
bless those who curse you, do good to
those who hate you, and pray for those

who spitefully use you and persecute
you,
45 "that you may be sons of your Father
in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on
the evil and on the good, and sends rain
on the just and on the unjust.
46 "For if you love those who love you,
what reward have you? Do not even the
tax collectors do the same?
47 "And if you greet your brethren only,
what do you do more than others? Do
not even the tax collectors do so?
48 "Therefore you shall be perfect, just
as your Father in heaven is perfect.
6 1 "Take heed that you do not do your
charitable deeds before men, to be
seen by them. Otherwise you have no
reward from your Father in heaven.
2 "Therefore, when you do a charitable
deed, do not sound a trumpet before you
as the hypocrites do in the synagogues
and in the streets, that they may have

glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you,
they have their reward.
3 "But when you do a charitable deed,
do not let your left hand know what your
right hand is doing,
4 "that your charitable deed may be
in secret; and your Father who sees in
secret will Himself reward you openly.
5 "And when you pray, you shall not be
like the hypocrites. For they love to pray
standing in the synagogues and on the
corners of the streets, that they may be
seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you,
they have their reward.
6 "But you, when you pray, go into your
room, and when you have shut your
door, pray to your Father who is in the
secret place; and your Father who sees
in secret will reward you openly.
7 "And when you pray, do not use vain
repetitions as the heathen do. For they

think that they will be heard for their
many words.
8 "Therefore do not be like them. For
your Father knows the things you have
need of before you ask Him.
9 "In this manner, therefore, pray: Our
Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your
name.
10 Your kingdom come. Your will be
done On earth as it is in heaven.
11 Give us this day our daily bread.
12 And forgive us our debts, As we
forgive our debtors.
13 And do not lead us into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one. For
Yours is the kingdom and the power and
the glory forever. Amen.
14 "For if you forgive men their
trespasses, your heavenly Father will
also forgive you.

15 "But if you do not forgive men their
trespasses, neither will your Father
forgive your trespasses.
16 "Moreover, when you fast, do not
be like the hypocrites, with a sad
countenance. For they disfigure their
faces that they may appear to men to be
fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have
their reward.
17 "But you, when you fast, anoint your
head and wash your face,
18 "so that you do not appear to men to
be fasting, but to your Father who is in
the secret place; and your Father who
sees in secret will reward you openly.
19 "Do not lay up for yourselves
treasures on earth, where moth and rust
destroy and where thieves break in and
steal;
20 "but lay up for yourselves treasures
in heaven, where neither moth nor rust

destroys and where thieves do not break
in and steal.
21 "For where your treasure is, there
your heart will be also.
22 "The lamp of the body is the eye. If
therefore your eye is good, your whole
body will be full of light.
23 "But if your eye is bad, your whole
body will be full of darkness. If therefore
the light that is in you is darkness, how
great is that darkness!
24 "No one can serve two masters; for
either he will hate the one and love the
other, or else he will be loyal to the one
and despise the other. You cannot serve
God and mammon.
25 "Therefore I say to you, do not worry
about your life, what you will eat or
what you will drink; nor about your
body, what you will put on. Is not life
more than food and the body more than
clothing?

26 "Look at the birds of the air, for they
neither sow nor reap nor gather into
barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds
them. Are you not of more value than
they?
27 "Which of you by worrying can add
one cubit to his stature?
28 "So why do you worry about
clothing? Consider the lilies of the field,
how they grow: they neither toil nor
spin;
29 "and yet I say to you that even
Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed
like one of these.
30 "Now if God so clothes the grass of
the field, which today is, and tomorrow
is thrown into the oven, will He not
much more clothe you, O you of little
faith?
31 "Therefore do not worry, saying,
'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we
drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

32 "For after all these things the Gentiles
seek. For your heavenly Father knows
that you need all these things.
33 "But seek first the kingdom of God
and His righteousness, and all these
things shall be added to you.
34 "Therefore do not worry about
tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry
about its own things. Sufficient for the
day is its own trouble.
7 1 "Judge not, that you be not judged.
2 "For with what judgment you
judge, you will be judged; and with the
measure you use, it will be measured
back to you.
3 "And why do you look at the speck in
your brother's eye, but do not consider
the plank in your own eye?
4 "Or how can you say to your brother,
'Let me remove the speck from your
eye'; and look, a plank is in your own
eye?

5 "Hypocrite! First remove the plank
from your own eye, and then you will
see clearly to remove the speck from
your brother’s eye.
6 "Do not give what is holy to the dogs;
nor cast your pearls before swine, lest
they trample them under their feet, and
turn and tear you in pieces.
7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek,
and you will find; knock, and it will be
opened to you.
8 "For everyone who asks receives, and
he who seeks finds, and to him who
knocks it will be opened.
9 "Or what man is there among you
who, if his son asks for bread, will give
him a stone?
10 "Or if he asks for a fish, will he give
him a serpent?
11 "If you then, being evil, know how
to give good gifts to your children, how
much more will your Father who is in

heaven give good things to those who ask Him!
12 "Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.
13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.
14 "Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.
15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.
16 "You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?
17 "Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.
18 "A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.

19 "Every tree that does not bear good
fruit is cut down and thrown into the
fire.
20 "Therefore by their fruits you will
know them.
21 "Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord,
Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven,
but he who does the will of My Father in
heaven.
22 "Many will say to Me in that day,
‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in
Your name, cast out demons in Your
name, and done many wonders in Your
name?’
23 "And then I will declare to them, ‘I
never knew you; depart from Me, you
who practice lawlessness!’
24 "Therefore whoever hears these
sayings of Mine, and does them, I will
liken him to a wise man who built his
house on the rock:

25 "and the rain descended, the floods
came, and the winds blew and beat on
that house; and it did not fall, for it was
founded on the rock.
26 "But everyone who hears these
sayings of Mine, and does not do them,
will be like a foolish man who built his
house on the sand:
27 "and the rain descended, the floods
came, and the winds blew and beat on
that house; and it fell. And great was its
fall."
28 And so it was, when Jesus had ended
these sayings, that the people were
astonished at His teaching,
29 for He taught them as one having
authority, and not as the scribes.

8 1 When He had come down from the
mountain, great multitudes followed
Him.

2 And behold, a leper came and
worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are
willing, You can make me clean."
3 Then Jesus put out His hand and
touched him, saying, "I am willing; be
cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was
cleansed.
4 And Jesus said to him, "See that you
tell no one; but go your way, show
yourself to the priest, and offer the gift
that Moses commanded, as a testimony
to them."
5 Now when Jesus had entered
Capernaum, a centurion came to Him,
pleading with Him,
6 saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at
home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."
7 And Jesus said to him, "I will come
and heal him."
8 The centurion answered and said,
"Lord, I am not worthy that You should

come under my roof. But only speak a
word, and my servant will be healed.
9 "For I also am a man under authority,
having soldiers under me. And I say
to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to
another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to
my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it."
10 When Jesus heard it, He marveled,
and said to those who followed,
"Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found
such great faith, not even in Israel!
11 "And I say to you that many will
come from east and west, and sit down
with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the
kingdom of heaven.
12 "But the sons of the kingdom will be
cast out into outer darkness. There will
be weeping and gnashing of teeth."
13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go
your way; and as you have believed, so
let it be done for you." And his servant
was healed that same hour.

14 Now when Jesus had come into
Peter’s house, He saw his wife’s mother
lying sick with a fever.
15 So He touched her hand, and the
fever left her. And she arose and served
them.
16 When evening had come, they
brought to Him many who were demon–
possessed. And He cast out the spirits
with a word, and healed all who were
sick,
17 that it might be fulfilled which was
spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:
"He Himself took our infirmities And
bore our sicknesses."
18 And when Jesus saw great multitudes
about Him, He gave a command to
depart to the other side.
19 Then a certain scribe came and
said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You
wherever You go."

20 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have
holes and birds of the air have nests, but
the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His
head."
21 Then another of His disciples said to
Him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my
father."
22 But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me,
and let the dead bury their own dead."
23 Now when He got into a boat, His
disciples followed Him.
24 And suddenly a great tempest arose
on the sea, so that the boat was covered
with the waves. But He was asleep.
25 Then His disciples came to Him and
awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We
are perishing!"
26 But He said to them, "Why are you
fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He
arose and rebuked the winds and the
sea, and there was a great calm.

27 So the men marveled, saying, "Who
can this be, that even the winds and the
sea obey Him?"
28 When He had come to the other side,
to the country of the Gergesenes, there
met Him two demon–possessed men,
coming out of the tombs, exceedingly
fierce, so that no one could pass that
way.
29 And suddenly they cried out, saying,
"What have we to do with You, Jesus,
You Son of God? Have You come here to
torment us before the time?"
30 Now a good way off from them there
was a herd of many swine feeding.
31 So the demons begged Him, saying,
"If You cast us out, permit us to go away
into the herd of swine."
32 And He said to them, "Go." So when
they had come out, they went into the
herd of swine. And suddenly the whole
herd of swine ran violently down the

steep place into the sea, and perished in
the water.
33 Then those who kept them fled;
and they went away into the city and
told everything, including what had
happened to the demon–possessed
men.
34 And behold, the whole city came out
to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him,
they begged Him to depart from their
region.

9 1 So He got into a boat, crossed over,
and came to His own city.
2 Then behold, they brought to Him a
paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw
their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son,
be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven
you."
3 And at once some of the scribes
said within themselves, "This Man
blasphemes!"

4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts,
said, "Why do you think evil in your
hearts?
5 "For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins
are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise and
walk’?
6 "But that you may know that the Son
of Man has power on earth to forgive
sins" —then He said to the paralytic,
"Arise, take up your bed, and go to your
house."
7 And he arose and departed to his
house.
8 Now when the multitudes saw it, they
marveled and glorified God, who had
given such power to men.
9 As Jesus passed on from there, He saw
a man named Matthew sitting at the tax
office. And He said to him, "Follow Me."
So he arose and followed Him.
10 Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the
table in the house, that behold, many

tax collectors and sinners came and sat
down with Him and His disciples.
11 And when the Pharisees saw it, they
said to His disciples, "Why does your
Teacher eat with tax collectors and
sinners?"
12 When Jesus heard that, He said to
them, "Those who are well have no need
of a physician, but those who are sick.
13 "But go and learn what this means:
‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’ For I
did not come to call the righteous, but
sinners, to repentance."
14 Then the disciples of John came
to Him, saying, "Why do we and the
Pharisees fast often, but Your disciples
do not fast?"
15 And Jesus said to them, "Can the
friends of the bridegroom mourn as long
as the bridegroom is with them? But the
days will come when the bridegroom

will be taken away from them, and then
they will fast.
16 "No one puts a piece of unshrunk
cloth on an old garment; for the patch
pulls away from the garment, and the
tear is made worse.
17 "Nor do they put new wine into old
wineskins, or else the wineskins break,
the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are
ruined. But they put new wine into new
wineskins, and both are preserved."
18 While He spoke these things to them,
behold, a ruler came and worshiped
Him, saying, "My daughter has just died,
but come and lay Your hand on her and
she will live."
19 So Jesus arose and followed him, and
so did His disciples.
20 And suddenly, a woman who had
a flow of blood for twelve years came
from behind and touched the hem of His
garment.

21 For she said to herself, "If only I may
touch His garment, I shall be made well."
22 But Jesus turned around, and when
He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer,
daughter; your faith has made you well."
And the woman was made well from
that hour.
23 When Jesus came into the ruler’s
house, and saw the flute players and the
noisy crowd wailing,
24 He said to them, "Make room, for the
girl is not dead, but sleeping." And they
ridiculed Him.
25 But when the crowd was put outside,
He went in and took her by the hand,
and the girl arose.
26 And the report of this went out into
all that land.
27 When Jesus departed from there,
two blind men followed Him, crying out
and saying, "Son of David, have mercy
on us!"

28 And when He had come into the
house, the blind men came to Him. And
Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that
I am able to do this?" They said to Him,
"Yes, Lord."
29 Then He touched their eyes, saying,
"According to your faith let it be to you."
30 And their eyes were opened. And
Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See
that no one knows it."
31 But when they had departed, they
spread the news about Him in all that
country.
32 As they went out, behold, they
brought to Him a man, mute and
demon–possessed.
33 And when the demon was cast out,
the mute spoke. And the multitudes
marveled, saying, "It was never seen like
this in Israel!"
34 But the Pharisees said, "He casts out
demons by the ruler of the demons."

35 Then Jesus went about all the
cities and villages, teaching in their
synagogues, preaching the gospel of the
kingdom, and healing every sickness and
every disease among the people.
36 But when He saw the multitudes, He
was moved with compassion for them,
because they were weary and scattered,
like sheep having no shepherd.
37 Then He said to His disciples, "The
harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers
are few.
38 "Therefore pray the Lord of the
harvest to send out laborers into His
harvest."

10 1 And when He had called His
twelve disciples to Him, He gave
them power over unclean spirits, to
cast them out, and to heal all kinds of
sickness and all kinds of disease.
2 Now the names of the twelve apostles
are these: first, Simon, who is called

Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the
son of Zebedee, and John his brother;
3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and
Matthew the tax collector; James the
son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose
surname was Thaddaeus;
4 Simon the Canaanite, and Judas
Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.
5 These twelve Jesus sent out and
commanded them, saying: "Do not go
into the way of the Gentiles, and do not
enter a city of the Samaritans.
6 "But go rather to the lost sheep of the
house of Israel.
7 "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The
kingdom of heaven is at hand.'
8 "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers,
raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely
you have received, freely give.
9 "Provide neither gold nor silver nor
copper in your money belts,

10 "nor bag for your journey, nor two
tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a
worker is worthy of his food.
11 "Now whatever city or town you
enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and
stay there till you go out.
12 "And when you go into a household,
greet it.
13 "If the household is worthy, let your
peace come upon it. But if it is not
worthy, let your peace return to you.
14 "And whoever will not receive you
nor hear your words, when you depart
from that house or city, shake off the
dust from your feet.
15 "Assuredly, I say to you, it will be
more tolerable for the land of Sodom
and Gomorrah in the day of judgment
than for that city!
16 "Behold, I send you out as sheep in
the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise
as serpents and harmless as doves.

17 "But beware of men, for they will
deliver you up to councils and scourge
you in their synagogues.
18 "You will be brought before governors
and kings for My sake, as a testimony to
them and to the Gentiles.
19 "But when they deliver you up, do
not worry about how or what you should
speak. For it will be given to you in that
hour what you should speak;
20 "for it is not you who speak, but the
Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.
21 "Now brother will deliver up brother
to death, and a father his child; and
children will rise up against parents and
cause them to be put to death.
22 "And you will be hated by all for My
name's sake. But he who endures to the
end will be saved.
23 "When they persecute you in this
city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say
to you, you will not have gone through

the cities of Israel before the Son of Man
comes.
24 "A disciple is not above his teacher,
nor a servant above his master.
25 "It is enough for a disciple that he be
like his teacher, and a servant like his
master. If they have called the master of
the house Beelzebub, how much more
will they call those of his household!
26 "Therefore do not fear them. For
there is nothing covered that will not be
revealed, and hidden that will not be
known.
27 "Whatever I tell you in the dark,
speak in the light; and what you hear in
the ear, preach on the housetops.
28 "And do not fear those who kill the
body but cannot kill the soul. But rather
fear Him who is able to destroy both soul
and body in hell.
29 "Are not two sparrows sold for a
copper coin? And not one of them falls

to the ground apart from your Father's
will.
30 "But the very hairs of your head are
all numbered.
31 "Do not fear therefore; you are of
more value than many sparrows.
32 "Therefore whoever confesses Me
before men, him I will also confess
before My Father who is in heaven.
33 "But whoever denies Me before men,
him I will also deny before My Father
who is in heaven.
34 "Do not think that I came to bring
peace on earth. I did not come to bring
peace but a sword.
35 "For I have come to 'set a man
against his father, a daughter against her
mother, and a daughter–in–law against
her mother–in–law';
36 "and 'a man's enemies will be those
of his own household.'

37 "He who loves father or mother more
than Me is not worthy of Me. And he
who loves son or daughter more than
Me is not worthy of Me.
38 "And he who does not take his cross
and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.
39 "He who finds his life will lose it, and
he who loses his life for My sake will find
it.
40 "He who receives you receives Me,
and he who receives Me receives Him
who sent Me.
41 "He who receives a prophet in
the name of a prophet shall receive a
prophet's reward. And he who receives
a righteous man in the name of a
righteous man shall receive a righteous
man's reward.
42 "And whoever gives one of these
little ones only a cup of cold water in
the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say

to you, he shall by no means lose his
reward."
11 1 Now it came to pass, when Jesus
finished commanding His twelve
disciples, that He departed from there to
teach and to preach in their cities.
2 And when John had heard in prison
about the works of Christ, he sent two of
his disciples
3 and said to Him, "Are You the Coming
One, or do we look for another?"
4 Jesus answered and said to them, "Go
and tell John the things which you hear
and see:
5 "The blind see and the lame walk; the
lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear;
the dead are raised up and the poor
have the gospel preached to them.
6 "And blessed is he who is not offended
because of Me."
7 As they departed, Jesus began to
say to the multitudes concerning John:

"What did you go out into the wilderness
to see? A reed shaken by the wind?
8 "But what did you go out to see? A
man clothed in soft garments? Indeed,
those who wear soft clothing are in
kings' houses.
9 "But what did you go out to see? A
prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more
than a prophet.
10 "For this is he of whom it is written:
'Behold, I send My messenger before
Your face, Who will prepare Your way
before You.'
11 "Assuredly, I say to you, among those
born of women there has not risen one
greater than John the Baptist; but he
who is least in the kingdom of heaven is
greater than he.
12 "And from the days of John the
Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven
suffers violence, and the violent take it
by force.

13 "For all the prophets and the law
prophesied until John.
14 "And if you are willing to receive it,
he is Elijah who is to come.
15 "He who has ears to hear, let him
hear!
16 "But to what shall I liken this
generation? It is like children sitting in
the marketplaces and calling to their
companions,
17 "and saying: ‘We played the flute
for you, And you did not dance; We
mourned to you, And you did not
lament.’
18 "For John came neither eating nor
drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’
19 "The Son of Man came eating
and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a
glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax
collectors and sinners!’ But wisdom is
justified by her children."

20 Then He began to rebuke the cities
in which most of His mighty works had
been done, because they did not repent:
21 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you,
Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which
were done in you had been done in Tyre
and Sidon, they would have repented
long ago in sackcloth and ashes.
22 "But I say to you, it will be more
tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of
judgment than for you.
23 "And you, Capernaum, who are
exalted to heaven, will be brought down
to Hades; for if the mighty works which
were done in you had been done in
Sodom, it would have remained until
this day.
24 "But I say to you that it shall be more
tolerable for the land of Sodom in the
day of judgment than for you."
25 At that time Jesus answered and said,
"I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and

earth, that You have hidden these things
from the wise and prudent and have
revealed them to babes.
26 "Even so, Father, for so it seemed
good in Your sight.
27 "All things have been delivered to
Me by My Father, and no one knows the
Son except the Father. Nor does anyone
know the Father except the Son, and the
one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.
28 "Come to Me, all you who labor and
are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn
from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in
heart, and you will find rest for your
souls.
30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden
is light."

12 1 At that time Jesus went through
the grainfields on the Sabbath.
And His disciples were hungry, and
began to pluck heads of grain and to eat.

2 And when the Pharisees saw it, they
said to Him, "Look, Your disciples are
doing what is not lawful to do on the
Sabbath!"
3 But He said to them, "Have you
not read what David did when he was
hungry, he and those who were with
him:
4 "how he entered the house of God
and ate the showbread which was not
lawful for him to eat, nor for those who
were with him, but only for the priests?
5 "Or have you not read in the law that
on the Sabbath the priests in the temple
profane the Sabbath, and are blameless?
6 "Yet I say to you that in this place
there is One greater than the temple.
7 "But if you had known what this
means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,'
you would not have condemned the
guiltless.

8 "For the Son of Man is Lord even of
the Sabbath."
9 Now when He had departed from
there, He went into their synagogue.
10 And behold, there was a man who
had a withered hand. And they asked
Him, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the
Sabbath?" —that they might accuse
Him.
11 Then He said to them, "What man is
there among you who has one sheep,
and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath,
will not lay hold of it and lift it out?
12 "Of how much more value then is a
man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful
to do good on the Sabbath."
13 Then He said to the man, "Stretch out
your hand." And he stretched it out, and
it was restored as whole as the other.
14 Then the Pharisees went out and
plotted against Him, how they might
destroy Him.

15 But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew
from there. And great multitudes
followed Him, and He healed them all.
16 Yet He warned them not to make
Him known,
17 that it might be fulfilled which was
spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:
18 "Behold! My Servant whom I have
chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul is
well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon
Him, And He will declare justice to the
Gentiles.
19 He will not quarrel nor cry out, Nor
will anyone hear His voice in the streets.
20 A bruised reed He will not break, And
smoking flax He will not quench, Till He
sends forth justice to victory;
21 And in His name Gentiles will trust."
22 Then one was brought to Him who
was demon–possessed, blind and mute;
and He healed him, so that the blind and
mute man both spoke and saw.

23 And all the multitudes were amazed
and said, "Could this be the Son of
David?"
24 Now when the Pharisees heard it
they said, "This fellow does not cast out
demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler
of the demons."
25 But Jesus knew their thoughts, and
said to them: "Every kingdom divided
against itself is brought to desolation,
and every city or house divided against
itself will not stand.
26 "If Satan casts out Satan, he is
divided against himself. How then will
his kingdom stand?
27 "And if I cast out demons by
Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast
them out? Therefore they shall be your
judges.
28 "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit
of God, surely the kingdom of God has
come upon you.

29 "Or how can one enter a strong man's
house and plunder his goods, unless he
first binds the strong man? And then he
will plunder his house.
30 "He who is not with Me is against
Me, and he who does not gather with
Me scatters abroad.
31 "Therefore I say to you, every sin and
blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the
blasphemy against the Spirit will not be
forgiven men.
32 "Anyone who speaks a word against
the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him;
but whoever speaks against the Holy
Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either
in this age or in the age to come.
33 "Either make the tree good and its
fruit good, or else make the tree bad
and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by
its fruit.
34 "Brood of vipers! How can you, being
evil, speak good things? For out of the

abundance of the heart the mouth
speaks.
35 "A good man out of the good treasure
of his heart brings forth good things,
and an evil man out of the evil treasure
brings forth evil things.
36 "But I say to you that for every idle
word men may speak, they will give
account of it in the day of judgment.
37 "For by your words you will be
justified, and by your words you will be
condemned."
38 Then some of the scribes and
Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher,
we want to see a sign from You."
39 But He answered and said to them,
"An evil and adulterous generation seeks
after a sign, and no sign will be given to
it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.
40 "For as Jonah was three days and
three nights in the belly of the great fish,

so will the Son of Man be three days and
three nights in the heart of the earth.
41 "The men of Nineveh will rise up in
the judgment with this generation and
condemn it, because they repented at
the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a
greater than Jonah is here.
42 "The queen of the South will rise up
in the judgment with this generation
and condemn it, for she came from the
ends of the earth to hear the wisdom
of Solomon; and indeed a greater than
Solomon is here.
43 "When an unclean spirit goes out
of a man, he goes through dry places,
seeking rest, and finds none.
44 "Then he says, ‘I will return to my
house from which I came.’ And when he
comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put
in order.
45 "Then he goes and takes with him
seven other spirits more wicked than

himself, and they enter and dwell there;
and the last state of that man is worse
than the first. So shall it also be with this
wicked generation."
46 While He was still talking to the
multitudes, behold, His mother and
brothers stood outside, seeking to speak
with Him.
47 Then one said to Him, "Look, Your
mother and Your brothers are standing
outside, seeking to speak with You."
48 But He answered and said to the one
who told Him, "Who is My mother and
who are My brothers?"
49 And He stretched out His hand
toward His disciples and said, "Here are
My mother and My brothers!
50 "For whoever does the will of My
Father in heaven is My brother and sister
and mother."

13 1 On the same day Jesus went out
of the house and sat by the sea.

2 And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.
3 Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow.
4 "And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them.
5 "Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth.
6 "But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away.
7 "And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them.
8 "But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

9 "He who has ears to hear, let him
hear!"
10 And the disciples came and said to
Him, "Why do You speak to them in
parables?"
11 He answered and said to them,
"Because it has been given to you to
know the mysteries of the kingdom of
heaven, but to them it has not been
given.
12 "For whoever has, to him more will
be given, and he will have abundance;
but whoever does not have, even what
he has will be taken away from him.
13 "Therefore I speak to them in
parables, because seeing they do not
see, and hearing they do not hear, nor
do they understand.
14 "And in them the prophecy of Isaiah
is fulfilled, which says: ‘Hearing you
will hear and shall not understand, And
seeing you will see and not perceive;

15 For the hearts of this people have
grown dull. Their ears are hard of
hearing, And their eyes they have closed,
Lest they should see with their eyes and
hear with their ears, Lest they should
understand with their hearts and turn,
So that I should heal them.’
16 "But blessed are your eyes for they
see, and your ears for they hear;
17 "for assuredly, I say to you that many
prophets and righteous men desired to
see what you see, and did not see it, and
to hear what you hear, and did not hear
it.
18 "Therefore hear the parable of the
sower:
19 "When anyone hears the word of the
kingdom, and does not understand it,
then the wicked one comes and snatches
away what was sown in his heart. This is
he who received seed by the wayside.

20 "But he who received the seed on
stony places, this is he who hears the
word and immediately receives it with
joy;
21 "yet he has no root in himself, but
endures only for a while. For when
tribulation or persecution arises because
of the word, immediately he stumbles.
22 "Now he who received seed among
the thorns is he who hears the word,
and the cares of this world and the
deceitfulness of riches choke the word,
and he becomes unfruitful.
23 "But he who received seed on the
good ground is he who hears the word
and understands it, who indeed bears
fruit and produces: some a hundredfold,
some sixty, some thirty."
24 Another parable He put forth to
them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is
like a man who sowed good seed in his
field;

25 "but while men slept, his enemy
came and sowed tares among the wheat
and went his way.
26 "But when the grain had sprouted
and produced a crop, then the tares also
appeared.
27 "So the servants of the owner came
and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow
good seed in your field? How then does
it have tares?’
28 "He said to them, ‘An enemy has
done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Do
you want us then to go and gather them
up?’
29 "But he said, ‘No, lest while you
gather up the tares you also uproot the
wheat with them.
30 ‘Let both grow together until the
harvest, and at the time of harvest I will
say to the reapers, "First gather together
the tares and bind them in bundles to

burn them, but gather the wheat into
my barn."’"
31 Another parable He put forth to
them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is
like a mustard seed, which a man took
and sowed in his field,
32 "which indeed is the least of all the
seeds; but when it is grown it is greater
than the herbs and becomes a tree, so
that the birds of the air come and nest in
its branches."
33 Another parable He spoke to them:
"The kingdom of heaven is like leaven,
which a woman took and hid in three
measures of meal till it was all leavened."
34 All these things Jesus spoke to the
multitude in parables; and without a
parable He did not speak to them,
35 that it might be fulfilled which was
spoken by the prophet, saying: "I will
open My mouth in parables; I will utter

things kept secret from the foundation
of the world."
36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away
and went into the house. And His
disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain
to us the parable of the tares of the
field."
37 He answered and said to them: "He
who sows the good seed is the Son of
Man.
38 "The field is the world, the good
seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but
the tares are the sons of the wicked one.
39 "The enemy who sowed them is the
devil, the harvest is the end of the age,
and the reapers are the angels.
40 "Therefore as the tares are gathered
and burned in the fire, so it will be at the
end of this age.
41 "The Son of Man will send out His
angels, and they will gather out of His

kingdom all things that offend, and those
who practice lawlessness,
42 "and will cast them into the furnace
of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing
of teeth.
43 "Then the righteous will shine forth
as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.
He who has ears to hear, let him hear!
44 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like
treasure hidden in a field, which a man
found and hid; and for joy over it he goes
and sells all that he has and buys that
field.
45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like
a merchant seeking beautiful pearls,
46 "who, when he had found one pearl
of great price, went and sold all that he
had and bought it.
47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like
a dragnet that was cast into the sea and
gathered some of every kind,

48 "which, when it was full, they drew to
shore; and they sat down and gathered
the good into vessels, but threw the bad
away.
49 "So it will be at the end of the age.
The angels will come forth, separate the
wicked from among the just,
50 "and cast them into the furnace of
fire. There will be wailing and gnashing
of teeth."
51 Jesus said to them, "Have you
understood all these things?" They said
to Him, "Yes, Lord."
52 Then He said to them, "Therefore
every scribe instructed concerning the
kingdom of heaven is like a householder
who brings out of his treasure things
new and old."
53 Now it came to pass, when Jesus
had finished these parables, that He
departed from there.

54 And when He had come to His
own country, He taught them in their
synagogue, so that they were astonished
and said, "Where did this Man get this
wisdom and these mighty works?
55 "Is this not the carpenter's son?
Is not His mother called Mary? And
His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and
Judas?
56 "And His sisters, are they not all with
us? Where then did this Man get all
these things?"
57 So they were offended at Him. But
Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not
without honor except in his own country
and in his own house."
58 Now He did not do many mighty
works there because of their unbelief.
14 1 At that time Herod the tetrarch
heard the report about Jesus
2 and said to his servants, "This is John
the Baptist; he is risen from the dead,

and therefore these powers are at work
in him."
3 For Herod had laid hold of John and
bound him, and put him in prison for
the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's
wife.
4 Because John had said to him, "It is
not lawful for you to have her."
5 And although he wanted to put him to
death, he feared the multitude, because
they counted him as a prophet.
6 But when Herod's birthday was
celebrated, the daughter of Herodias
danced before them and pleased Herod.
7 Therefore he promised with an oath
to give her whatever she might ask.
8 So she, having been prompted by her
mother, said, "Give me John the Baptist's
head here on a platter."
9 And the king was sorry; nevertheless,
because of the oaths and because of

those who sat with him, he commanded
it to be given to her.
10 So he sent and had John beheaded in
prison.
11 And his head was brought on a
platter and given to the girl, and she
brought it to her mother.
12 Then his disciples came and took
away the body and buried it, and went
and told Jesus.
13 When Jesus heard it, He departed
from there by boat to a deserted place
by Himself. But when the multitudes
heard it, they followed Him on foot from
the cities.
14 And when Jesus went out He saw a
great multitude; and He was moved with
compassion for them, and healed their
sick.
15 When it was evening, His disciples
came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted
place, and the hour is already late. Send

the multitudes away, that they may go
into the villages and buy themselves
food."
16 But Jesus said to them, "They do
not need to go away. You give them
something to eat."
17 And they said to Him, "We have here
only five loaves and two fish."
18 He said, "Bring them here to Me."
19 Then He commanded the multitudes
to sit down on the grass. And He took the
five loaves and the two fish, and looking
up to heaven, He blessed and broke and
gave the loaves to the disciples; and the
disciples gave to the multitudes.
20 So they all ate and were filled, and
they took up twelve baskets full of the
fragments that remained.
21 Now those who had eaten were
about five thousand men, besides
women and children.

22 Immediately Jesus made His disciples
get into the boat and go before Him
to the other side, while He sent the
multitudes away.
23 And when He had sent the multitudes
away, He went up on the mountain by
Himself to pray. Now when evening
came, He was alone there.
24 But the boat was now in the middle
of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the
wind was contrary.
25 Now in the fourth watch of the night
Jesus went to them, walking on the sea.
26 And when the disciples saw Him
walking on the sea, they were troubled,
saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out
for fear.
27 But immediately Jesus spoke to
them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I;
do not be afraid."

28 And Peter answered Him and said,
"Lord, if it is You, command me to come
to You on the water."
29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter
had come down out of the boat, he
walked on the water to go to Jesus.
30 But when he saw that the wind was
boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning
to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save
me!"
31 And immediately Jesus stretched out
His hand and caught him, and said to
him, "O you of little faith, why did you
doubt?"
32 And when they got into the boat, the
wind ceased.
33 Then those who were in the boat
came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly
You are the Son of God."
34 When they had crossed over, they
came to the land of Gennesaret.

35 And when the men of that place
recognized Him, they sent out into all
that surrounding region, brought to Him
all who were sick,
36 and begged Him that they might only
touch the hem of His garment. And as
many as touched it were made perfectly
well.
15 1 Then the scribes and Pharisees
who were from Jerusalem came
to Jesus, saying,
2 "Why do Your disciples transgress the
tradition of the elders? For they do not
wash their hands when they eat bread."
3 He answered and said to them,
"Why do you also transgress the
commandment of God because of your
tradition?
4 "For God commanded, saying, ‘Honor
your father and your mother’; and, ‘He
who curses father or mother, let him be
put to death.’

5 "But you say, ‘Whoever says to his
father or mother, "Whatever profit you
might have received from me is a gift to
God" —
6 ‘then he need not honor his father
or mother.’ Thus you have made the
commandment of God of no effect by
your tradition.
7 "Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy
about you, saying:
8 ‘These people draw near to Me with
their mouth, And honor Me with their
lips, But their heart is far from Me.
9 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching
as doctrines the commandments of
men.’"
10 When He had called the multitude
to Himself, He said to them, "Hear and
understand:
11 "Not what goes into the mouth
defiles a man; but what comes out of
the mouth, this defiles a man."

12 Then His disciples came and said to
Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees
were offended when they heard this
saying?"
13 But He answered and said, "Every
plant which My heavenly Father has not
planted will be uprooted.
14 "Let them alone. They are blind
leaders of the blind. And if the blind
leads the blind, both will fall into a
ditch."
15 Then Peter answered and said to
Him, "Explain this parable to us."
16 So Jesus said, "Are you also still
without understanding?
17 "Do you not yet understand that
whatever enters the mouth goes into
the stomach and is eliminated?
18 "But those things which proceed out
of the mouth come from the heart, and
they defile a man.

19 "For out of the heart proceed
evil thoughts, murders, adulteries,
fornications, thefts, false witness,
blasphemies.
20 "These are the things which defile a
man, but to eat with unwashed hands
does not defile a man."
21 Then Jesus went out from there and
departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon.
22 And behold, a woman of Canaan
came from that region and cried out to
Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord,
Son of David! My daughter is severely
demon–possessed."
23 But He answered her not a word.
And His disciples came and urged Him,
saying, "Send her away, for she cries out
after us."
24 But He answered and said, "I was
not sent except to the lost sheep of the
house of Israel."

25 Then she came and worshiped Him,
saying, "Lord, help me!"
26 But He answered and said, "It is not
good to take the children's bread and
throw it to the little dogs."
27 And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the
little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from
their masters' table."
28 Then Jesus answered and said to her,
"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be
to you as you desire." And her daughter
was healed from that very hour.
29 Jesus departed from there, skirted
the Sea of Galilee, and went up on the
mountain and sat down there.
30 Then great multitudes came to Him,
having with them the lame, blind, mute,
maimed, and many others; and they laid
them down at Jesus' feet, and He healed
them.
31 So the multitude marveled when
they saw the mute speaking, the maimed

made whole, the lame walking, and the
blind seeing; and they glorified the God
of Israel.
32 Now Jesus called His disciples to
Himself and said, "I have compassion on
the multitude, because they have now
continued with Me three days and have
nothing to eat. And I do not want to
send them away hungry, lest they faint
on the way."
33 Then His disciples said to Him,
"Where could we get enough bread
in the wilderness to fill such a great
multitude?"
34 Jesus said to them, "How many
loaves do you have?" And they said,
"Seven, and a few little fish."
35 So He commanded the multitude to
sit down on the ground.
36 And He took the seven loaves and
the fish and gave thanks, broke them

and gave them to His disciples; and the
disciples gave to the multitude.
37 So they all ate and were filled, and
they took up seven large baskets full of
the fragments that were left.
38 Now those who ate were four
thousand men, besides women and
children.
39 And He sent away the multitude, got
into the boat, and came to the region of
Magdala.
16 1 Then the Pharisees and
Sadducees came, and testing Him
asked that He would show them a sign
from heaven.
2 He answered and said to them, "When
it is evening you say, ‘It will be fair
weather, for the sky is red’;
3 "and in the morning, ‘It will be foul
weather today, for the sky is red and
threatening.’ Hypocrites! You know how

to discern the face of the sky, but you
cannot discern the signs of the times.
4 "A wicked and adulterous generation
seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be
given to it except the sign of the prophet
Jonah." And He left them and departed.
5 Now when His disciples had come to
the other side, they had forgotten to
take bread.
6 Then Jesus said to them, "Take
heed and beware of the leaven of the
Pharisees and the Sadducees."
7 And they reasoned among
themselves, saying, "It is because
we have taken no bread."
8 But Jesus, being aware of it, said to
them, "O you of little faith, why do you
reason among yourselves because you
have brought no bread?
9 "Do you not yet understand, or
remember the five loaves of the five

thousand and how many baskets you
took up?
10 "Nor the seven loaves of the four
thousand and how many large baskets
you took up?
11 "How is it you do not understand
that I did not speak to you concerning
bread? —but to beware of the leaven of
the Pharisees and Sadducees."
12 Then they understood that He did
not tell them to beware of the leaven
of bread, but of the doctrine of the
Pharisees and Sadducees.
13 When Jesus came into the region of
Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples,
saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son
of Man, am?"
14 So they said, "Some say John the
Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah
or one of the prophets."
15 He said to them, "But who do you say
that I am?"

[16] Simon Peter answered and said, "You
are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
[17] Jesus answered and said to him,
"Blessed are you, Simon Bar–Jonah, for
flesh and blood has not revealed this to
you, but My Father who is in heaven.
[18] "And I also say to you that you are
Peter, and on this rock I will build My
church, and the gates of Hades shall not
prevail against it.
[19] "And I will give you the keys of the
kingdom of heaven, and whatever you
bind on earth will be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth will be
loosed in heaven."
[20] Then He commanded His disciples
that they should tell no one that He was
Jesus the Christ.
[21] From that time Jesus began to show
to His disciples that He must go to
Jerusalem, and suffer many things from
the elders and chief priests and scribes,

and be killed, and be raised the third
day.
22 Then Peter took Him aside and began
to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from
You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"
23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get
behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to
Me, for you are not mindful of the things
of God, but the things of men."
24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If
anyone desires to come after Me, let
him deny himself, and take up his cross,
and follow Me.
25 "For whoever desires to save his life
will lose it, but whoever loses his life for
My sake will find it.
26 "For what profit is it to a man if he
gains the whole world, and loses his
own soul? Or what will a man give in
exchange for his soul?
27 "For the Son of Man will come in the
glory of His Father with His angels, and

then He will reward each according to
his works.
28 "Assuredly, I say to you, there are
some standing here who shall not taste
death till they see the Son of Man
coming in His kingdom."
17 1 Now after six days Jesus took
Peter, James, and John his
brother, led them up on a high mountain
by themselves;
2 and He was transfigured before them.
His face shone like the sun, and His
clothes became as white as the light.
3 And behold, Moses and Elijah
appeared to them, talking with Him.
4 Then Peter answered and said to
Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be
here; if You wish, let us make here three
tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses,
and one for Elijah."
5 While he was still speaking, behold, a
bright cloud overshadowed them; and

suddenly a voice came out of the cloud,
saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom
I am well pleased. Hear Him!"
6 And when the disciples heard it, they
fell on their faces and were greatly
afraid.
7 But Jesus came and touched them
and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid."
8 When they had lifted up their eyes,
they saw no one but Jesus only.
9 Now as they came down from the
mountain, Jesus commanded them,
saying, "Tell the vision to no one until
the Son of Man is risen from the dead."
10 And His disciples asked Him, saying,
"Why then do the scribes say that Elijah
must come first?"
11 Jesus answered and said to them,
"Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will
restore all things.
12 "But I say to you that Elijah has come
already, and they did not know him

but did to him whatever they wished.
Likewise the Son of Man is also about to
suffer at their hands."
13 Then the disciples understood that
He spoke to them of John the Baptist.
14 And when they had come to the
multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling
down to Him and saying,
15 "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he
is an epileptic and suffers severely; for
he often falls into the fire and often into
the water.
16 "So I brought him to Your disciples,
but they could not cure him."
17 Then Jesus answered and said, "O
faithless and perverse generation, how
long shall I be with you? How long shall I
bear with you? Bring him here to Me."
18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and
it came out of him; and the child was
cured from that very hour.

19 Then the disciples came to Jesus
privately and said, "Why could we not
cast it out?"
20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of
your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you,
if you have faith as a mustard seed, you
will say to this mountain, ‘Move from
here to there,’ and it will move; and
nothing will be impossible for you.
21 "However, this kind does not go out
except by prayer and fasting."
22 Now while they were staying in
Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of
Man is about to be betrayed into the
hands of men,
23 "and they will kill Him, and the third
day He will be raised up." And they were
exceedingly sorrowful.
24 When they had come to Capernaum,
those who received the temple tax came
to Peter and said, "Does your Teacher
not pay the temple tax?"

25 He said, "Yes." And when he had
come into the house, Jesus anticipated
him, saying, "What do you think, Simon?
From whom do the kings of the earth
take customs or taxes, from their sons or
from strangers?"
26 Peter said to Him, "From strangers."
Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are
free.
27 "Nevertheless, lest we offend them,
go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take
the fish that comes up first. And when
you have opened its mouth, you will find
a piece of money; take that and give it to
them for Me and you."

18 1 At that time the disciples came
to Jesus, saying, "Who then is
greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"
2 Then Jesus called a little child to Him,
set him in the midst of them,
3 and said, "Assuredly, I say to you,
unless you are converted and become

as little children, you will by no means
enter the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Therefore whoever humbles himself
as this little child is the greatest in the
kingdom of heaven.
5 "Whoever receives one little child like
this in My name receives Me.
6 "But whoever causes one of these
little ones who believe in Me to sin, it
would be better for him if a millstone
were hung around his neck, and he were
drowned in the depth of the sea.
7 "Woe to the world because of
offenses! For offenses must come, but
woe to that man by whom the offense
comes!
8 "If your hand or foot causes you to
sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is
better for you to enter into life lame
or maimed, rather than having two
hands or two feet, to be cast into the
everlasting fire.

9 "And if your eye causes you to sin,
pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire.
10 "Take heed that you do not despise
one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven.
11 "For the Son of Man has come to
save that which was lost.
12 "What do you think? If a man has a
hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety–nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying?
13 "And if he should find it, assuredly, I
say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety–nine that did not go astray.

14 "Even so it is not the will of your
Father who is in heaven that one of
these little ones should perish.
15 "Moreover if your brother sins
against you, go and tell him his fault
between you and him alone. If he hears
you, you have gained your brother.
16 "But if he will not hear, take with you
one or two more, that 'by the mouth of
two or three witnesses every word may
be established.'
17 "And if he refuses to hear them, tell
it to the church. But if he refuses even to
hear the church, let him be to you like a
heathen and a tax collector.
18 "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you
bind on earth will be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth will be
loosed in heaven.
19 "Again I say to you that if two of you
agree on earth concerning anything that

they ask, it will be done for them by My
Father in heaven.
20 "For where two or three are gathered
together in My name, I am there in the
midst of them."
21 Then Peter came to Him and said,
"Lord, how often shall my brother sin
against me, and I forgive him? Up to
seven times?"
22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to
you, up to seven times, but up to seventy
times seven.
23 "Therefore the kingdom of heaven is
like a certain king who wanted to settle
accounts with his servants.
24 "And when he had begun to settle
accounts, one was brought to him who
owed him ten thousand talents.
25 "But as he was not able to pay, his
master commanded that he be sold,
with his wife and children and all that he
had, and that payment be made.

26 "The servant therefore fell down
before him, saying, ‘Master, have
patience with me, and I will pay you all.’
27 "Then the master of that servant was
moved with compassion, released him,
and forgave him the debt.
28 "But that servant went out and found
one of his fellow servants who owed him
a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on
him and took him by the throat, saying,
‘Pay me what you owe!’
29 "So his fellow servant fell down at
his feet and begged him, saying, ‘Have
patience with me, and I will pay you all.’
30 "And he would not, but went and
threw him into prison till he should pay
the debt.
31 "So when his fellow servants saw
what had been done, they were very
grieved, and came and told their master
all that had been done.

32 "Then his master, after he had called
him, said to him, ‘You wicked servant!
I forgave you all that debt because you
begged me.
33 ‘Should you not also have had
compassion on your fellow servant, just
as I had pity on you?’
34 "And his master was angry, and
delivered him to the torturers until he
should pay all that was due to him.
35 "So My heavenly Father also will do
to you if each of you, from his heart, does
not forgive his brother his trespasses."

19 1 Now it came to pass, when Jesus
had finished these sayings, that
He departed from Galilee and came to
the region of Judea beyond the Jordan.
2 And great multitudes followed Him,
and He healed them there.
3 The Pharisees also came to Him,
testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it

lawful for a man to divorce his wife for
just any reason?"
4 And He answered and said to them,
"Have you not read that He who made
them at the beginning 'made them male
and female,'
5 "and said, 'For this reason a man
shall leave his father and mother and
be joined to his wife, and the two shall
become one flesh'?
6 "So then, they are no longer two
but one flesh. Therefore what God has
joined together, let not man separate."
7 They said to Him, "Why then did
Moses command to give a certificate of
divorce, and to put her away?"
8 He said to them, "Moses, because of
the hardness of your hearts, permitted
you to divorce your wives, but from the
beginning it was not so.
9 "And I say to you, whoever divorces his
wife, except for sexual immorality, and

marries another, commits adultery; and
whoever marries her who is divorced
commits adultery."
10 His disciples said to Him, "If such is
the case of the man with his wife, it is
better not to marry."
11 But He said to them, "All cannot
accept this saying, but only those to
whom it has been given:
12 "For there are eunuchs who were
born thus from their mother’s womb,
and there are eunuchs who were made
eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs
who have made themselves eunuchs for
the kingdom of heaven’s sake. He who is
able to accept it, let him accept it."
13 Then little children were brought to
Him that He might put His hands on
them and pray, but the disciples rebuked
them.

14 But Jesus said, "Let the little children
come to Me, and do not forbid them; for
of such is the kingdom of heaven."
15 And He laid His hands on them and
departed from there.
16 Now behold, one came and said to
Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing
shall I do that I may have eternal life?"
17 So He said to him, "Why do you call
Me good? No one is good but One, that
is, God. But if you want to enter into life,
keep the commandments."
18 He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus
said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall
not commit adultery,' 'You shall not
steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,'
19 'Honor your father and your mother,'
and, 'You shall love your neighbor as
yourself.'"
20 The young man said to Him, "All
these things I have kept from my youth.
What do I still lack?"

21 Jesus said to him, "If you want to be
perfect, go, sell what you have and give
to the poor, and you will have treasure
in heaven; and come, follow Me."
22 But when the young man heard that
saying, he went away sorrowful, for he
had great possessions.
23 Then Jesus said to His disciples,
"Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard
for a rich man to enter the kingdom of
heaven.
24 "And again I say to you, it is easier
for a camel to go through the eye of a
needle than for a rich man to enter the
kingdom of God."
25 When His disciples heard it, they
were greatly astonished, saying, "Who
then can be saved?"
26 But Jesus looked at them and said to
them, "With men this is impossible, but
with God all things are possible."

27 Then Peter answered and said to
Him, "See, we have left all and followed
You. Therefore what shall we have?"
28 So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly
I say to you, that in the regeneration,
when the Son of Man sits on the throne
of His glory, you who have followed Me
will also sit on twelve thrones, judging
the twelve tribes of Israel.
29 "And everyone who has left houses
or brothers or sisters or father or mother
or wife or children or lands, for My
name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold,
and inherit eternal life.
30 "But many who are first will be last,
and the last first.

20

1 "For the kingdom of heaven is
like a landowner who went out
early in the morning to hire laborers for
his vineyard.

2 "Now when he had agreed with the
laborers for a denarius a day, he sent
them into his vineyard.
3 "And he went out about the third
hour and saw others standing idle in the
marketplace,
4 "and said to them, 'You also go into
the vineyard, and whatever is right I will
give you.' So they went.
5 "Again he went out about the sixth
and the ninth hour, and did likewise.
6 "And about the eleventh hour he
went out and found others standing idle,
and said to them, 'Why have you been
standing here idle all day?'
7 "They said to him, 'Because no one
hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go
into the vineyard, and whatever is right
you will receive.'
8 "So when evening had come, the
owner of the vineyard said to his
steward, 'Call the laborers and give them

their wages, beginning with the last to
the first.’
9 "And when those came who were
hired about the eleventh hour, they each
received a denarius.
10 "But when the first came, they
supposed that they would receive
more; and they likewise received each a
denarius.
11 "And when they had received it, they
complained against the landowner,
12 "saying, ‘These last men have worked
only one hour, and you made them equal
to us who have borne the burden and
the heat of the day.’
13 "But he answered one of them
and said, ‘Friend, I am doing you no
wrong. Did you not agree with me for a
denarius?
14 ‘Take what is yours and go your way.
I wish to give to this last man the same
as to you.

15 ‘Is it not lawful for me to do what I
wish with my own things? Or is your eye
evil because I am good?’
16 "So the last will be first, and the
first last. For many are called, but few
chosen."
17 Now Jesus, going up to Jerusalem,
took the twelve disciples aside on the
road and said to them,
18 "Behold, we are going up to
Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be
betrayed to the chief priests and to the
scribes; and they will condemn Him to
death,
19 "and deliver Him to the Gentiles to
mock and to scourge and to crucify. And
the third day He will rise again."
20 Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons
came to Him with her sons, kneeling
down and asking something from Him.
21 And He said to her, "What do you
wish?" She said to Him, "Grant that

these two sons of mine may sit, one on
Your right hand and the other on the
left, in Your kingdom."
22 But Jesus answered and said, "You do
not know what you ask. Are you able to
drink the cup that I am about to drink,
and be baptized with the baptism that
I am baptized with?" They said to Him,
"We are able."
23 So He said to them, "You will indeed
drink My cup, and be baptized with the
baptism that I am baptized with; but to
sit on My right hand and on My left is
not Mine to give, but it is for those for
whom it is prepared by My Father."
24 And when the ten heard it, they
were greatly displeased with the two
brothers.
25 But Jesus called them to Himself and
said, "You know that the rulers of the
Gentiles lord it over them, and those

who are great exercise authority over
them.
26 "Yet it shall not be so among you; but
whoever desires to become great among
you, let him be your servant.
27 "And whoever desires to be first
among you, let him be your slave—
28 "just as the Son of Man did not come
to be served, but to serve, and to give
His life a ransom for many."
29 Now as they went out of Jericho, a
great multitude followed Him.
30 And behold, two blind men sitting
by the road, when they heard that Jesus
was passing by, cried out, saying, "Have
mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!"
31 Then the multitude warned them
that they should be quiet; but they cried
out all the more, saying, "Have mercy on
us, O Lord, Son of David!"

32 So Jesus stood still and called them,
and said, "What do you want Me to do
for you?"
33 They said to Him, "Lord, that our eyes
may be opened."
34 So Jesus had compassion and
touched their eyes. And immediately
their eyes received sight, and they
followed Him.

21 1 Now when they drew near
Jerusalem, and came to
Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then
Jesus sent two disciples,
2 saying to them, "Go into the village
opposite you, and immediately you will
find a donkey tied, and a colt with her.
Loose them and bring them to Me.
3 "And if anyone says anything to you,
you shall say, 'The Lord has need of
them,' and immediately he will send
them."

4 All this was done that it might be
fulfilled which was spoken by the
prophet, saying:
5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold,
your King is coming to you, Lowly, and
sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a
donkey.’"
6 So the disciples went and did as Jesus
commanded them.
7 They brought the donkey and the colt,
laid their clothes on them, and set Him
on them.
8 And a very great multitude spread
their clothes on the road; others cut
down branches from the trees and
spread them on the road.
9 Then the multitudes who went before
and those who followed cried out,
saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David!
‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of
the LORD!’ Hosanna in the highest!"

10 And when He had come into
Jerusalem, all the city was moved,
saying, "Who is this?"
11 So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus,
the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."
12 Then Jesus went into the temple of
God and drove out all those who bought
and sold in the temple, and overturned
the tables of the money changers and
the seats of those who sold doves.
13 And He said to them, "It is written,
'My house shall be called a house of
prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of
thieves.'"
14 Then the blind and the lame came to
Him in the temple, and He healed them.
15 But when the chief priests and
scribes saw the wonderful things that He
did, and the children crying out in the
temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son
of David!" they were indignant

16 and said to Him, "Do You hear what
these are saying?" And Jesus said to
them, "Yes. Have you never read, ‘Out of
the mouth of babes and nursing infants
You have perfected praise’?"
17 Then He left them and went out of
the city to Bethany, and He lodged there.
18 Now in the morning, as He returned
to the city, He was hungry.
19 And seeing a fig tree by the road, He
came to it and found nothing on it but
leaves, and said to it, "Let no fruit grow
on you ever again." Immediately the fig
tree withered away.
20 And when the disciples saw it, they
marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree
wither away so soon?"
21 So Jesus answered and said to them,
"Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith
and do not doubt, you will not only do
what was done to the fig tree, but also

if you say to this mountain, ‘Be removed
and be cast into the sea,’ it will be done.
22 "And whatever things you ask in
prayer, believing, you will receive."
23 Now when He came into the temple,
the chief priests and the elders of
the people confronted Him as He was
teaching, and said, "By what authority
are You doing these things? And who
gave You this authority?"
24 But Jesus answered and said to them,
"I also will ask you one thing, which if
you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by
what authority I do these things:
25 "The baptism of John—where was
it from? From heaven or from men?"
And they reasoned among themselves,
saying, "If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will
say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe
him?’

26 "But if we say, ‘From men,’ we fear
the multitude, for all count John as a
prophet."
27 So they answered Jesus and said,
"We do not know." And He said to them,
"Neither will I tell you by what authority
I do these things.
28 "But what do you think? A man
had two sons, and he came to the first
and said, ‘Son, go, work today in my
vineyard.’
29 "He answered and said, ‘I will not,’
but afterward he regretted it and went.
30 "Then he came to the second and
said likewise. And he answered and said,
‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go.
31 "Which of the two did the will of his
father?" They said to Him, "The first."
Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to
you that tax collectors and harlots enter
the kingdom of God before you.

32 "For John came to you in the way of
righteousness, and you did not believe
him; but tax collectors and harlots
believed him; and when you saw it, you
did not afterward relent and believe him.
33 "Hear another parable: There was
a certain landowner who planted a
vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug
a winepress in it and built a tower. And
he leased it to vinedressers and went
into a far country.
34 "Now when vintage–time drew near,
he sent his servants to the vinedressers,
that they might receive its fruit.
35 "And the vinedressers took his
servants, beat one, killed one, and
stoned another.
36 "Again he sent other servants, more
than the first, and they did likewise to
them.
37 "Then last of all he sent his son to
them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’

38 "But when the vinedressers saw the
son, they said among themselves, 'This
is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize
his inheritance.'
39 "So they took him and cast him out
of the vineyard and killed him.
40 "Therefore, when the owner of the
vineyard comes, what will he do to those
vinedressers?"
41 They said to Him, "He will destroy
those wicked men miserably, and lease
his vineyard to other vinedressers who
will render to him the fruits in their
seasons."
42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never
read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which
the builders rejected Has become the
chief cornerstone. This was the LORD'S
doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes'?
43 "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom
of God will be taken from you and given
to a nation bearing the fruits of it.

44 "And whoever falls on this stone will
be broken; but on whomever it falls, it
will grind him to powder."
45 Now when the chief priests and
Pharisees heard His parables, they
perceived that He was speaking of them.
46 But when they sought to lay hands
on Him, they feared the multitudes,
because they took Him for a prophet.

22 1 And Jesus answered and spoke
to them again by parables and
said:
2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a
certain king who arranged a marriage for
his son,
3 "and sent out his servants to call those
who were invited to the wedding; and
they were not willing to come.
4 "Again, he sent out other servants,
saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, "See,
I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and

fatted cattle are killed, and all things are
ready. Come to the wedding."'
5 "But they made light of it and went
their ways, one to his own farm, another
to his business.
6 "And the rest seized his servants,
treated them spitefully, and killed them.
7 "But when the king heard about it, he
was furious. And he sent out his armies,
destroyed those murderers, and burned
up their city.
8 "Then he said to his servants, 'The
wedding is ready, but those who were
invited were not worthy.
9 'Therefore go into the highways,
and as many as you find, invite to the
wedding.'
10 "So those servants went out into
the highways and gathered together all
whom they found, both bad and good.
And the wedding hall was filled with
guests.

11 "But when the king came in to see
the guests, he saw a man there who did
not have on a wedding garment.
12 "So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did
you come in here without a wedding
garment?’ And he was speechless.
13 "Then the king said to the servants,
‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away,
and cast him into outer darkness; there
will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’
14 "For many are called, but few are
chosen."
15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted
how they might entangle Him in His talk.
16 And they sent to Him their disciples
with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher,
we know that You are true, and teach
the way of God in truth; nor do You care
about anyone, for You do not regard the
person of men.

17 "Tell us, therefore, what do You
think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar,
or not?"
18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness,
and said, "Why do you test Me, you
hypocrites?
19 "Show Me the tax money." So they
brought Him a denarius.
20 And He said to them, "Whose image
and inscription is this?"
21 They said to Him, "Caesar’s." And
He said to them, "Render therefore to
Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and
to God the things that are God’s."
22 When they had heard these words,
they marveled, and left Him and went
their way.
23 The same day the Sadducees, who
say there is no resurrection, came to
Him and asked Him,
24 saying: "Teacher, Moses said that
if a man dies, having no children, his

brother shall marry his wife and raise up
offspring for his brother.
25 "Now there were with us seven
brothers. The first died after he had
married, and having no offspring, left his
wife to his brother.
26 "Likewise the second also, and the
third, even to the seventh.
27 "Last of all the woman died also.
28 "Therefore, in the resurrection,
whose wife of the seven will she be? For
they all had her."
29 Jesus answered and said to them,
"You are mistaken, not knowing the
Scriptures nor the power of God.
30 "For in the resurrection they neither
marry nor are given in marriage, but are
like angels of God in heaven.
31 "But concerning the resurrection of
the dead, have you not read what was
spoken to you by God, saying,

32 ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of
Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? God is not
the God of the dead, but of the living."
33 And when the multitudes heard this,
they were astonished at His teaching.
34 But when the Pharisees heard that
He had silenced the Sadducees, they
gathered together.
35 Then one of them, a lawyer, asked
Him a question, testing Him, and saying,
36 "Teacher, which is the great
commandment in the law?"
37 Jesus said to him, "‘You shall love the
LORD your God with all your heart, with
all your soul, and with all your mind.’
38 "This is the first and great
commandment.
39 "And the second is like it: ‘You shall
love your neighbor as yourself.’
40 "On these two commandments hang
all the Law and the Prophets."

41 While the Pharisees were gathered
together, Jesus asked them,
42 saying, "What do you think about the
Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to
Him, "The Son of David."
43 He said to them, "How then does
David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying:
44 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My
right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your
footstool"'?
45 "If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is
He his Son?"
46 And no one was able to answer Him
a word, nor from that day on did anyone
dare question Him anymore.

23 1 Then Jesus spoke to the
multitudes and to His disciples,
2 saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees
sit in Moses' seat.
3 "Therefore whatever they tell you to
observe, that observe and do, but do not

do according to their works; for they say,
and do not do.
4 "For they bind heavy burdens, hard to
bear, and lay them on men’s shoulders;
but they themselves will not move them
with one of their fingers.
5 "But all their works they do to be seen
by men. They make their phylacteries
broad and enlarge the borders of their
garments.
6 "They love the best places at feasts,
the best seats in the synagogues,
7 "greetings in the marketplaces, and to
be called by men, ‘Rabbi, Rabbi.’
8 "But you, do not be called ‘Rabbi’; for
One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you
are all brethren.
9 "Do not call anyone on earth your
father; for One is your Father, He who is
in heaven.
10 "And do not be called teachers; for
One is your Teacher, the Christ.

11 "But he who is greatest among you
shall be your servant.
12 "And whoever exalts himself will be
humbled, and he who humbles himself
will be exalted.
13 "But woe to you, scribes and
Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up
the kingdom of heaven against men; for
you neither go in yourselves, nor do you
allow those who are entering to go in.
14 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,
hypocrites! For you devour widows'
houses, and for a pretense make long
prayers. Therefore you will receive
greater condemnation.
15 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,
hypocrites! For you travel land and sea
to win one proselyte, and when he is
won, you make him twice as much a son
of hell as yourselves.
16 "Woe to you, blind guides, who say,
'Whoever swears by the temple, it is

nothing; but whoever swears by the gold
of the temple, he is obliged to perform
it.'
17 "Fools and blind! For which is greater,
the gold or the temple that sanctifies the
gold?
18 "And, 'Whoever swears by the altar,
it is nothing; but whoever swears by the
gift that is on it, he is obliged to perform
it.'
19 "Fools and blind! For which is greater,
the gift or the altar that sanctifies the
gift?
20 "Therefore he who swears by the
altar, swears by it and by all things on it.
21 "He who swears by the temple,
swears by it and by Him who dwells in it.
22 "And he who swears by heaven,
swears by the throne of God and by Him
who sits on it.
23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,
hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and

anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.
24 "Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!
25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self–indulgence.
26 "Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also.
27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness.
28 "Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

[29] "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,
hypocrites! Because you build the
tombs of the prophets and adorn the
monuments of the righteous,
[30] "and say, ‘If we had lived in the days
of our fathers, we would not have been
partakers with them in the blood of the
prophets.’
[31] "Therefore you are witnesses against
yourselves that you are sons of those
who murdered the prophets.
[32] "Fill up, then, the measure of your
fathers’ guilt.
[33] "Serpents, brood of vipers! How can
you escape the condemnation of hell?
[34] "Therefore, indeed, I send you
prophets, wise men, and scribes: some
of them you will kill and crucify, and
some of them you will scourge in your
synagogues and persecute from city to
city,

35 "that on you may come all the
righteous blood shed on the earth, from
the blood of righteous Abel to the blood
of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom
you murdered between the temple and
the altar.
36 "Assuredly, I say to you, all these
things will come upon this generation.
37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one
who kills the prophets and stones those
who are sent to her! How often I wanted
to gather your children together, as a
hen gathers her chicks under her wings,
but you were not willing!
38 "See! Your house is left to you
desolate;
39 "for I say to you, you shall see Me
no more till you say, ‘Blessed is He who
comes in the name of the LORD!’"
24 1 Then Jesus went out and
departed from the temple, and

His disciples came up to show Him the
buildings of the temple.
2 And Jesus said to them, "Do you not
see all these things? Assuredly, I say
to you, not one stone shall be left here
upon another, that shall not be thrown
down."
3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives,
the disciples came to Him privately,
saying, "Tell us, when will these things
be? And what will be the sign of Your
coming, and of the end of the age?"
4 And Jesus answered and said to them:
"Take heed that no one deceives you.
5 "For many will come in My name,
saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive
many.
6 "And you will hear of wars and rumors
of wars. See that you are not troubled;
for all these things must come to pass,
but the end is not yet.

7 "For nation will rise against nation,
and kingdom against kingdom. And
there will be famines, pestilences, and
earthquakes in various places.
8 "All these are the beginning of
sorrows.
9 "Then they will deliver you up to
tribulation and kill you, and you will be
hated by all nations for My name's sake.
10 "And then many will be offended,
will betray one another, and will hate
one another.
11 "Then many false prophets will rise
up and deceive many.
12 "And because lawlessness will
abound, the love of many will grow cold.
13 "But he who endures to the end shall
be saved.
14 "And this gospel of the kingdom will
be preached in all the world as a witness
to all the nations, and then the end will
come.

15 "Therefore when you see the
'abomination of desolation,' spoken of
by Daniel the prophet, standing in the
holy place" (whoever reads, let him
understand),
16 "then let those who are in Judea flee
to the mountains.
17 "Let him who is on the housetop
not go down to take anything out of his
house.
18 "And let him who is in the field not
go back to get his clothes.
19 "But woe to those who are pregnant
and to those who are nursing babies in
those days!
20 "And pray that your flight may not be
in winter or on the Sabbath.
21 "For then there will be great
tribulation, such as has not been since
the beginning of the world until this
time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 "And unless those days were
shortened, no flesh would be saved; but
for the elect’s sake those days will be
shortened.
23 "Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look,
here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not
believe it.
24 "For false christs and false prophets
will rise and show great signs and
wonders to deceive, if possible, even the
elect.
25 "See, I have told you beforehand.
26 "Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look,
He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or
‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not
believe it.
27 "For as the lightning comes from the
east and flashes to the west, so also will
the coming of the Son of Man be.
28 "For wherever the carcass is, there
the eagles will be gathered together.

29 "Immediately after the tribulation of
those days the sun will be darkened, and
the moon will not give its light; the stars
will fall from heaven, and the powers of
the heavens will be shaken.
30 "Then the sign of the Son of Man will
appear in heaven, and then all the tribes
of the earth will mourn, and they will see
the Son of Man coming on the clouds of
heaven with power and great glory.
31 "And He will send His angels with a
great sound of a trumpet, and they will
gather together His elect from the four
winds, from one end of heaven to the
other.
32 "Now learn this parable from the
fig tree: When its branch has already
become tender and puts forth leaves,
you know that summer is near.
33 "So you also, when you see all these
things, know that it is near—at the
doors!

34 "Assuredly, I say to you, this
generation will by no means pass away
till all these things take place.
35 "Heaven and earth will pass away,
but My words will by no means pass
away.
36 "But of that day and hour no one
knows, not even the angels of heaven,
but My Father only.
37 "But as the days of Noah were, so
also will the coming of the Son of Man
be.
38 "For as in the days before the flood,
they were eating and drinking, marrying
and giving in marriage, until the day that
Noah entered the ark,
39 "and did not know until the flood
came and took them all away, so also
will the coming of the Son of Man be.
40 "Then two men will be in the field:
one will be taken and the other left.

41 "Two women will be grinding at the
mill: one will be taken and the other left.
42 "Watch therefore, for you do not
know what hour your Lord is coming.
43 "But know this, that if the master
of the house had known what hour
the thief would come, he would have
watched and not allowed his house to
be broken into.
44 "Therefore you also be ready, for the
Son of Man is coming at an hour you do
not expect.
45 "Who then is a faithful and wise
servant, whom his master made ruler
over his household, to give them food in
due season?
46 "Blessed is that servant whom his
master, when he comes, will find so
doing.
47 "Assuredly, I say to you that he will
make him ruler over all his goods.

48 "But if that evil servant says in his
heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,'
49 "and begins to beat his fellow
servants, and to eat and drink with the
drunkards,
50 "the master of that servant will come
on a day when he is not looking for him
and at an hour that he is not aware of,
51 "and will cut him in two and appoint
him his portion with the hypocrites.
There shall be weeping and gnashing of
teeth.
25 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven
shall be likened to ten virgins who
took their lamps and went out to meet
the bridegroom.
2 "Now five of them were wise, and five
were foolish.
3 "Those who were foolish took their
lamps and took no oil with them,
4 "but the wise took oil in their vessels
with their lamps.

5 "But while the bridegroom was
delayed, they all slumbered and slept.
6 "And at midnight a cry was heard:
‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go
out to meet him!’
7 "Then all those virgins arose and
trimmed their lamps.
8 "And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give
us some of your oil, for our lamps are
going out.’
9 "But the wise answered, saying, ‘No,
lest there should not be enough for us
and you; but go rather to those who sell,
and buy for yourselves.’
10 "And while they went to buy, the
bridegroom came, and those who were
ready went in with him to the wedding;
and the door was shut.
11 "Afterward the other virgins came
also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’

12 "But he answered and said,
‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know
you.’
13 "Watch therefore, for you know
neither the day nor the hour in which
the Son of Man is coming.
14 "For the kingdom of heaven is like
a man traveling to a far country, who
called his own servants and delivered his
goods to them.
15 "And to one he gave five talents, to
another two, and to another one, to
each according to his own ability; and
immediately he went on a journey.
16 "Then he who had received the five
talents went and traded with them, and
made another five talents.
17 "And likewise he who had received
two gained two more also.
18 "But he who had received one went
and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s
money.

19 "After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.
20 "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’
21 "His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’
22 "He also who had received two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.’
23 "His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’

24 "Then he who had received the one
talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you
to be a hard man, reaping where you
have not sown, and gathering where you
have not scattered seed.
25 ‘And I was afraid, and went and hid
your talent in the ground. Look, there
you have what is yours.’
26 "But his lord answered and said to
him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you
knew that I reap where I have not sown,
and gather where I have not scattered
seed.
27 ‘So you ought to have deposited
my money with the bankers, and at my
coming I would have received back my
own with interest.
28 ‘Therefore take the talent from him,
and give it to him who has ten talents.
29 ‘For to everyone who has, more will
be given, and he will have abundance;

but from him who does not have, even
what he has will be taken away.
30 ‘And cast the unprofitable servant
into the outer darkness. There will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth.’
31 "When the Son of Man comes in His
glory, and all the holy angels with Him,
then He will sit on the throne of His
glory.
32 "All the nations will be gathered
before Him, and He will separate them
one from another, as a shepherd divides
his sheep from the goats.
33 "And He will set the sheep on His
right hand, but the goats on the left.
34 "Then the King will say to those on
His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My
Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for
you from the foundation of the world:
35 ‘for I was hungry and you gave Me
food; I was thirsty and you gave Me

drink; I was a stranger and you took Me
in;
36 'I was naked and you clothed Me;
I was sick and you visited Me; I was in
prison and you came to Me.'
37 "Then the righteous will answer
Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You
hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give
You drink?
38 'When did we see You a stranger and
take You in, or naked and clothe You?
39 'Or when did we see You sick, or in
prison, and come to You?'
40 "And the King will answer and say to
them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch
as you did it to one of the least of these
My brethren, you did it to Me.'
41 "Then He will also say to those on the
left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed,
into the everlasting fire prepared for the
devil and his angels:

42 ‘for I was hungry and you gave Me no
food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no
drink;
43 ‘I was a stranger and you did not take
Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me,
sick and in prison and you did not visit
Me.’
44 "Then they also will answer Him,
saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You
hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked
or sick or in prison, and did not minister
to You?’
45 "Then He will answer them, saying,
‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you
did not do it to one of the least of these,
you did not do it to Me.’
46 "And these will go away into
everlasting punishment, but the
righteous into eternal life."

26 1 Now it came to pass, when Jesus
had finished all these sayings,
that He said to His disciples,

2 "You know that after two days is the
Passover, and the Son of Man will be
delivered up to be crucified."
3 Then the chief priests, the scribes,
and the elders of the people assembled
at the palace of the high priest, who was
called Caiaphas,
4 and plotted to take Jesus by trickery
and kill Him.
5 But they said, "Not during the feast,
lest there be an uproar among the
people."
6 And when Jesus was in Bethany at the
house of Simon the leper,
7 a woman came to Him having an
alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil,
and she poured it on His head as He sat
at the table.
8 But when His disciples saw it, they
were indignant, saying, "Why this waste?
9 "For this fragrant oil might have been
sold for much and given to the poor."

10 But when Jesus was aware of it, He
said to them, "Why do you trouble the
woman? For she has done a good work
for Me.
11 "For you have the poor with you
always, but Me you do not have always.
12 "For in pouring this fragrant oil on
My body, she did it for My burial.
13 "Assuredly, I say to you, wherever
this gospel is preached in the whole
world, what this woman has done will
also be told as a memorial to her."
14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas
Iscariot, went to the chief priests
15 and said, "What are you willing to
give me if I deliver Him to you?" And
they counted out to him thirty pieces of
silver.
16 So from that time he sought
opportunity to betray Him.
17 Now on the first day of the Feast
of the Unleavened Bread the disciples

came to Jesus, saying to Him, "Where do
You want us to prepare for You to eat the
Passover?"
18 And He said, "Go into the city to
a certain man, and say to him, ‘The
Teacher says, "My time is at hand; I will
keep the Passover at your house with
My disciples."’"
19 So the disciples did as Jesus had
directed them; and they prepared the
Passover.
20 When evening had come, He sat
down with the twelve.
21 Now as they were eating, He said,
"Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will
betray Me."
22 And they were exceedingly sorrowful,
and each of them began to say to Him,
"Lord, is it I?"
23 He answered and said, "He who
dipped his hand with Me in the dish will
betray Me.

24 "The Son of Man indeed goes just as
it is written of Him, but woe to that man
by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It
would have been good for that man if he
had not been born."
25 Then Judas, who was betraying Him,
answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He
said to him, "You have said it."
26 And as they were eating, Jesus took
bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it
to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this
is My body."
27 Then He took the cup, and gave
thanks, and gave it to them, saying,
"Drink from it, all of you.
28 "For this is My blood of the new
covenant, which is shed for many for the
remission of sins.
29 "But I say to you, I will not drink of
this fruit of the vine from now on until
that day when I drink it new with you in
My Father's kingdom."

30 And when they had sung a hymn,
they went out to the Mount of Olives.
31 Then Jesus said to them, "All of you
will be made to stumble because of Me
this night, for it is written: ‘I will strike
the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock
will be scattered.’
32 "But after I have been raised, I will go
before you to Galilee."
33 Peter answered and said to Him,
"Even if all are made to stumble because
of You, I will never be made to stumble."
34 Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to
you that this night, before the rooster
crows, you will deny Me three times."
35 Peter said to Him, "Even if I have to
die with You, I will not deny You!" And so
said all the disciples.
36 Then Jesus came with them to a
place called Gethsemane, and said to
the disciples, "Sit here while I go and
pray over there."

37 And He took with Him Peter and the
two sons of Zebedee, and He began to
be sorrowful and deeply distressed.
38 Then He said to them, "My soul is
exceedingly sorrowful, even to death.
Stay here and watch with Me."
39 He went a little farther and fell on His
face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if
it is possible, let this cup pass from Me;
nevertheless, not as I will, but as You
will."
40 Then He came to the disciples and
found them asleep, and said to Peter,
"What? Could you not watch with Me
one hour?
41 "Watch and pray, lest you enter into
temptation. The spirit indeed is willing,
but the flesh is weak."
42 Again, a second time, He went away
and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this
cup cannot pass away from Me unless I
drink it, Your will be done."

43 And He came and found them asleep
again, for their eyes were heavy.
44 So He left them, went away again,
and prayed the third time, saying the
same words.
45 Then He came to His disciples and
said to them, "Are you still sleeping and
resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and
the Son of Man is being betrayed into
the hands of sinners.
46 "Rise, let us be going. See, My
betrayer is at hand."
47 And while He was still speaking,
behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a
great multitude with swords and clubs,
came from the chief priests and elders
of the people.
48 Now His betrayer had given them a
sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the
One; seize Him."
49 Immediately he went up to Jesus and
said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

50 But Jesus said to him, "Friend, why
have you come?" Then they came and
laid hands on Jesus and took Him.
51 And suddenly, one of those who
were with Jesus stretched out his hand
and drew his sword, struck the servant
of the high priest, and cut off his ear.
52 But Jesus said to him, "Put your
sword in its place, for all who take the
sword will perish by the sword.
53 "Or do you think that I cannot now
pray to My Father, and He will provide
Me with more than twelve legions of
angels?
54 "How then could the Scriptures be
fulfilled, that it must happen thus?"
55 In that hour Jesus said to the
multitudes, "Have you come out, as
against a robber, with swords and clubs
to take Me? I sat daily with you, teaching
in the temple, and you did not seize Me.

56 "But all this was done that the
Scriptures of the prophets might be
fulfilled." Then all the disciples forsook
Him and fled.
57 And those who had laid hold of
Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high
priest, where the scribes and the elders
were assembled.
58 But Peter followed Him at a distance
to the high priest’s courtyard. And he
went in and sat with the servants to see
the end.
59 Now the chief priests, the elders, and
all the council sought false testimony
against Jesus to put Him to death,
60 but found none. Even though many
false witnesses came forward, they
found none. But at last two false
witnesses came forward
61 and said, "This fellow said, ‘I am able
to destroy the temple of God and to
build it in three days.’"

62 And the high priest arose and said to
Him, "Do You answer nothing? What is it
these men testify against You?"
63 But Jesus kept silent. And the high
priest answered and said to Him, "I put
You under oath by the living God: Tell us
if You are the Christ, the Son of God!"
64 Jesus said to him, "It is as you said.
Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you
will see the Son of Man sitting at the
right hand of the Power, and coming on
the clouds of heaven."
65 Then the high priest tore his clothes,
saying, "He has spoken blasphemy!
What further need do we have of
witnesses? Look, now you have heard
His blasphemy!
66 "What do you think?" They answered
and said, "He is deserving of death."
67 Then they spat in His face and beat
Him; and others struck Him with the
palms of their hands,

68 saying, "Prophesy to us, Christ! Who
is the one who struck You?"
69 Now Peter sat outside in the
courtyard. And a servant girl came to
him, saying, "You also were with Jesus of
Galilee."
70 But he denied it before them all,
saying, "I do not know what you are
saying."
71 And when he had gone out to the
gateway, another girl saw him and said
to those who were there, "This fellow
also was with Jesus of Nazareth."
72 But again he denied with an oath, "I
do not know the Man!"
73 And a little later those who stood by
came up and said to Peter, "Surely you
also are one of them, for your speech
betrays you."
74 Then he began to curse and swear,
saying, "I do not know the Man!"
Immediately a rooster crowed.

75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly.

27

1 When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death.

2 And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

3 Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What is that to us? You see to it!"

5 Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.

6 But the chief priests took the silver
pieces and said, "It is not lawful to put
them into the treasury, because they are
the price of blood."
7 And they consulted together and
bought with them the potter's field, to
bury strangers in.
8 Therefore that field has been called
the Field of Blood to this day.
9 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by
Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "And they
took the thirty pieces of silver, the value
of Him who was priced, whom they of
the children of Israel priced,
10 "and gave them for the potter's field,
as the LORD directed me."
11 Now Jesus stood before the governor.
And the governor asked Him, saying,
"Are You the King of the Jews?" So Jesus
said to him, "It is as you say."

12 And while He was being accused by
the chief priests and elders, He answered
nothing.
13 Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You
not hear how many things they testify
against You?"
14 But He answered him not one word,
so that the governor marveled greatly.
15 Now at the feast the governor
was accustomed to releasing to the
multitude one prisoner whom they
wished.
16 And at that time they had a notorious
prisoner called Barabbas.
17 Therefore, when they had gathered
together, Pilate said to them, "Whom
do you want me to release to you?
Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?"
18 For he knew that they had handed
Him over because of envy.
19 While he was sitting on the judgment
seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have

nothing to do with that just Man, for
I have suffered many things today in a
dream because of Him."
20 But the chief priests and elders
persuaded the multitudes that they
should ask for Barabbas and destroy
Jesus.
21 The governor answered and said
to them, "Which of the two do you
want me to release to you?" They said,
"Barabbas!"
22 Pilate said to them, "What then shall I
do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They
all said to him, "Let Him be crucified!"
23 Then the governor said, "Why, what
evil has He done?" But they cried out all
the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!"
24 When Pilate saw that he could not
prevail at all, but rather that a tumult
was rising, he took water and washed
his hands before the multitude, saying,

"I am innocent of the blood of this just
Person. You see to it."
25 And all the people answered and
said, "His blood be on us and on our
children."
26 Then he released Barabbas to them;
and when he had scourged Jesus, he
delivered Him to be crucified.
27 Then the soldiers of the governor
took Jesus into the Praetorium and
gathered the whole garrison around
Him.
28 And they stripped Him and put a
scarlet robe on Him.
29 When they had twisted a crown of
thorns, they put it on His head, and a
reed in His right hand. And they bowed
the knee before Him and mocked Him,
saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"
30 Then they spat on Him, and took the
reed and struck Him on the head.

31 And when they had mocked Him,
they took the robe off Him, put His own
clothes on Him, and led Him away to be
crucified.
32 Now as they came out, they found
a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. Him
they compelled to bear His cross.
33 And when they had come to a place
called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a
Skull,
34 they gave Him sour wine mingled
with gall to drink. But when He had
tasted it, He would not drink.
35 Then they crucified Him, and divided
His garments, casting lots, that it might
be fulfilled which was spoken by the
prophet: "They divided My garments
among them, And for My clothing they
cast lots."
36 Sitting down, they kept watch over
Him there.

37 And they put up over His head the
accusation written against Him: THIS IS
JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.
38 Then two robbers were crucified with
Him, one on the right and another on
the left.
39 And those who passed by
blasphemed Him, wagging their
heads
40 and saying, "You who destroy the
temple and build it in three days, save
Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come
down from the cross."
41 Likewise the chief priests also,
mocking with the scribes and elders,
said,
42 "He saved others; Himself He cannot
save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him
now come down from the cross, and we
will believe Him.

43 "He trusted in God; let Him deliver
Him now if He will have Him; for He said,
‘I am the Son of God.’"
44 Even the robbers who were crucified
with Him reviled Him with the same
thing.
45 Now from the sixth hour until the
ninth hour there was darkness over all
the land.
46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried
out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli,
lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My
God, why have You forsaken Me?"
47 Some of those who stood there,
when they heard that, said, "This Man is
calling for Elijah!"
48 Immediately one of them ran and
took a sponge, filled it with sour wine
and put it on a reed, and offered it to
Him to drink.
49 The rest said, "Let Him alone; let us
see if Elijah will come to save Him."

50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud
voice, and yielded up His spirit.
51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple
was torn in two from top to bottom; and
the earth quaked, and the rocks were
split,
52 and the graves were opened; and
many bodies of the saints who had fallen
asleep were raised;
53 and coming out of the graves after
His resurrection, they went into the holy
city and appeared to many.
54 So when the centurion and those
with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw
the earthquake and the things that had
happened, they feared greatly, saying,
"Truly this was the Son of God!"
55 And many women who followed
Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him,
were there looking on from afar,

56 among whom were Mary Magdalene,
Mary the mother of James and Joses,
and the mother of Zebedee's sons.
57 Now when evening had come, there
came a rich man from Arimathea, named
Joseph, who himself had also become a
disciple of Jesus.
58 This man went to Pilate and asked
for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate
commanded the body to be given to
him.
59 When Joseph had taken the body, he
wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,
60 and laid it in his new tomb which he
had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled
a large stone against the door of the
tomb, and departed.
61 And Mary Magdalene was there,
and the other Mary, sitting opposite the
tomb.

62 On the next day, which followed the
Day of Preparation, the chief priests and
Pharisees gathered together to Pilate,
63 saying, "Sir, we remember, while He
was still alive, how that deceiver said,
‘After three days I will rise.’
64 "Therefore command that the tomb
be made secure until the third day, lest
His disciples come by night and steal
Him away, and say to the people, ‘He
has risen from the dead.’ So the last
deception will be worse than the first."
65 Pilate said to them, "You have a
guard; go your way, make it as secure as
you know how."
66 So they went and made the tomb
secure, sealing the stone and setting the
guard.

28 1 Now after the Sabbath, as the
first day of the week began to
dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other
Mary came to see the tomb.

2 And behold, there was a great
earthquake; for an angel of the Lord
descended from heaven, and came and
rolled back the stone from the door, and
sat on it.
3 His countenance was like lightning,
and his clothing as white as snow.
4 And the guards shook for fear of him,
and became like dead men.
5 But the angel answered and said to
the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know
that you seek Jesus who was crucified.
6 "He is not here; for He is risen, as He
said. Come, see the place where the
Lord lay.
7 "And go quickly and tell His disciples
that He is risen from the dead, and
indeed He is going before you into
Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I
have told you."

8 So they went out quickly from the
tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to
bring His disciples word.
9 And as they went to tell His disciples,
behold, Jesus met them, saying,
"Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by
the feet and worshiped Him.
10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be
afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to
Galilee, and there they will see Me."
11 Now while they were going, behold,
some of the guard came into the city
and reported to the chief priests all the
things that had happened.
12 When they had assembled with the
elders and consulted together, they gave
a large sum of money to the soldiers,
13 saying, "Tell them, 'His disciples came
at night and stole Him away while we
slept.'

14 "And if this comes to the governor’s
ears, we will appease him and make you
secure."
15 So they took the money and did as
they were instructed; and this saying
is commonly reported among the Jews
until this day.
16 Then the eleven disciples went away
into Galilee, to the mountain which
Jesus had appointed for them.
17 When they saw Him, they worshiped
Him; but some doubted.
18 And Jesus came and spoke to them,
saying, "All authority has been given to
Me in heaven and on earth.
19 "Go therefore and make disciples of
all the nations, baptizing them in the
name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit,
20 "teaching them to observe all things
that I have commanded you; and lo, I am

with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Mark

1 1 The beginning of the gospel of
Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
2 As it is written in the Prophets:
"Behold, I send My messenger before
Your face, Who will prepare Your way
before You."
3 "The voice of one crying in the
wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the
LORD; Make His paths straight.’"
4 John came baptizing in the wilderness
and preaching a baptism of repentance
for the remission of sins.
5 Then all the land of Judea, and those
from Jerusalem, went out to him and
were all baptized by him in the Jordan
River, confessing their sins.

[6] Now John was clothed with camel’s
hair and with a leather belt around his
waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.
[7] And he preached, saying, "There
comes One after me who is mightier
than I, whose sandal strap I am not
worthy to stoop down and loose.
[8] "I indeed baptized you with water, but
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."
[9] It came to pass in those days that
Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee,
and was baptized by John in the Jordan.
[10] And immediately, coming up from
the water, He saw the heavens parting
and the Spirit descending upon Him like
a dove.
[11] Then a voice came from heaven, "You
are My beloved Son, in whom I am well
pleased."
[12] Immediately the Spirit drove Him
into the wilderness.

13 And He was there in the wilderness
forty days, tempted by Satan, and was
with the wild beasts; and the angels
ministered to Him.
14 Now after John was put in prison,
Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the
gospel of the kingdom of God,
15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and
the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent,
and believe in the gospel."
16 And as He walked by the Sea of
Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his
brother casting a net into the sea; for
they were fishermen.
17 Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me,
and I will make you become fishers of
men."
18 They immediately left their nets and
followed Him.
19 When He had gone a little farther
from there, He saw James the son of

Zebedee, and John his brother, who also
were in the boat mending their nets.
20 And immediately He called them,
and they left their father Zebedee in the
boat with the hired servants, and went
after Him.
21 Then they went into Capernaum, and
immediately on the Sabbath He entered
the synagogue and taught.
22 And they were astonished at His
teaching, for He taught them as one
having authority, and not as the scribes.
23 Now there was a man in their
synagogue with an unclean spirit. And
he cried out,
24 saying, "Let us alone! What have we
to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did
You come to destroy us? I know who You
are—the Holy One of God!"
25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be
quiet, and come out of him!"

26 And when the unclean spirit had
convulsed him and cried out with a loud
voice, he came out of him.
27 Then they were all amazed, so that
they questioned among themselves,
saying, "What is this? What new doctrine
is this? For with authority He commands
even the unclean spirits, and they obey
Him."
28 And immediately His fame spread
throughout all the region around Galilee.
29 Now as soon as they had come out of
the synagogue, they entered the house
of Simon and Andrew, with James and
John.
30 But Simon’s wife’s mother lay sick
with a fever, and they told Him about
her at once.
31 So He came and took her by the hand
and lifted her up, and immediately the
fever left her. And she served them.

32 At evening, when the sun had set,
they brought to Him all who were sick
and those who were demon–possessed.
33 And the whole city was gathered
together at the door.
34 Then He healed many who were
sick with various diseases, and cast out
many demons; and He did not allow the
demons to speak, because they knew
Him.
35 Now in the morning, having risen a
long while before daylight, He went out
and departed to a solitary place; and
there He prayed.
36 And Simon and those who were with
Him searched for Him.
37 When they found Him, they said to
Him, "Everyone is looking for You."
38 But He said to them, "Let us go into
the next towns, that I may preach there
also, because for this purpose I have
come forth."

39 And He was preaching in their
synagogues throughout all Galilee, and
casting out demons.
40 Now a leper came to Him, imploring
Him, kneeling down to Him and saying
to Him, "If You are willing, You can make
me clean."
41 Then Jesus, moved with compassion,
stretched out His hand and touched
him, and said to him, "I am willing; be
cleansed."
42 As soon as He had spoken,
immediately the leprosy left him, and he
was cleansed.
43 And He strictly warned him and sent
him away at once,
44 and said to him, "See that you say
nothing to anyone; but go your way,
show yourself to the priest, and offer for
your cleansing those things which Moses
commanded, as a testimony to them."

45 However, he went out and began
to proclaim it freely, and to spread the
matter, so that Jesus could no longer
openly enter the city, but was outside in
deserted places; and they came to Him
from every direction.

2 1 And again He entered Capernaum
after some days, and it was heard
that He was in the house.
2 Immediately many gathered together,
so that there was no longer room to
receive them, not even near the door.
And He preached the word to them.
3 Then they came to Him, bringing a
paralytic who was carried by four men.
4 And when they could not come
near Him because of the crowd, they
uncovered the roof where He was. So
when they had broken through, they let
down the bed on which the paralytic
was lying.

5 When Jesus saw their faith, He said to
the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven
you."
6 And some of the scribes were sitting
there and reasoning in their hearts,
7 "Why does this Man speak
blasphemies like this? Who can
forgive sins but God alone?"
8 But immediately, when Jesus
perceived in His spirit that they reasoned
thus within themselves, He said to them,
"Why do you reason about these things
in your hearts?
9 "Which is easier, to say to the
paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,'
or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and
walk'?
10 "But that you may know that the Son
of Man has power on earth to forgive
sins" —He said to the paralytic,
11 "I say to you, arise, take up your bed,
and go to your house."

12 Immediately he arose, took up the
bed, and went out in the presence of
them all, so that all were amazed and
glorified God, saying, "We never saw
anything like this!"
13 Then He went out again by the sea;
and all the multitude came to Him, and
He taught them.
14 As He passed by, He saw Levi the son
of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office. And
He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose
and followed Him.
15 Now it happened, as He was dining
in Levi’s house, that many tax collectors
and sinners also sat together with Jesus
and His disciples; for there were many,
and they followed Him.
16 And when the scribes and Pharisees
saw Him eating with the tax collectors
and sinners, they said to His disciples,
"How is it that He eats and drinks with
tax collectors and sinners?"

17 When Jesus heard it, He said to
them, "Those who are well have no need
of a physician, but those who are sick. I
did not come to call the righteous, but
sinners, to repentance."
18 The disciples of John and of the
Pharisees were fasting. Then they came
and said to Him, "Why do the disciples
of John and of the Pharisees fast, but
Your disciples do not fast?"
19 And Jesus said to them, "Can the
friends of the bridegroom fast while the
bridegroom is with them? As long as
they have the bridegroom with them
they cannot fast.
20 "But the days will come when the
bridegroom will be taken away from
them, and then they will fast in those
days.
21 "No one sews a piece of unshrunk
cloth on an old garment; or else the new

piece pulls away from the old, and the
tear is made worse.
22 "And no one puts new wine into old
wineskins; or else the new wine bursts
the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and
the wineskins are ruined. But new wine
must be put into new wineskins."
23 Now it happened that He went
through the grainfields on the Sabbath;
and as they went His disciples began to
pluck the heads of grain.
24 And the Pharisees said to Him, "Look,
why do they do what is not lawful on the
Sabbath?"
25 But He said to them, "Have you never
read what David did when he was in
need and hungry, he and those with him:
26 "how he went into the house of God
in the days of Abiathar the high priest,
and ate the showbread, which is not
lawful to eat, except for the priests, and

also gave some to those who were with
him?"
27 And He said to them, "The Sabbath
was made for man, and not man for the
Sabbath.
28 "Therefore the Son of Man is also
Lord of the Sabbath."
3 1 And He entered the synagogue
again, and a man was there who had
a withered hand.
2 So they watched Him closely, whether
He would heal him on the Sabbath, so
that they might accuse Him.
3 And He said to the man who had the
withered hand, "Step forward."
4 Then He said to them, "Is it lawful on
the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to
save life or to kill?" But they kept silent.
5 And when He had looked around at
them with anger, being grieved by the
hardness of their hearts, He said to
the man, "Stretch out your hand." And

he stretched it out, and his hand was
restored as whole as the other.
6 Then the Pharisees went out and
immediately plotted with the Herodians
against Him, how they might destroy
Him.
7 But Jesus withdrew with His disciples
to the sea. And a great multitude from
Galilee followed Him, and from Judea
8 and Jerusalem and Idumea and
beyond the Jordan; and those from Tyre
and Sidon, a great multitude, when they
heard how many things He was doing,
came to Him.
9 So He told His disciples that a small
boat should be kept ready for Him
because of the multitude, lest they
should crush Him.
10 For He healed many, so that as many
as had afflictions pressed about Him to
touch Him.

11 And the unclean spirits, whenever
they saw Him, fell down before Him and
cried out, saying, "You are the Son of
God."
12 But He sternly warned them that
they should not make Him known.
13 And He went up on the mountain and
called to Him those He Himself wanted.
And they came to Him.
14 Then He appointed twelve, that they
might be with Him and that He might
send them out to preach,
15 and to have power to heal sicknesses
and to cast out demons:
16 Simon, to whom He gave the name
Peter;
17 James the son of Zebedee and John
the brother of James, to whom He gave
the name Boanerges, that is, "Sons of
Thunder";
18 Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew,
Matthew, Thomas, James the son

of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the
Cananite;
19 and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed
Him. And they went into a house.
20 Then the multitude came together
again, so that they could not so much as
eat bread.
21 But when His own people heard
about this, they went out to lay hold
of Him, for they said, "He is out of His
mind."
22 And the scribes who came down from
Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebub,"
and, "By the ruler of the demons He
casts out demons."
23 So He called them to Himself and
said to them in parables: "How can Satan
cast out Satan?
24 "If a kingdom is divided against itself,
that kingdom cannot stand.
25 "And if a house is divided against
itself, that house cannot stand.

[26] "And if Satan has risen up against
himself, and is divided, he cannot stand,
but has an end.
[27] "No one can enter a strong man’s
house and plunder his goods, unless he
first binds the strong man. And then he
will plunder his house.
[28] "Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be
forgiven the sons of men, and whatever
blasphemies they may utter;
[29] "but he who blasphemes against the
Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is
subject to eternal condemnation" —
[30] because they said, "He has an
unclean spirit."
[31] Then His brothers and His mother
came, and standing outside they sent to
Him, calling Him.
[32] And a multitude was sitting around
Him; and they said to Him, "Look, Your
mother and Your brothers are outside
seeking You."

33 But He answered them, saying, "Who
is My mother, or My brothers?"
34 And He looked around in a circle
at those who sat about Him, and said,
"Here are My mother and My brothers!
35 "For whoever does the will of God is
My brother and My sister and mother."

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1 And again He began to teach by
the sea. And a great multitude was
gathered to Him, so that He got into a
boat and sat in it on the sea; and the
whole multitude was on the land facing
the sea.
2 Then He taught them many things
by parables, and said to them in His
teaching:
3 "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to
sow.
4 "And it happened, as he sowed, that
some seed fell by the wayside; and the
birds of the air came and devoured it.

5 "Some fell on stony ground, where
it did not have much earth; and
immediately it sprang up because it had
no depth of earth.
6 "But when the sun was up it was
scorched, and because it had no root it
withered away.
7 "And some seed fell among thorns;
and the thorns grew up and choked it,
and it yielded no crop.
8 "But other seed fell on good
ground and yielded a crop that sprang
up, increased and produced: some
thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a
hundred."
9 And He said to them, "He who has
ears to hear, let him hear!"
10 But when He was alone, those
around Him with the twelve asked Him
about the parable.
11 And He said to them, "To you it has
been given to know the mystery of the

kingdom of God; but to those who are
outside, all things come in parables,
12 "so that 'Seeing they may see and
not perceive, And hearing they may hear
and not understand; Lest they should
turn, And their sins be forgiven them.'"
13 And He said to them, "Do you not
understand this parable? How then will
you understand all the parables?
14 "The sower sows the word.
15 "And these are the ones by the
wayside where the word is sown. When
they hear, Satan comes immediately and
takes away the word that was sown in
their hearts.
16 "These likewise are the ones sown
on stony ground who, when they hear
the word, immediately receive it with
gladness;
17 "and they have no root in themselves,
and so endure only for a time. Afterward,
when tribulation or persecution arises

for the word’s sake, immediately they
stumble.
18 "Now these are the ones sown
among thorns; they are the ones who
hear the word,
19 "and the cares of this world, the
deceitfulness of riches, and the desires
for other things entering in choke the
word, and it becomes unfruitful.
20 "But these are the ones sown on
good ground, those who hear the word,
accept it, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold,
some sixty, and some a hundred."
21 Also He said to them, "Is a lamp
brought to be put under a basket or
under a bed? Is it not to be set on a
lampstand?
22 "For there is nothing hidden which
will not be revealed, nor has anything
been kept secret but that it should come
to light.

23 "If anyone has ears to hear, let him
hear."
24 Then He said to them, "Take heed
what you hear. With the same measure
you use, it will be measured to you; and
to you who hear, more will be given.
25 "For whoever has, to him more will
be given; but whoever does not have,
even what he has will be taken away
from him."
26 And He said, "The kingdom of God is
as if a man should scatter seed on the
ground,
27 "and should sleep by night and rise
by day, and the seed should sprout and
grow, he himself does not know how.
28 "For the earth yields crops by itself:
first the blade, then the head, after that
the full grain in the head.
29 "But when the grain ripens,
immediately he puts in the sickle,
because the harvest has come."

30 Then He said, "To what shall we
liken the kingdom of God? Or with what
parable shall we picture it?
31 "It is like a mustard seed which, when
it is sown on the ground, is smaller than
all the seeds on earth;
32 "but when it is sown, it grows up
and becomes greater than all herbs,
and shoots out large branches, so that
the birds of the air may nest under its
shade."
33 And with many such parables He
spoke the word to them as they were
able to hear it.
34 But without a parable He did not
speak to them. And when they were
alone, He explained all things to His
disciples.
35 On the same day, when evening had
come, He said to them, "Let us cross
over to the other side."

36 Now when they had left the
multitude, they took Him along in the
boat as He was. And other little boats
were also with Him.
37 And a great windstorm arose, and
the waves beat into the boat, so that it
was already filling.
38 But He was in the stern, asleep on a
pillow. And they awoke Him and said to
Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we
are perishing?"
39 Then He arose and rebuked the wind,
and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And
the wind ceased and there was a great
calm.
40 But He said to them, "Why are you
so fearful? How is it that you have no
faith?"
41 And they feared exceedingly, and said
to one another, "Who can this be, that
even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

5 1 Then they came to the other side
of the sea, to the country of the
Gadarenes.
2 And when He had come out of the
boat, immediately there met Him out of
the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,
3 who had his dwelling among the
tombs; and no one could bind him, not
even with chains,
4 because he had often been bound
with shackles and chains. And the chains
had been pulled apart by him, and the
shackles broken in pieces; neither could
anyone tame him.
5 And always, night and day, he was in
the mountains and in the tombs, crying
out and cutting himself with stones.
6 When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran
and worshiped Him.
7 And he cried out with a loud voice and
said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus,

Son of the Most High God? I implore You
by God that You do not torment me."
8 For He said to him, "Come out of the
man, unclean spirit!"
9 Then He asked him, "What is your
name?" And he answered, saying, "My
name is Legion; for we are many."
10 Also he begged Him earnestly that He
would not send them out of the country.
11 Now a large herd of swine was
feeding there near the mountains.
12 So all the demons begged Him,
saying, "Send us to the swine, that we
may enter them."
13 And at once Jesus gave them
permission. Then the unclean spirits
went out and entered the swine (there
were about two thousand); and the herd
ran violently down the steep place into
the sea, and drowned in the sea.
14 So those who fed the swine fled, and
they told it in the city and in the country.

And they went out to see what it was
that had happened.
15 Then they came to Jesus, and saw the
one who had been demon–possessed
and had the legion, sitting and clothed
and in his right mind. And they were
afraid.
16 And those who saw it told them
how it happened to him who had been
demon–possessed, and about the swine.
17 Then they began to plead with Him
to depart from their region.
18 And when He got into the boat,
he who had been demon–possessed
begged Him that he might be with Him.
19 However, Jesus did not permit him,
but said to him, "Go home to your
friends, and tell them what great things
the Lord has done for you, and how He
has had compassion on you."

20 And he departed and began to
proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had
done for him; and all marveled.
21 Now when Jesus had crossed over
again by boat to the other side, a great
multitude gathered to Him; and He was
by the sea.
22 And behold, one of the rulers of the
synagogue came, Jairus by name. And
when he saw Him, he fell at His feet
23 and begged Him earnestly, saying,
"My little daughter lies at the point of
death. Come and lay Your hands on her,
that she may be healed, and she will
live."
24 So Jesus went with him, and a great
multitude followed Him and thronged
Him.
25 Now a certain woman had a flow of
blood for twelve years,
26 and had suffered many things from
many physicians. She had spent all that

she had and was no better, but rather
grew worse.
27 When she heard about Jesus, she
came behind Him in the crowd and
touched His garment.
28 For she said, "If only I may touch His
clothes, I shall be made well."
29 Immediately the fountain of her
blood was dried up, and she felt in
her body that she was healed of the
affliction.
30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in
Himself that power had gone out of Him,
turned around in the crowd and said,
"Who touched My clothes?"
31 But His disciples said to Him, "You
see the multitude thronging You, and
You say, ‘Who touched Me?’"
32 And He looked around to see her
who had done this thing.
33 But the woman, fearing and
trembling, knowing what had happened

to her, came and fell down before Him
and told Him the whole truth.
34 And He said to her, "Daughter, your
faith has made you well. Go in peace,
and be healed of your affliction."
35 While He was still speaking, some
came from the ruler of the synagogue’s
house who said, "Your daughter is dead.
Why trouble the Teacher any further?"
36 As soon as Jesus heard the word
that was spoken, He said to the ruler of
the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only
believe."
37 And He permitted no one to follow
Him except Peter, James, and John the
brother of James.
38 Then He came to the house of the
ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult
and those who wept and wailed loudly.
39 When He came in, He said to them,
"Why make this commotion and weep?
The child is not dead, but sleeping."

40 And they ridiculed Him. But when He
had put them all outside, He took the
father and the mother of the child, and
those who were with Him, and entered
where the child was lying.
41 Then He took the child by the hand,
and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is
translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise."
42 Immediately the girl arose and
walked, for she was twelve years of age.
And they were overcome with great
amazement.
43 But He commanded them strictly
that no one should know it, and said that
something should be given her to eat.

6 1 Then He went out from there and
came to His own country, and His
disciples followed Him.
2 And when the Sabbath had come, He
began to teach in the synagogue. And
many hearing Him were astonished,
saying, "Where did this Man get these

things? And what wisdom is this which
is given to Him, that such mighty works
are performed by His hands!
3 "Is this not the carpenter, the Son
of Mary, and brother of James, Joses,
Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters
here with us?" And they were offended
at Him.
4 But Jesus said to them, "A prophet
is not without honor except in his own
country, among his own relatives, and in
his own house."
5 Now He could do no mighty work
there, except that He laid His hands on a
few sick people and healed them.
6 And He marveled because of their
unbelief. Then He went about the
villages in a circuit, teaching.
7 And He called the twelve to Himself,
and began to send them out two by
two, and gave them power over unclean
spirits.

8 He commanded them to take nothing
for the journey except a staff—no bag,
no bread, no copper in their money
belts—
9 but to wear sandals, and not to put on
two tunics.
10 Also He said to them, "In whatever
place you enter a house, stay there till
you depart from that place.
11 "And whoever will not receive you
nor hear you, when you depart from
there, shake off the dust under your feet
as a testimony against them. Assuredly,
I say to you, it will be more tolerable
for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of
judgment than for that city!"
12 So they went out and preached that
people should repent.
13 And they cast out many demons, and
anointed with oil many who were sick,
and healed them.

14 Now King Herod heard of Him, for His
name had become well known. And he
said, "John the Baptist is risen from the
dead, and therefore these powers are at
work in him."
15 Others said, "It is Elijah." And others
said, "It is the Prophet, or like one of the
prophets."
16 But when Herod heard, he said, "This
is John, whom I beheaded; he has been
raised from the dead!"
17 For Herod himself had sent and laid
hold of John, and bound him in prison
for the sake of Herodias, his brother
Philip’s wife; for he had married her.
18 For John had said to Herod, "It is not
lawful for you to have your brother’s
wife."
19 Therefore Herodias held it against
him and wanted to kill him, but she
could not;

20 for Herod feared John, knowing
that he was a just and holy man, and
he protected him. And when he heard
him, he did many things, and heard him
gladly.
21 Then an opportune day came when
Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his
nobles, the high officers, and the chief
men of Galilee.
22 And when Herodias' daughter herself
came in and danced, and pleased Herod
and those who sat with him, the king
said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you
want, and I will give it to you."
23 He also swore to her, "Whatever you
ask me, I will give you, up to half of my
kingdom."
24 So she went out and said to her
mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said,
"The head of John the Baptist!"
25 Immediately she came in with haste
to the king and asked, saying, "I want

you to give me at once the head of John
the Baptist on a platter."
26 And the king was exceedingly sorry;
yet, because of the oaths and because of
those who sat with him, he did not want
to refuse her.
27 Immediately the king sent an
executioner and commanded his head to
be brought. And he went and beheaded
him in prison,
28 brought his head on a platter, and
gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to
her mother.
29 When his disciples heard of it, they
came and took away his corpse and laid
it in a tomb.
30 Then the apostles gathered to Jesus
and told Him all things, both what they
had done and what they had taught.
31 And He said to them, "Come aside by
yourselves to a deserted place and rest a
while." For there were many coming and

going, and they did not even have time
to eat.
32 So they departed to a deserted place
in the boat by themselves.
33 But the multitudes saw them
departing, and many knew Him and ran
there on foot from all the cities. They
arrived before them and came together
to Him.
34 And Jesus, when He came out, saw
a great multitude and was moved with
compassion for them, because they
were like sheep not having a shepherd.
So He began to teach them many things.
35 When the day was now far spent, His
disciples came to Him and said, "This is a
deserted place, and already the hour is
late.
36 "Send them away, that they may go
into the surrounding country and villages
and buy themselves bread; for they have
nothing to eat."

37 But He answered and said to them,
"You give them something to eat." And
they said to Him, "Shall we go and buy
two hundred denarii worth of bread and
give them something to eat?"
38 But He said to them, "How many
loaves do you have? Go and see." And
when they found out they said, "Five,
and two fish."
39 Then He commanded them to make
them all sit down in groups on the green
grass.
40 So they sat down in ranks, in
hundreds and in fifties.
41 And when He had taken the five
loaves and the two fish, He looked up to
heaven, blessed and broke the loaves,
and gave them to His disciples to set
before them; and the two fish He divided
among them all.
42 So they all ate and were filled.

43 And they took up twelve baskets full
of fragments and of the fish.
44 Now those who had eaten the loaves
were about five thousand men.
45 Immediately He made His disciples
get into the boat and go before Him to
the other side, to Bethsaida, while He
sent the multitude away.
46 And when He had sent them away,
He departed to the mountain to pray.
47 Now when evening came, the boat
was in the middle of the sea; and He was
alone on the land.
48 Then He saw them straining at
rowing, for the wind was against them.
Now about the fourth watch of the night
He came to them, walking on the sea,
and would have passed them by.
49 And when they saw Him walking on
the sea, they supposed it was a ghost,
and cried out;

[50] for they all saw Him and were
troubled. But immediately He talked
with them and said to them, "Be of good
cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."
[51] Then He went up into the boat to
them, and the wind ceased. And they
were greatly amazed in themselves
beyond measure, and marveled.
[52] For they had not understood about
the loaves, because their heart was
hardened.
[53] When they had crossed over, they
came to the land of Gennesaret and
anchored there.
[54] And when they came out of the boat,
immediately the people recognized Him,
[55] ran through that whole surrounding
region, and began to carry about on
beds those who were sick to wherever
they heard He was.
[56] Wherever He entered into villages,
cities, or in the country, they laid the

sick in the marketplaces, and begged
Him that they might just touch the hem
of His garment. And as many as touched
Him were made well.

7 1 Then the Pharisees and some of
the scribes came together to Him,
having come from Jerusalem.
2 Now when they saw some of His
disciples eat bread with defiled, that is,
with unwashed hands, they found fault.
3 For the Pharisees and all the Jews do
not eat unless they wash their hands in a
special way, holding the tradition of the
elders.
4 When they come from the
marketplace, they do not eat unless they
wash. And there are many other things
which they have received and hold, like
the washing of cups, pitchers, copper
vessels, and couches.
5 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked
Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk

according to the tradition of the elders,
but eat bread with unwashed hands?"
6 He answered and said to them, "Well
did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites,
as it is written: ‘This people honors Me
with their lips, But their heart is far from
Me.
7 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching
as doctrines the commandments of
men.’
8 "For laying aside the commandment
of God, you hold the tradition of
men—the washing of pitchers and cups,
and many other such things you do."
9 He said to them, "All too well you
reject the commandment of God, that
you may keep your tradition.
10 "For Moses said, ‘Honor your father
and your mother’; and, ‘He who curses
father or mother, let him be put to
death.’

11 "But you say, ‘If a man says to his
father or mother, "Whatever profit you
might have received from me is Corban"
—’(that is, a gift to God),
12 "then you no longer let him do
anything for his father or his mother,
13 "making the word of God of no effect
through your tradition which you have
handed down. And many such things
you do."
14 When He had called all the multitude
to Himself, He said to them, "Hear Me,
everyone, and understand:
15 "There is nothing that enters a man
from outside which can defile him; but
the things which come out of him, those
are the things that defile a man.
16 "If anyone has ears to hear, let him
hear!"
17 When He had entered a house away
from the crowd, His disciples asked Him
concerning the parable.

18 So He said to them, "Are you thus
without understanding also? Do you not
perceive that whatever enters a man
from outside cannot defile him,
19 "because it does not enter his heart
but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus
purifying all foods?"
20 And He said, "What comes out of a
man, that defiles a man.
21 "For from within, out of the heart of
men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries,
fornications, murders,
22 "thefts, covetousness, wickedness,
deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy,
pride, foolishness.
23 "All these evil things come from
within and defile a man."
24 From there He arose and went to
the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He
entered a house and wanted no one to
know it, but He could not be hidden.

25 For a woman whose young daughter
had an unclean spirit heard about Him,
and she came and fell at His feet.
26 The woman was a Greek, a Syro–
Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking
Him to cast the demon out of her
daughter.
27 But Jesus said to her, "Let the children
be filled first, for it is not good to take
the children’s bread and throw it to the
little dogs."
28 And she answered and said to Him,
"Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs
under the table eat from the children’s
crumbs."
29 Then He said to her, "For this saying
go your way; the demon has gone out of
your daughter."
30 And when she had come to her
house, she found the demon gone out,
and her daughter lying on the bed.

31 Again, departing from the region of
Tyre and Sidon, He came through the
midst of the region of Decapolis to the
Sea of Galilee.
32 Then they brought to Him one who
was deaf and had an impediment in his
speech, and they begged Him to put His
hand on him.
33 And He took him aside from the
multitude, and put His fingers in his ears,
and He spat and touched his tongue.
34 Then, looking up to heaven, He
sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha,"
that is, "Be opened."
35 Immediately his ears were opened,
and the impediment of his tongue was
loosed, and he spoke plainly.
36 Then He commanded them that they
should tell no one; but the more He
commanded them, the more widely they
proclaimed it.

37 And they were astonished beyond
measure, saying, "He has done all things
well. He makes both the deaf to hear
and the mute to speak."
8 1 In those days, the multitude being
very great and having nothing to eat,
Jesus called His disciples to Him and said
to them,
2 "I have compassion on the multitude,
because they have now continued with
Me three days and have nothing to eat.
3 "And if I send them away hungry to
their own houses, they will faint on the
way; for some of them have come from
afar."
4 Then His disciples answered Him,
"How can one satisfy these people with
bread here in the wilderness?"
5 He asked them, "How many loaves do
you have?" And they said, "Seven."
6 So He commanded the multitude to
sit down on the ground. And He took

the seven loaves and gave thanks, broke
them and gave them to His disciples
to set before them; and they set them
before the multitude.
7 They also had a few small fish; and
having blessed them, He said to set them
also before them.
8 So they ate and were filled, and they
took up seven large baskets of leftover
fragments.
9 Now those who had eaten were about
four thousand. And He sent them away,
10 immediately got into the boat with
His disciples, and came to the region of
Dalmanutha.
11 Then the Pharisees came out and
began to dispute with Him, seeking from
Him a sign from heaven, testing Him.
12 But He sighed deeply in His spirit,
and said, "Why does this generation
seek a sign? Assuredly, I say to you, no
sign shall be given to this generation."

13 And He left them, and getting into
the boat again, departed to the other
side.
14 Now the disciples had forgotten to
take bread, and they did not have more
than one loaf with them in the boat.
15 Then He charged them, saying,
"Take heed, beware of the leaven of the
Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."
16 And they reasoned among
themselves, saying, "It is because we
have no bread."
17 But Jesus, being aware of it, said
to them, "Why do you reason because
you have no bread? Do you not yet
perceive nor understand? Is your heart
still hardened?
18 "Having eyes, do you not see? And
having ears, do you not hear? And do
you not remember?
19 "When I broke the five loaves for the
five thousand, how many baskets full of

fragments did you take up?" They said to
Him, "Twelve."
20 "Also, when I broke the seven for the
four thousand, how many large baskets
full of fragments did you take up?" And
they said, "Seven."
21 So He said to them, "How is it you do
not understand?"
22 Then He came to Bethsaida; and they
brought a blind man to Him, and begged
Him to touch him.
23 So He took the blind man by the
hand and led him out of the town. And
when He had spit on his eyes and put His
hands on him, He asked him if he saw
anything.
24 And he looked up and said, "I see
men like trees, walking."
25 Then He put His hands on his eyes
again and made him look up. And he was
restored and saw everyone clearly.

26 Then He sent him away to his house,
saying, "Neither go into the town, nor
tell anyone in the town."
27 Now Jesus and His disciples went out
to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and on
the road He asked His disciples, saying to
them, "Who do men say that I am?"
28 So they answered, "John the Baptist;
but some say, Elijah; and others, one of
the prophets."
29 He said to them, "But who do you say
that I am?" Peter answered and said to
Him, "You are the Christ."
30 Then He strictly warned them that
they should tell no one about Him.
31 And He began to teach them that the
Son of Man must suffer many things,
and be rejected by the elders and chief
priests and scribes, and be killed, and
after three days rise again.

32 He spoke this word openly. And Peter
took Him aside and began to rebuke
Him.
33 But when He had turned around and
looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter,
saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you
are not mindful of the things of God, but
the things of men."
34 When He had called the people to
Himself, with His disciples also, He said
to them, "Whoever desires to come after
Me, let him deny himself, and take up
his cross, and follow Me.
35 "For whoever desires to save his life
will lose it, but whoever loses his life for
My sake and the gospel's will save it.
36 "For what will it profit a man if he
gains the whole world, and loses his own
soul?
37 "Or what will a man give in exchange
for his soul?

38 "For whoever is ashamed of Me and
My words in this adulterous and sinful
generation, of him the Son of Man also
will be ashamed when He comes in the
glory of His Father with the holy angels."

9 1 And He said to them, "Assuredly,
I say to you that there are some
standing here who will not taste death
till they see the kingdom of God present
with power."

2 Now after six days Jesus took Peter,
James, and John, and led them up on a
high mountain apart by themselves; and
He was transfigured before them.

3 His clothes became shining,
exceedingly white, like snow, such as no
launderer on earth can whiten them.

4 And Elijah appeared to them with
Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

5 Then Peter answered and said to
Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be
here; and let us make three tabernacles:

one for You, one for Moses, and one for
Elijah" —
6 because he did not know what to say,
for they were greatly afraid.
7 And a cloud came and overshadowed
them; and a voice came out of the cloud,
saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear
Him!"
8 Suddenly, when they had looked
around, they saw no one anymore, but
only Jesus with themselves.
9 Now as they came down from the
mountain, He commanded them that
they should tell no one the things they
had seen, till the Son of Man had risen
from the dead.
10 So they kept this word to themselves,
questioning what the rising from the
dead meant.
11 And they asked Him, saying, "Why
do the scribes say that Elijah must come
first?"

12 Then He answered and told them,
"Indeed, Elijah is coming first and
restores all things. And how is it written
concerning the Son of Man, that He
must suffer many things and be treated
with contempt?
13 "But I say to you that Elijah has also
come, and they did to him whatever
they wished, as it is written of him."
14 And when He came to the disciples,
He saw a great multitude around them,
and scribes disputing with them.
15 Immediately, when they saw Him, all
the people were greatly amazed, and
running to Him, greeted Him.
16 And He asked the scribes, "What are
you discussing with them?"
17 Then one of the crowd answered and
said, "Teacher, I brought You my son,
who has a mute spirit.
18 "And wherever it seizes him, it
throws him down; he foams at the

mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes
rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that
they should cast it out, but they could
not."
19 He answered him and said, "O
faithless generation, how long shall I be
with you? How long shall I bear with
you? Bring him to Me."
20 Then they brought him to Him. And
when he saw Him, immediately the spirit
convulsed him, and he fell on the ground
and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.
21 So He asked his father, "How long has
this been happening to him?" And he
said, "From childhood.
22 "And often he has thrown him both
into the fire and into the water to
destroy him. But if You can do anything,
have compassion on us and help us."
23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe,
all things are possible to him who
believes."

24 Immediately the father of the child
cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I
believe; help my unbelief!"
25 When Jesus saw that the people
came running together, He rebuked the
unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and
dumb spirit, I command you, come out
of him and enter him no more!"
26 Then the spirit cried out, convulsed
him greatly, and came out of him. And
he became as one dead, so that many
said, "He is dead."
27 But Jesus took him by the hand and
lifted him up, and he arose.
28 And when He had come into the
house, His disciples asked Him privately,
"Why could we not cast it out?"
29 So He said to them, "This kind can
come out by nothing but prayer and
fasting."

30 Then they departed from there and
passed through Galilee, and He did not
want anyone to know it.
31 For He taught His disciples and said to
them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed
into the hands of men, and they will kill
Him. And after He is killed, He will rise
the third day."
32 But they did not understand this
saying, and were afraid to ask Him.
33 Then He came to Capernaum. And
when He was in the house He asked
them, "What was it you disputed among
yourselves on the road?"
34 But they kept silent, for on the road
they had disputed among themselves
who would be the greatest.
35 And He sat down, called the twelve,
and said to them, "If anyone desires to
be first, he shall be last of all and servant
of all."

36 Then He took a little child and set him
in the midst of them. And when He had
taken him in His arms, He said to them,
37 "Whoever receives one of these little
children in My name receives Me; and
whoever receives Me, receives not Me
but Him who sent Me."
38 Now John answered Him, saying,
"Teacher, we saw someone who does
not follow us casting out demons in Your
name, and we forbade him because he
does not follow us."
39 But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him,
for no one who works a miracle in My
name can soon afterward speak evil of
Me.
40 "For he who is not against us is on
our side.
41 "For whoever gives you a cup of
water to drink in My name, because you
belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you,
he will by no means lose his reward.

42 "But whoever causes one of these
little ones who believe in Me to stumble,
it would be better for him if a millstone
were hung around his neck, and he were
thrown into the sea.
43 "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it
off. It is better for you to enter into life
maimed, rather than having two hands,
to go to hell, into the fire that shall never
be quenched—
44 "where 'Their worm does not die,
And the fire is not quenched.'
45 "And if your foot causes you to sin,
cut it off. It is better for you to enter life
lame, rather than having two feet, to
be cast into hell, into the fire that shall
never be quenched—
46 "where 'Their worm does not die,
And the fire is not quenched.'
47 "And if your eye causes you to sin,
pluck it out. It is better for you to enter
the kingdom of God with one eye, rather

than having two eyes, to be cast into hell
fire—
48 "where 'Their worm does not die,
And the fire is not quenched.'
49 "For everyone will be seasoned with
fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned
with salt.
50 "Salt is good, but if the salt loses its
flavor, how will you season it? Have salt
in yourselves, and have peace with one
another."

10 1 Then He arose from there and
came to the region of Judea
by the other side of the Jordan. And
multitudes gathered to Him again, and
as He was accustomed, He taught them
again.
2 The Pharisees came and asked Him,
"Is it lawful for a man to divorce his
wife?" testing Him.
3 And He answered and said to them,
"What did Moses command you?"

4 They said, "Moses permitted a man
to write a certificate of divorce, and to
dismiss her."
5 And Jesus answered and said to them,
"Because of the hardness of your heart
he wrote you this precept.
6 "But from the beginning of the
creation, God ‘made them male and
female.’
7 ‘For this reason a man shall leave his
father and mother and be joined to his
wife,
8 ‘and the two shall become one flesh’;
so then they are no longer two, but one
flesh.
9 "Therefore what God has joined
together, let not man separate."
10 In the house His disciples also asked
Him again about the same matter.
11 So He said to them, "Whoever
divorces his wife and marries another
commits adultery against her.

12 "And if a woman divorces her
husband and marries another, she
commits adultery."
13 Then they brought little children to
Him, that He might touch them; but the
disciples rebuked those who brought
them.
14 But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly
displeased and said to them, "Let the
little children come to Me, and do not
forbid them; for of such is the kingdom
of God.
15 "Assuredly, I say to you, whoever
does not receive the kingdom of God as
a little child will by no means enter it."
16 And He took them up in His arms, put
His hands on them, and blessed them.
17 Now as He was going out on the
road, one came running, knelt before
Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher,
what shall I do that I may inherit eternal
life?"

18 So Jesus said to him, "Why do you
call Me good? No one is good but One,
that is, God.
19 "You know the commandments: ‘Do
not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’
‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’
‘Do not defraud,’ ‘Honor your father and
your mother.’"
20 And he answered and said to Him,
"Teacher, all these things I have kept
from my youth."
21 Then Jesus, looking at him, loved
him, and said to him, "One thing you
lack: Go your way, sell whatever you
have and give to the poor, and you will
have treasure in heaven; and come, take
up the cross, and follow Me."
22 But he was sad at this word, and
went away sorrowful, for he had great
possessions.
23 Then Jesus looked around and said
to His disciples, "How hard it is for those

who have riches to enter the kingdom of
God!"
24 And the disciples were astonished at
His words. But Jesus answered again and
said to them, "Children, how hard it is
for those who trust in riches to enter the
kingdom of God!
25 "It is easier for a camel to go through
the eye of a needle than for a rich man
to enter the kingdom of God."
26 And they were greatly astonished,
saying among themselves, "Who then
can be saved?"
27 But Jesus looked at them and said,
"With men it is impossible, but not
with God; for with God all things are
possible."
28 Then Peter began to say to Him, "See,
we have left all and followed You."
29 So Jesus answered and said,
"Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one
who has left house or brothers or sisters

or father or mother or wife or children
or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s,
30 "who shall not receive a hundredfold
now in this time—houses and brothers
and sisters and mothers and children
and lands, with persecutions—and in
the age to come, eternal life.
31 "But many who are first will be last,
and the last first."
32 Now they were on the road, going
up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going
before them; and they were amazed.
And as they followed they were afraid.
Then He took the twelve aside again and
began to tell them the things that would
happen to Him:
33 "Behold, we are going up to
Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be
betrayed to the chief priests and to the
scribes; and they will condemn Him to
death and deliver Him to the Gentiles;

34 "and they will mock Him, and scourge
Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And
the third day He will rise again."
35 Then James and John, the sons of
Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher,
we want You to do for us whatever we
ask."
36 And He said to them, "What do you
want Me to do for you?"
37 They said to Him, "Grant us that we
may sit, one on Your right hand and the
other on Your left, in Your glory."
38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not
know what you ask. Are you able to drink
the cup that I drink, and be baptized with
the baptism that I am baptized with?"
39 They said to Him, "We are able." So
Jesus said to them, "You will indeed
drink the cup that I drink, and with the
baptism I am baptized with you will be
baptized;

[40] "but to sit on My right hand and on
My left is not Mine to give, but it is for
those for whom it is prepared."
[41] And when the ten heard it, they
began to be greatly displeased with
James and John.
[42] But Jesus called them to Himself and
said to them, "You know that those who
are considered rulers over the Gentiles
lord it over them, and their great ones
exercise authority over them.
[43] "Yet it shall not be so among you; but
whoever desires to become great among
you shall be your servant.
[44] "And whoever of you desires to be
first shall be slave of all.
[45] "For even the Son of Man did not
come to be served, but to serve, and to
give His life a ransom for many."
[46] Now they came to Jericho. As He
went out of Jericho with His disciples
and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus,

the son of Timaeus, sat by the road
begging.
47 And when he heard that it was Jesus
of Nazareth, he began to cry out and
say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on
me!"
48 Then many warned him to be quiet;
but he cried out all the more, "Son of
David, have mercy on me!"
49 So Jesus stood still and commanded
him to be called. Then they called the
blind man, saying to him, "Be of good
cheer. Rise, He is calling you."
50 And throwing aside his garment, he
rose and came to Jesus.
51 So Jesus answered and said to him,
"What do you want Me to do for you?"
The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni,
that I may receive my sight."
52 Then Jesus said to him, "Go your
way; your faith has made you well." And

immediately he received his sight and
followed Jesus on the road.

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1 Now when they drew near
Jerusalem, to Bethphage and
Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent
two of His disciples;
2 and He said to them, "Go into the
village opposite you; and as soon as you
have entered it you will find a colt tied,
on which no one has sat. Loose it and
bring it.
3 "And if anyone says to you, ‘Why are
you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need
of it,’ and immediately he will send it
here."
4 So they went their way, and found
the colt tied by the door outside on the
street, and they loosed it.
5 But some of those who stood there
said to them, "What are you doing,
loosing the colt?"

6 And they spoke to them just as Jesus
had commanded. So they let them go.
7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus
and threw their clothes on it, and He sat
on it.
8 And many spread their clothes on
the road, and others cut down leafy
branches from the trees and spread
them on the road.
9 Then those who went before and
those who followed cried out, saying:
"Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in
the name of the LORD!'
10 Blessed is the kingdom of our father
David That comes in the name of the
Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"
11 And Jesus went into Jerusalem and
into the temple. So when He had looked
around at all things, as the hour was
already late, He went out to Bethany
with the twelve.

12 Now the next day, when they had
come out from Bethany, He was hungry.
13 And seeing from afar a fig tree having
leaves, He went to see if perhaps He
would find something on it. When He
came to it, He found nothing but leaves,
for it was not the season for figs.
14 In response Jesus said to it, "Let no
one eat fruit from you ever again." And
His disciples heard it.
15 So they came to Jerusalem. Then
Jesus went into the temple and began to
drive out those who bought and sold in
the temple, and overturned the tables
of the money changers and the seats of
those who sold doves.
16 And He would not allow anyone to
carry wares through the temple.
17 Then He taught, saying to them, "Is it
not written, ‘My house shall be called a
house of prayer for all nations’? But you
have made it a ‘den of thieves.’"

18 And the scribes and chief priests
heard it and sought how they might
destroy Him; for they feared Him,
because all the people were astonished
at His teaching.
19 When evening had come, He went
out of the city.
20 Now in the morning, as they passed
by, they saw the fig tree dried up from
the roots.
21 And Peter, remembering, said to
Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You
cursed has withered away."
22 So Jesus answered and said to them,
"Have faith in God.
23 "For assuredly, I say to you, whoever
says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and
be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt
in his heart, but believes that those
things he says will be done, he will have
whatever he says.

24 "Therefore I say to you, whatever
things you ask when you pray, believe
that you receive them, and you will have
them.
25 "And whenever you stand praying,
if you have anything against anyone,
forgive him, that your Father in heaven
may also forgive you your trespasses.
26 "But if you do not forgive, neither
will your Father in heaven forgive your
trespasses."
27 Then they came again to Jerusalem.
And as He was walking in the temple,
the chief priests, the scribes, and the
elders came to Him.
28 And they said to Him, "By what
authority are You doing these things?
And who gave You this authority to do
these things?"
29 But Jesus answered and said to them,
"I also will ask you one question; then

answer Me, and I will tell you by what
authority I do these things:
30 "The baptism of John—was it from
heaven or from men? Answer Me."
31 And they reasoned among
themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From
heaven,' He will say, 'Why then did you
not believe him?'
32 "But if we say, 'From men'" —they
feared the people, for all counted John
to have been a prophet indeed.
33 So they answered and said to Jesus,
"We do not know." And Jesus answered
and said to them, "Neither will I tell you
by what authority I do these things."
12 1 Then He began to speak to them
in parables: "A man planted a
vineyard and set a hedge around it,
dug a place for the wine vat and built a
tower. And he leased it to vinedressers
and went into a far country.

2 "Now at vintage–time he sent a
servant to the vinedressers, that he
might receive some of the fruit of the
vineyard from the vinedressers.
3 "And they took him and beat him and
sent him away empty–handed.
4 "Again he sent them another servant,
and at him they threw stones, wounded
him in the head, and sent him away
shamefully treated.
5 "And again he sent another, and him
they killed; and many others, beating
some and killing some.
6 "Therefore still having one son, his
beloved, he also sent him to them last,
saying, ‘They will respect my son.’
7 "But those vinedressers said among
themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let
us kill him, and the inheritance will be
ours.’
8 "So they took him and killed him and
cast him out of the vineyard.

9 "Therefore what will the owner of the
vineyard do? He will come and destroy
the vinedressers, and give the vineyard
to others.
10 "Have you not even read this
Scripture: 'The stone which the
builders rejected Has become the chief
cornerstone.
11 This was the LORD'S doing, And it is
marvelous in our eyes'?"
12 And they sought to lay hands on Him,
but feared the multitude, for they knew
He had spoken the parable against them.
So they left Him and went away.
13 Then they sent to Him some of the
Pharisees and the Herodians, to catch
Him in His words.
14 When they had come, they said to
Him, "Teacher, we know that You are
true, and care about no one; for You do
not regard the person of men, but teach

the way of God in truth. Is it lawful to
pay taxes to Caesar, or not?
15 "Shall we pay, or shall we not pay?"
But He, knowing their hypocrisy, said to
them, "Why do you test Me? Bring Me a
denarius that I may see it."
16 So they brought it. And He said to
them, "Whose image and inscription is
this?" They said to Him, "Caesar’s."
17 And Jesus answered and said to
them, "Render to Caesar the things that
are Caesar’s, and to God the things that
are God’s." And they marveled at Him.
18 Then some Sadducees, who say there
is no resurrection, came to Him; and
they asked Him, saying:
19 "Teacher, Moses wrote to us that
if a man’s brother dies, and leaves his
wife behind, and leaves no children, his
brother should take his wife and raise up
offspring for his brother.

20 "Now there were seven brothers.
The first took a wife; and dying, he left
no offspring.
21 "And the second took her, and he
died; nor did he leave any offspring. And
the third likewise.
22 "So the seven had her and left no
offspring. Last of all the woman died
also.
23 "Therefore, in the resurrection, when
they rise, whose wife will she be? For all
seven had her as wife."
24 Jesus answered and said to them,
"Are you not therefore mistaken,
because you do not know the Scriptures
nor the power of God?
25 "For when they rise from the dead,
they neither marry nor are given in
marriage, but are like angels in heaven.
26 "But concerning the dead, that they
rise, have you not read in the book of
Moses, in the burning bush passage,

how God spoke to him, saying, ‘I am the
God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and
the God of Jacob’?
27 "He is not the God of the dead, but
the God of the living. You are therefore
greatly mistaken."
28 Then one of the scribes came, and
having heard them reasoning together,
perceiving that He had answered them
well, asked Him, "Which is the first
commandment of all?"
29 Jesus answered him, "The first of all
the commandments is: ‘Hear, O Israel,
the LORD our God, the LORD is one.
30 ‘And you shall love the LORD your
God with all your heart, with all your
soul, with all your mind, and with all your
strength.’ This is the first commandment.
31 "And the second, like it, is this: ‘You
shall love your neighbor as yourself.’
There is no other commandment greater
than these."

32 So the scribe said to Him, "Well said,
Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for
there is one God, and there is no other
but He.
33 "And to love Him with all the heart,
with all the understanding, with all the
soul, and with all the strength, and to
love one’s neighbor as oneself, is more
than all the whole burnt offerings and
sacrifices."
34 Now when Jesus saw that he
answered wisely, He said to him, "You
are not far from the kingdom of God."
But after that no one dared question
Him.
35 Then Jesus answered and said, while
He taught in the temple, "How is it that
the scribes say that the Christ is the Son
of David?
36 "For David himself said by the Holy
Spirit: ‘The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at

My right hand, Till I make Your enemies
Your footstool."’
37 "Therefore David himself calls Him
‘Lord’; how is He then his Son?" And the
common people heard Him gladly.
38 Then He said to them in His teaching,
"Beware of the scribes, who desire to go
around in long robes, love greetings in
the marketplaces,
39 "the best seats in the synagogues,
and the best places at feasts,
40 "who devour widows’ houses, and
for a pretense make long prayers. These
will receive greater condemnation."
41 Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury
and saw how the people put money into
the treasury. And many who were rich
put in much.
42 Then one poor widow came and
threw in two mites, which make a
quadrans.

43 So He called His disciples to Himself
and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you
that this poor widow has put in more
than all those who have given to the
treasury;
44 "for they all put in out of their
abundance, but she out of her poverty
put in all that she had, her whole
livelihood."
13 1 Then as He went out of the
temple, one of His disciples said
to Him, "Teacher, see what manner of
stones and what buildings are here!"
2 And Jesus answered and said to him,
"Do you see these great buildings? Not
one stone shall be left upon another,
that shall not be thrown down."
3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives
opposite the temple, Peter, James, John,
and Andrew asked Him privately,

4 "Tell us, when will these things be?
And what will be the sign when all these
things will be fulfilled?"
5 And Jesus, answering them, began to
say: "Take heed that no one deceives
you.
6 "For many will come in My name,
saying, ‘I am He,’ and will deceive many.
7 "But when you hear of wars and
rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for
such things must happen, but the end is
not yet.
8 "For nation will rise against nation,
and kingdom against kingdom. And there
will be earthquakes in various places,
and there will be famines and troubles.
These are the beginnings of sorrows.
9 "But watch out for yourselves, for they
will deliver you up to councils, and you
will be beaten in the synagogues. You
will be brought before rulers and kings
for My sake, for a testimony to them.

10 "And the gospel must first be
preached to all the nations.
11 "But when they arrest you and deliver
you up, do not worry beforehand, or
premeditate what you will speak. But
whatever is given you in that hour, speak
that; for it is not you who speak, but the
Holy Spirit.
12 "Now brother will betray brother
to death, and a father his child; and
children will rise up against parents and
cause them to be put to death.
13 "And you will be hated by all for My
name’s sake. But he who endures to the
end shall be saved.
14 "So when you see the ‘abomination
of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the
prophet, standing where it ought not"
(let the reader understand), "then let
those who are in Judea flee to the
mountains.

15 "Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house.
16 "And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.
17 "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!
18 "And pray that your flight may not be in winter.
19 "For in those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be.
20 "And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days.
21 "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'Look, He is there!' do not believe it.

22 "For false christs and false prophets
will rise and show signs and wonders to
deceive, if possible, even the elect.
23 "But take heed; see, I have told you
all things beforehand.
24 "But in those days, after that
tribulation, the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;
25 "the stars of heaven will fall, and the
powers in the heavens will be shaken.
26 "Then they will see the Son of Man
coming in the clouds with great power
and glory.
27 "And then He will send His angels,
and gather together His elect from the
four winds, from the farthest part of
earth to the farthest part of heaven.
28 "Now learn this parable from the
fig tree: When its branch has already
become tender, and puts forth leaves,
you know that summer is near.

29 "So you also, when you see these
things happening, know that it is
near—at the doors!
30 "Assuredly, I say to you, this
generation will by no means pass away
till all these things take place.
31 "Heaven and earth will pass away,
but My words will by no means pass
away.
32 "But of that day and hour no one
knows, not even the angels in heaven,
nor the Son, but only the Father.
33 "Take heed, watch and pray; for you
do not know when the time is.
34 "It is like a man going to a far country,
who left his house and gave authority to
his servants, and to each his work, and
commanded the doorkeeper to watch.
35 "Watch therefore, for you do not
know when the master of the house is
coming—in the evening, at midnight,

at the crowing of the rooster, or in the
morning—
36 "lest, coming suddenly, he find you
sleeping.
37 "And what I say to you, I say to all:
Watch!"

14 1 After two days it was the
Passover and the Feast of
Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests
and the scribes sought how they might
take Him by trickery and put Him to
death.
2 But they said, "Not during the feast,
lest there be an uproar of the people."
3 And being in Bethany at the house of
Simon the leper, as He sat at the table,
a woman came having an alabaster flask
of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she
broke the flask and poured it on His
head.

4 But there were some who were
indignant among themselves, and said,
"Why was this fragrant oil wasted?
5 "For it might have been sold for more
than three hundred denarii and given
to the poor." And they criticized her
sharply.
6 But Jesus said, "Let her alone. Why do
you trouble her? She has done a good
work for Me.
7 "For you have the poor with you
always, and whenever you wish you may
do them good; but Me you do not have
always.
8 "She has done what she could. She
has come beforehand to anoint My body
for burial.
9 "Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this
gospel is preached in the whole world,
what this woman has done will also be
told as a memorial to her."

10 Then Judas Iscariot, one of the
twelve, went to the chief priests to
betray Him to them.
11 And when they heard it, they were
glad, and promised to give him money.
So he sought how he might conveniently
betray Him.
12 Now on the first day of Unleavened
Bread, when they killed the Passover
lamb, His disciples said to Him, "Where
do You want us to go and prepare, that
You may eat the Passover?"
13 And He sent out two of His disciples
and said to them, "Go into the city, and a
man will meet you carrying a pitcher of
water; follow him.
14 "Wherever he goes in, say to the
master of the house, ‘The Teacher says,
"Where is the guest room in which I may
eat the Passover with My disciples?"’

15 "Then he will show you a large upper
room, furnished and prepared; there
make ready for us."
16 So His disciples went out, and came
into the city, and found it just as He had
said to them; and they prepared the
Passover.
17 In the evening He came with the
twelve.
18 Now as they sat and ate, Jesus said,
"Assuredly, I say to you, one of you who
eats with Me will betray Me."
19 And they began to be sorrowful, and
to say to Him one by one, "Is it I?" And
another said, "Is it I?"
20 He answered and said to them, "It is
one of the twelve, who dips with Me in
the dish.
21 "The Son of Man indeed goes just as
it is written of Him, but woe to that man
by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It

would have been good for that man if he
had never been born."
22 And as they were eating, Jesus took
bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it
to them and said, "Take, eat; this is My
body."
23 Then He took the cup, and when He
had given thanks He gave it to them, and
they all drank from it.
24 And He said to them, "This is My
blood of the new covenant, which is
shed for many.
25 "Assuredly, I say to you, I will no
longer drink of the fruit of the vine
until that day when I drink it new in the
kingdom of God."
26 And when they had sung a hymn,
they went out to the Mount of Olives.
27 Then Jesus said to them, "All of you
will be made to stumble because of Me
this night, for it is written: ‘I will strike

the Shepherd, And the sheep will be
scattered.’
28 "But after I have been raised, I will go
before you to Galilee."
29 Peter said to Him, "Even if all are
made to stumble, yet I will not be."
30 Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to
you that today, even this night, before
the rooster crows twice, you will deny
Me three times."
31 But he spoke more vehemently, "If
I have to die with You, I will not deny
You!" And they all said likewise.
32 Then they came to a place which was
named Gethsemane; and He said to His
disciples, "Sit here while I pray."
33 And He took Peter, James, and John
with Him, and He began to be troubled
and deeply distressed.
34 Then He said to them, "My soul is
exceedingly sorrowful, even to death.
Stay here and watch."

35 He went a little farther, and fell on
the ground, and prayed that if it were
possible, the hour might pass from Him.
36 And He said, "Abba, Father, all things
are possible for You. Take this cup away
from Me; nevertheless, not what I will,
but what You will."
37 Then He came and found them
sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are
you sleeping? Could you not watch one
hour?
38 "Watch and pray, lest you enter into
temptation. The spirit indeed is willing,
but the flesh is weak."
39 Again He went away and prayed, and
spoke the same words.
40 And when He returned, He found
them asleep again, for their eyes were
heavy; and they did not know what to
answer Him.
41 Then He came the third time and
said to them, "Are you still sleeping

and resting? It is enough! The hour has
come; behold, the Son of Man is being
betrayed into the hands of sinners.
42 "Rise, let us be going. See, My
betrayer is at hand."
43 And immediately, while He was still
speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, with
a great multitude with swords and clubs,
came from the chief priests and the
scribes and the elders.
44 Now His betrayer had given them a
signal, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is
the One; seize Him and lead Him away
safely."
45 As soon as He had come, immediately
he went up to Him and said to Him,
"Rabbi, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.
46 Then they laid their hands on Him
and took Him.
47 And one of those who stood by drew
his sword and struck the servant of the
high priest, and cut off his ear.

48 Then Jesus answered and said to
them, "Have you come out, as against
a robber, with swords and clubs to take
Me?
49 "I was daily with you in the temple
teaching, and you did not seize Me. But
the Scriptures must be fulfilled."
50 Then they all forsook Him and fled.
51 Now a certain young man followed
Him, having a linen cloth thrown around
his naked body. And the young men laid
hold of him,
52 and he left the linen cloth and fled
from them naked.
53 And they led Jesus away to the high
priest; and with him were assembled
all the chief priests, the elders, and the
scribes.
54 But Peter followed Him at a distance,
right into the courtyard of the high
priest. And he sat with the servants and
warmed himself at the fire.

55 Now the chief priests and all the
council sought testimony against Jesus
to put Him to death, but found none.
56 For many bore false witness against
Him, but their testimonies did not agree.
57 Then some rose up and bore false
witness against Him, saying,
58 "We heard Him say, ‘I will destroy
this temple made with hands, and within
three days I will build another made
without hands.’"
59 But not even then did their testimony
agree.
60 And the high priest stood up in the
midst and asked Jesus, saying, "Do You
answer nothing? What is it these men
testify against You?"
61 But He kept silent and answered
nothing. Again the high priest asked
Him, saying to Him, "Are You the Christ,
the Son of the Blessed?"

62 Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the
Son of Man sitting at the right hand of
the Power, and coming with the clouds
of heaven."
63 Then the high priest tore his clothes
and said, "What further need do we
have of witnesses?
64 "You have heard the blasphemy!
What do you think?" And they all
condemned Him to be deserving of
death.
65 Then some began to spit on Him,
and to blindfold Him, and to beat Him,
and to say to Him, "Prophesy!" And the
officers struck Him with the palms of
their hands.
66 Now as Peter was below in the
courtyard, one of the servant girls of the
high priest came.
67 And when she saw Peter warming
himself, she looked at him and said, "You
also were with Jesus of Nazareth."

[68] But he denied it, saying, "I neither
know nor understand what you are
saying." And he went out on the porch,
and a rooster crowed.
[69] And the servant girl saw him again,
and began to say to those who stood by,
"This is one of them."
[70] But he denied it again. And a little
later those who stood by said to Peter
again, "Surely you are one of them; for
you are a Galilean, and your speech
shows it."
[71] Then he began to curse and swear,
"I do not know this Man of whom you
speak!"
[72] A second time the rooster crowed.
Then Peter called to mind the word
that Jesus had said to him, "Before the
rooster crows twice, you will deny Me
three times." And when he thought
about it, he wept.

15 1 Immediately, in the morning, the
chief priests held a consultation
with the elders and scribes and the
whole council; and they bound Jesus, led
Him away, and delivered Him to Pilate.
2 Then Pilate asked Him, "Are You the
King of the Jews?" He answered and said
to him, "It is as you say."
3 And the chief priests accused Him of
many things, but He answered nothing.
4 Then Pilate asked Him again, saying,
"Do You answer nothing? See how many
things they testify against You!"
5 But Jesus still answered nothing, so
that Pilate marveled.
6 Now at the feast he was accustomed
to releasing one prisoner to them,
whomever they requested.
7 And there was one named Barabbas,
who was chained with his fellow rebels;
they had committed murder in the
rebellion.

8 Then the multitude, crying aloud,
began to ask him to do just as he had
always done for them.
9 But Pilate answered them, saying, "Do
you want me to release to you the King
of the Jews?"
10 For he knew that the chief priests
had handed Him over because of envy.
11 But the chief priests stirred up the
crowd, so that he should rather release
Barabbas to them.
12 Pilate answered and said to them
again, "What then do you want me to do
with Him whom you call the King of the
Jews?"
13 So they cried out again, "Crucify
Him!"
14 Then Pilate said to them, "Why, what
evil has He done?" But they cried out all
the more, "Crucify Him!"
15 So Pilate, wanting to gratify the
crowd, released Barabbas to them; and

he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged
Him, to be crucified.
16 Then the soldiers led Him away into
the hall called Praetorium, and they
called together the whole garrison.
17 And they clothed Him with purple;
and they twisted a crown of thorns, put
it on His head,
18 and began to salute Him, "Hail, King
of the Jews!"
19 Then they struck Him on the head
with a reed and spat on Him; and bowing
the knee, they worshiped Him.
20 And when they had mocked Him,
they took the purple off Him, put His
own clothes on Him, and led Him out to
crucify Him.
21 Then they compelled a certain
man, Simon a Cyrenian, the father of
Alexander and Rufus, as he was coming
out of the country and passing by, to
bear His cross.

22 And they brought Him to the place
Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a
Skull.
23 Then they gave Him wine mingled
with myrrh to drink, but He did not take
it.
24 And when they crucified Him, they
divided His garments, casting lots for
them to determine what every man
should take.
25 Now it was the third hour, and they
crucified Him.
26 And the inscription of His accusation
was written above: THE KING OF THE
JEWS.
27 With Him they also crucified two
robbers, one on His right and the other
on His left.
28 So the Scripture was fulfilled which
says, "And He was numbered with the
transgressors."

29 And those who passed by
blasphemed Him, wagging their
heads and saying, "Aha! You who destroy
the temple and build it in three days,
30 "save Yourself, and come down from
the cross!"
31 Likewise the chief priests also,
mocking among themselves with the
scribes, said, "He saved others; Himself
He cannot save.
32 "Let the Christ, the King of Israel,
descend now from the cross, that we
may see and believe." Even those who
were crucified with Him reviled Him.
33 Now when the sixth hour had come,
there was darkness over the whole land
until the ninth hour.
34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out
with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama
sabachthani?" which is translated, "My
God, My God, why have You forsaken
Me?"

35 Some of those who stood by, when
they heard that, said, "Look, He is calling
for Elijah!"
36 Then someone ran and filled a
sponge full of sour wine, put it on a reed,
and offered it to Him to drink, saying,
"Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will
come to take Him down."
37 And Jesus cried out with a loud voice,
and breathed His last.
38 Then the veil of the temple was torn
in two from top to bottom.
39 So when the centurion, who stood
opposite Him, saw that He cried out like
this and breathed His last, he said, "Truly
this Man was the Son of God!"
40 There were also women looking on
from afar, among whom were Mary
Magdalene, Mary the mother of James
the Less and of Joses, and Salome,
41 who also followed Him and
ministered to Him when He was in

Galilee, and many other women who
came up with Him to Jerusalem.
42 Now when evening had come,
because it was the Preparation Day, that
is, the day before the Sabbath,
43 Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent
council member, who was himself
waiting for the kingdom of God, coming
and taking courage, went in to Pilate and
asked for the body of Jesus.
44 Pilate marveled that He was already
dead; and summoning the centurion, he
asked him if He had been dead for some
time.
45 So when he found out from the
centurion, he granted the body to
Joseph.
46 Then he bought fine linen, took Him
down, and wrapped Him in the linen.
And he laid Him in a tomb which had
been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a
stone against the door of the tomb.

47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary the
mother of Joses observed where He was
laid.

16 1 Now when the Sabbath was
past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the
mother of James, and Salome bought
spices, that they might come and anoint
Him.
2 Very early in the morning, on the first
day of the week, they came to the tomb
when the sun had risen.
3 And they said among themselves,
"Who will roll away the stone from the
door of the tomb for us?"
4 But when they looked up, they
saw that the stone had been rolled
away—for it was very large.
5 And entering the tomb, they saw a
young man clothed in a long white robe
sitting on the right side; and they were
alarmed.

[6] But he said to them, "Do not be
alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth,
who was crucified. He is risen! He is not
here. See the place where they laid Him.
[7] "But go, tell His disciples—and
Peter—that He is going before you into
Galilee; there you will see Him, as He
said to you."
[8] So they went out quickly and fled
from the tomb, for they trembled and
were amazed. And they said nothing to
anyone, for they were afraid.
[9] Now when He rose early on the first
day of the week, He appeared first to
Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had
cast seven demons.
[10] She went and told those who had
been with Him, as they mourned and
wept.
[11] And when they heard that He was
alive and had been seen by her, they did
not believe.

12 After that, He appeared in another
form to two of them as they walked and
went into the country.
13 And they went and told it to the rest,
but they did not believe them either.
14 Later He appeared to the eleven as
they sat at the table; and He rebuked
their unbelief and hardness of heart,
because they did not believe those who
had seen Him after He had risen.
15 And He said to them, "Go into all the
world and preach the gospel to every
creature.
16 "He who believes and is baptized will
be saved; but he who does not believe
will be condemned.
17 "And these signs will follow those
who believe: In My name they will cast
out demons; they will speak with new
tongues;
18 "they will take up serpents; and if
they drink anything deadly, it will by no

means hurt them; they will lay hands on
the sick, and they will recover."
19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to
them, He was received up into heaven,
and sat down at the right hand of God.
20 And they went out and preached
everywhere, the Lord working with them
and confirming the word through the
accompanying signs. Amen.

Luke

1 [1] Inasmuch as many have taken in
hand to set in order a narrative of
those things which have been fulfilled
among us,
[2] just as those who from the beginning
were eyewitnesses and ministers of the
word delivered them to us,
[3] it seemed good to me also, having had
perfect understanding of all things from
the very first, to write to you an orderly
account, most excellent Theophilus,
[4] that you may know the certainty
of those things in which you were
instructed.
[5] There was in the days of Herod, the
king of Judea, a certain priest named
Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His

wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and
her name was Elizabeth.
6 And they were both righteous before
God, walking in all the commandments
and ordinances of the Lord blameless.
7 But they had no child, because
Elizabeth was barren, and they were
both well advanced in years.
8 So it was, that while he was serving
as priest before God in the order of his
division,
9 according to the custom of the
priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense
when he went into the temple of the
Lord.
10 And the whole multitude of the
people was praying outside at the hour
of incense.
11 Then an angel of the Lord appeared
to him, standing on the right side of the
altar of incense.

12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was
troubled, and fear fell upon him.
13 But the angel said to him, "Do not
be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is
heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear
you a son, and you shall call his name
John.
14 "And you will have joy and gladness,
and many will rejoice at his birth.
15 "For he will be great in the sight
of the Lord, and shall drink neither
wine nor strong drink. He will also be
filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his
mother's womb.
16 "And he will turn many of the
children of Israel to the Lord their God.
17 "He will also go before Him in the
spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the
hearts of the fathers to the children,' and
the disobedient to the wisdom of the
just, to make ready a people prepared
for the Lord."

18 And Zacharias said to the angel,
"How shall I know this? For I am an old
man, and my wife is well advanced in
years."
19 And the angel answered and said to
him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the
presence of God, and was sent to speak
to you and bring you these glad tidings.
20 "But behold, you will be mute and
not able to speak until the day these
things take place, because you did not
believe my words which will be fulfilled
in their own time."
21 And the people waited for Zacharias,
and marveled that he lingered so long in
the temple.
22 But when he came out, he could
not speak to them; and they perceived
that he had seen a vision in the temple,
for he beckoned to them and remained
speechless.

23 And so it was, as soon as the days
of his service were completed, that he
departed to his own house.
24 Now after those days his wife
Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself
five months, saying,
25 "Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in
the days when He looked on me, to take
away my reproach among people."
26 Now in the sixth month the angel
Gabriel was sent by God to a city of
Galilee named Nazareth,
27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose
name was Joseph, of the house of David.
The virgin’s name was Mary.
28 And having come in, the angel said
to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the
Lord is with you; blessed are you among
women!"
29 But when she saw him, she was
troubled at his saying, and considered
what manner of greeting this was.

30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not
be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor
with God.
31 "And behold, you will conceive in
your womb and bring forth a Son, and
shall call His name JESUS.
32 "He will be great, and will be called
the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God
will give Him the throne of His father
David.
33 "And He will reign over the house of
Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there
will be no end."
34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How
can this be, since I do not know a man?"
35 And the angel answered and said
to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon
you, and the power of the Highest will
overshadow you; therefore, also, that
Holy One who is to be born will be called
the Son of God.

36 "Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative
has also conceived a son in her old age;
and this is now the sixth month for her
who was called barren.
37 "For with God nothing will be
impossible."
38 Then Mary said, "Behold the
maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me
according to your word." And the angel
departed from her.
39 Now Mary arose in those days and
went into the hill country with haste, to
a city of Judah,
40 and entered the house of Zacharias
and greeted Elizabeth.
41 And it happened, when Elizabeth
heard the greeting of Mary, that the
babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth
was filled with the Holy Spirit.
42 Then she spoke out with a loud
voice and said, "Blessed are you among

women, and blessed is the fruit of your
womb!
43 "But why is this granted to me, that
the mother of my Lord should come to
me?
44 "For indeed, as soon as the voice of
your greeting sounded in my ears, the
babe leaped in my womb for joy.
45 "Blessed is she who believed, for
there will be a fulfillment of those things
which were told her from the Lord."
46 And Mary said: "My soul magnifies
the Lord,
47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my
Savior.
48 For He has regarded the lowly state of
His maidservant; For behold, henceforth
all generations will call me blessed.
49 For He who is mighty has done great
things for me, And holy is His name.
50 And His mercy is on those who fear
Him From generation to generation.

51 He has shown strength with His
arm; He has scattered the proud in the
imagination of their hearts.
52 He has put down the mighty from
their thrones, And exalted the lowly.
53 He has filled the hungry with good
things, And the rich He has sent away
empty.
54 He has helped His servant Israel, In
remembrance of His mercy,
55 As He spoke to our fathers, To
Abraham and to his seed forever."
56 And Mary remained with her about
three months, and returned to her
house.
57 Now Elizabeth's full time came for
her to be delivered, and she brought
forth a son.
58 When her neighbors and relatives
heard how the Lord had shown great
mercy to her, they rejoiced with her.

59 So it was, on the eighth day, that they
came to circumcise the child; and they
would have called him by the name of
his father, Zacharias.
60 His mother answered and said, "No;
he shall be called John."
61 But they said to her, "There is no one
among your relatives who is called by
this name."
62 So they made signs to his father—
what he would have him called.
63 And he asked for a writing tablet, and
wrote, saying, "His name is John." So
they all marveled.
64 Immediately his mouth was opened
and his tongue loosed, and he spoke,
praising God.
65 Then fear came on all who dwelt
around them; and all these sayings were
discussed throughout all the hill country
of Judea.

66 And all those who heard them kept
them in their hearts, saying, "What kind
of child will this be?" And the hand of
the Lord was with him.
67 Now his father Zacharias was filled
with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied,
saying:
68 "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For
He has visited and redeemed His people,
69 And has raised up a horn of salvation
for us In the house of His servant David,
70 As He spoke by the mouth of His
holy prophets, Who have been since the
world began,
71 That we should be saved from our
enemies And from the hand of all who
hate us,
72 To perform the mercy promised to
our fathers And to remember His holy
covenant,
73 The oath which He swore to our
father Abraham:

74 To grant us that we, Being delivered
from the hand of our enemies, Might
serve Him without fear,
75 In holiness and righteousness before
Him all the days of our life.
76 "And you, child, will be called the
prophet of the Highest; For you will go
before the face of the Lord to prepare
His ways,
77 To give knowledge of salvation to His
people By the remission of their sins,
78 Through the tender mercy of our
God, With which the Dayspring from on
high has visited us;
79 To give light to those who sit in
darkness and the shadow of death, To
guide our feet into the way of peace."
80 So the child grew and became strong
in spirit, and was in the deserts till the
day of his manifestation to Israel.

2 1 And it came to pass in those days
that a decree went out from Caesar

Augustus that all the world should be
registered.
2 This census first took place while
Quirinius was governing Syria.
3 So all went to be registered, everyone
to his own city.
4 Joseph also went up from Galilee, out
of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the
city of David, which is called Bethlehem,
because he was of the house and lineage
of David,
5 to be registered with Mary, his
betrothed wife, who was with child.
6 So it was, that while they were there,
the days were completed for her to be
delivered.
7 And she brought forth her firstborn
Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling
cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because
there was no room for them in the inn.

8 Now there were in the same country
shepherds living out in the fields,
keeping watch over their flock by night.
9 And behold, an angel of the Lord
stood before them, and the glory of the
Lord shone around them, and they were
greatly afraid.
10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not
be afraid, for behold, I bring you good
tidings of great joy which will be to all
people.
11 "For there is born to you this day in
the city of David a Savior, who is Christ
the Lord.
12 "And this will be the sign to you: You
will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling
cloths, lying in a manger."
13 And suddenly there was with the
angel a multitude of the heavenly host
praising God and saying:
14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on
earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

15 So it was, when the angels had gone
away from them into heaven, that the
shepherds said to one another, "Let us
now go to Bethlehem and see this thing
that has come to pass, which the Lord
has made known to us."
16 And they came with haste and found
Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in
a manger.
17 Now when they had seen Him, they
made widely known the saying which
was told them concerning this Child.
18 And all those who heard it marveled
at those things which were told them by
the shepherds.
19 But Mary kept all these things and
pondered them in her heart.
20 Then the shepherds returned,
glorifying and praising God for all the
things that they had heard and seen, as
it was told them.

21 And when eight days were completed
for the circumcision of the Child, His
name was called JESUS, the name given
by the angel before He was conceived in
the womb.
22 Now when the days of her
purification according to the law of
Moses were completed, they brought
Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the
Lord
23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord,
"Every male who opens the womb shall
be called holy to the LORD"),
24 and to offer a sacrifice according
to what is said in the law of the Lord,
"A pair of turtledoves or two young
pigeons."
25 And behold, there was a man in
Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and
this man was just and devout, waiting
for the Consolation of Israel, and the
Holy Spirit was upon him.

26 And it had been revealed to him by
the Holy Spirit that he would not see
death before he had seen the Lord’s
Christ.
27 So he came by the Spirit into the
temple. And when the parents brought
in the Child Jesus, to do for Him
according to the custom of the law,
28 he took Him up in his arms and
blessed God and said:
29 "Lord, now You are letting Your
servant depart in peace, According to
Your word;
30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation
31 Which You have prepared before the
face of all peoples,
32 A light to bring revelation to the
Gentiles, And the glory of Your people
Israel."
33 And Joseph and His mother marveled
at those things which were spoken of
Him.

34 Then Simeon blessed them, and said
to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child
is destined for the fall and rising of many
in Israel, and for a sign which will be
spoken against
35 "(yes, a sword will pierce through
your own soul also), that the thoughts of
many hearts may be revealed."
36 Now there was one, Anna, a
prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of
the tribe of Asher. She was of a great
age, and had lived with a husband seven
years from her virginity;
37 and this woman was a widow of
about eighty–four years, who did not
depart from the temple, but served God
with fastings and prayers night and day.
38 And coming in that instant she gave
thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to
all those who looked for redemption in
Jerusalem.

39 So when they had performed all
things according to the law of the Lord,
they returned to Galilee, to their own
city, Nazareth.
40 And the Child grew and became
strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and
the grace of God was upon Him.
41 His parents went to Jerusalem every
year at the Feast of the Passover.
42 And when He was twelve years old,
they went up to Jerusalem according to
the custom of the feast.
43 When they had finished the days, as
they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered
behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His
mother did not know it;
44 but supposing Him to have been in
the company, they went a day’s journey,
and sought Him among their relatives
and acquaintances.
45 So when they did not find Him, they
returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him.

46 Now so it was that after three days
they found Him in the temple, sitting in
the midst of the teachers, both listening
to them and asking them questions.
47 And all who heard Him were
astonished at His understanding and
answers.
48 So when they saw Him, they were
amazed; and His mother said to Him,
"Son, why have You done this to us?
Look, Your father and I have sought You
anxiously."
49 And He said to them, "Why did you
seek Me? Did you not know that I must
be about My Father's business?"
50 But they did not understand the
statement which He spoke to them.
51 Then He went down with them and
came to Nazareth, and was subject to
them, but His mother kept all these
things in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and
stature, and in favor with God and men.

3 1 Now in the fifteenth year of the
reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius
Pilate being governor of Judea, Herod
being tetrarch of Galilee, his brother
Philip tetrarch of Iturea and the region
of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of
Abilene,
2 while Annas and Caiaphas were high
priests, the word of God came to John
the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.
3 And he went into all the region around
the Jordan, preaching a baptism of
repentance for the remission of sins,
4 as it is written in the book of the
words of Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The
voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His
paths straight.
5 Every valley shall be filled And every
mountain and hill brought low; The

crooked places shall be made straight
And the rough ways smooth;
6 And all flesh shall see the salvation of
God.'"
7 Then he said to the multitudes that
came out to be baptized by him, "Brood
of vipers! Who warned you to flee from
the wrath to come?
8 "Therefore bear fruits worthy of
repentance, and do not begin to say to
yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our
father.' For I say to you that God is able
to raise up children to Abraham from
these stones.
9 "And even now the ax is laid to the
root of the trees. Therefore every tree
which does not bear good fruit is cut
down and thrown into the fire."
10 So the people asked him, saying,
"What shall we do then?"
11 He answered and said to them, "He
who has two tunics, let him give to him

who has none; and he who has food, let
him do likewise."
12 Then tax collectors also came to be
baptized, and said to him, "Teacher,
what shall we do?"
13 And he said to them, "Collect no
more than what is appointed for you."
14 Likewise the soldiers asked him,
saying, "And what shall we do?" So he
said to them, "Do not intimidate anyone
or accuse falsely, and be content with
your wages."
15 Now as the people were in
expectation, and all reasoned in their
hearts about John, whether he was the
Christ or not,
16 John answered, saying to all, "I
indeed baptize you with water; but One
mightier than I is coming, whose sandal
strap I am not worthy to loose. He will
baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

17 "His winnowing fan is in His hand,
and He will thoroughly clean out His
threshing floor, and gather the wheat
into His barn; but the chaff He will burn
with unquenchable fire."
18 And with many other exhortations he
preached to the people.
19 But Herod the tetrarch, being
rebuked by him concerning Herodias, his
brother Philip’s wife, and for all the evils
which Herod had done,
20 also added this, above all, that he
shut John up in prison.
21 When all the people were baptized,
it came to pass that Jesus also was
baptized; and while He prayed, the
heaven was opened.
22 And the Holy Spirit descended in
bodily form like a dove upon Him, and
a voice came from heaven which said,
"You are My beloved Son; in You I am
well pleased."

23 Now Jesus Himself began His ministry
at about thirty years of age, being (as
was supposed) the son of Joseph, the
son of Heli,
24 the son of Matthat, the son of Levi,
the son of Melchi, the son of Janna, the
son of Joseph,
25 the son of Mattathiah, the son of
Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli,
the son of Naggai,
26 the son of Maath, the son of
Mattathiah, the son of Semei, the son of
Joseph, the son of Judah,
27 the son of Joannas, the son of
Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of
Shealtiel, the son of Neri,
28 the son of Melchi, the son of Addi,
the son of Cosam, the son of Elmodam,
the son of Er,
29 the son of Jose, the son of Eliezer, the
son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son
of Levi,

30 the son of Simeon, the son of Judah,
the son of Joseph, the son of Jonan, the
son of Eliakim,
31 the son of Melea, the son of Menan,
the son of Mattathah, the son of Nathan,
the son of David,
32 the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the
son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son
of Nahshon,
33 the son of Amminadab, the son of
Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez,
the son of Judah,
34 the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the
son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the
son of Nahor,
35 the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the
son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of
Shelah,
36 the son of Cainan, the son of
Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of
Noah, the son of Lamech,

37 the son of Methuselah, the son
of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of
Mahalalel, the son of Cainan,
38 the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the
son of Adam, the son of God.

4 1 Then Jesus, being filled with the
Holy Spirit, returned from the
Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the
wilderness,
2 being tempted for forty days by the
devil. And in those days He ate nothing,
and afterward, when they had ended,
He was hungry.
3 And the devil said to Him, "If You are
the Son of God, command this stone to
become bread."
4 But Jesus answered him, saying, "It
is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread
alone, but by every word of God.’"
5 Then the devil, taking Him up on
a high mountain, showed Him all the

kingdoms of the world in a moment of
time.
6 And the devil said to Him, "All this
authority I will give You, and their glory;
for this has been delivered to me, and I
give it to whomever I wish.
7 "Therefore, if You will worship before
me, all will be Yours."
8 And Jesus answered and said to him,
"Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written,
‘You shall worship the LORD your God,
and Him only you shall serve.’"
9 Then he brought Him to Jerusalem,
set Him on the pinnacle of the temple,
and said to Him, "If You are the Son of
God, throw Yourself down from here.
10 "For it is written: ‘He shall give His
angels charge over you, To keep you,’
11 "and, ‘In their hands they shall bear
you up, Lest you dash your foot against a
stone.’"

12 And Jesus answered and said to him,
"It has been said, 'You shall not tempt
the LORD your God.'"
13 Now when the devil had ended every
temptation, he departed from Him until
an opportune time.
14 Then Jesus returned in the power of
the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him
went out through all the surrounding
region.
15 And He taught in their synagogues,
being glorified by all.
16 So He came to Nazareth, where He
had been brought up. And as His custom
was, He went into the synagogue on the
Sabbath day, and stood up to read.
17 And He was handed the book of
the prophet Isaiah. And when He had
opened the book, He found the place
where it was written:
18 "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me,
Because He has anointed Me To preach

the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me
to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim
liberty to the captives And recovery of
sight to the blind, To set at liberty those
who are oppressed;
19 To proclaim the acceptable year of
the LORD."
20 Then He closed the book, and gave
it back to the attendant and sat down.
And the eyes of all who were in the
synagogue were fixed on Him.
21 And He began to say to them, "Today
this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."
22 So all bore witness to Him, and
marveled at the gracious words which
proceeded out of His mouth. And they
said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"
23 He said to them, "You will surely
say this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal
yourself! Whatever we have heard done
in Capernaum, do also here in Your
country.'"

24 Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to
you, no prophet is accepted in his own
country.
25 "But I tell you truly, many widows
were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when
the heaven was shut up three years and
six months, and there was a great famine
throughout all the land;
26 "but to none of them was Elijah sent
except to Zarephath, in the region of
Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.
27 "And many lepers were in Israel in
the time of Elisha the prophet, and none
of them was cleansed except Naaman
the Syrian."
28 So all those in the synagogue, when
they heard these things, were filled with
wrath,
29 and rose up and thrust Him out of
the city; and they led Him to the brow
of the hill on which their city was built,

that they might throw Him down over
the cliff.
30 Then passing through the midst of
them, He went His way.
31 Then He went down to Capernaum,
a city of Galilee, and was teaching them
on the Sabbaths.
32 And they were astonished at
His teaching, for His word was with
authority.
33 Now in the synagogue there was
a man who had a spirit of an unclean
demon. And he cried out with a loud
voice,
34 saying, "Let us alone! What have we
to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did
You come to destroy us? I know who You
are—the Holy One of God!"
35 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be
quiet, and come out of him!" And when
the demon had thrown him in their

midst, it came out of him and did not
hurt him.
36 Then they were all amazed and
spoke among themselves, saying, "What
a word this is! For with authority and
power He commands the unclean spirits,
and they come out."
37 And the report about Him went out
into every place in the surrounding
region.
38 Now He arose from the synagogue
and entered Simon’s house. But Simon’s
wife’s mother was sick with a high
fever, and they made request of Him
concerning her.
39 So He stood over her and rebuked the
fever, and it left her. And immediately
she arose and served them.
40 When the sun was setting, all those
who had any that were sick with various
diseases brought them to Him; and He

laid His hands on every one of them and
healed them.
41 And demons also came out of
many, crying out and saying, "You are
the Christ, the Son of God!" And He,
rebuking them, did not allow them to
speak, for they knew that He was the
Christ.
42 Now when it was day, He departed
and went into a deserted place. And the
crowd sought Him and came to Him, and
tried to keep Him from leaving them;
43 but He said to them, "I must preach
the kingdom of God to the other cities
also, because for this purpose I have
been sent."
44 And He was preaching in the
synagogues of Galilee.

5 1 So it was, as the multitude pressed
about Him to hear the word of God,
that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret,

2 and saw two boats standing by the
lake; but the fishermen had gone from
them and were washing their nets.
3 Then He got into one of the boats,
which was Simon's, and asked him to
put out a little from the land. And He sat
down and taught the multitudes from
the boat.
4 When He had stopped speaking, He
said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep
and let down your nets for a catch."
5 But Simon answered and said to Him,
"Master, we have toiled all night and
caught nothing; nevertheless at Your
word I will let down the net."
6 And when they had done this, they
caught a great number of fish, and their
net was breaking.
7 So they signaled to their partners in
the other boat to come and help them.
And they came and filled both the boats,
so that they began to sink.

8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down
at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from
me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"
9 For he and all who were with him
were astonished at the catch of fish
which they had taken;
10 and so also were James and John,
the sons of Zebedee, who were partners
with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon,
"Do not be afraid. From now on you will
catch men."
11 So when they had brought their
boats to land, they forsook all and
followed Him.
12 And it happened when He was in
a certain city, that behold, a man who
was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell
on his face and implored Him, saying,
"Lord, if You are willing, You can make
me clean."
13 Then He put out His hand and
touched him, saying, "I am willing; be

cleansed." Immediately the leprosy left
him.
14 And He charged him to tell no one,
"But go and show yourself to the priest,
and make an offering for your cleansing,
as a testimony to them, just as Moses
commanded."
15 However, the report went around
concerning Him all the more; and great
multitudes came together to hear, and
to be healed by Him of their infirmities.
16 So He Himself often withdrew into
the wilderness and prayed.
17 Now it happened on a certain day,
as He was teaching, that there were
Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting
by, who had come out of every town of
Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the
power of the Lord was present to heal
them.

18 Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him.
19 And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus.
20 When He saw their faith, He said to him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you."
21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"
22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, "Why are you reasoning in your hearts?
23 "Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise up and walk'?

24 "But that you may know that the Son
of Man has power on earth to forgive
sins" —He said to the man who was
paralyzed, "I say to you, arise, take up
your bed, and go to your house."
25 Immediately he rose up before them,
took up what he had been lying on, and
departed to his own house, glorifying
God.
26 And they were all amazed, and they
glorified God and were filled with fear,
saying, "We have seen strange things
today!"
27 After these things He went out and
saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting
at the tax office. And He said to him,
"Follow Me."
28 So he left all, rose up, and followed
Him.
29 Then Levi gave Him a great feast in
his own house. And there were a great

number of tax collectors and others who
sat down with them.
30 And their scribes and the Pharisees
complained against His disciples, saying,
"Why do You eat and drink with tax
collectors and sinners?"
31 Jesus answered and said to them,
"Those who are well have no need of a
physician, but those who are sick.
32 "I have not come to call the righteous,
but sinners, to repentance."
33 Then they said to Him, "Why do
the disciples of John fast often and
make prayers, and likewise those of the
Pharisees, but Yours eat and drink?"
34 And He said to them, "Can you make
the friends of the bridegroom fast while
the bridegroom is with them?
35 "But the days will come when the
bridegroom will be taken away from
them; then they will fast in those days."

36 Then He spoke a parable to them:
"No one puts a piece from a new
garment on an old one; otherwise the
new makes a tear, and also the piece
that was taken out of the new does not
match the old.
37 "And no one puts new wine into old
wineskins; or else the new wine will
burst the wineskins and be spilled, and
the wineskins will be ruined.
38 "But new wine must be put into new
wineskins, and both are preserved.
39 "And no one, having drunk old wine,
immediately desires new; for he says,
'The old is better.'"
6 1 Now it happened on the second
Sabbath after the first that He went
through the grainfields. And His disciples
plucked the heads of grain and ate them,
rubbing them in their hands.

2 And some of the Pharisees said to
them, "Why are you doing what is not
lawful to do on the Sabbath?"
3 But Jesus answering them said, "Have
you not even read this, what David did
when he was hungry, he and those who
were with him:
4 "how he went into the house of God,
took and ate the showbread, and also
gave some to those with him, which
is not lawful for any but the priests to
eat?"
5 And He said to them, "The Son of Man
is also Lord of the Sabbath."
6 Now it happened on another Sabbath,
also, that He entered the synagogue and
taught. And a man was there whose
right hand was withered.
7 So the scribes and Pharisees watched
Him closely, whether He would heal on
the Sabbath, that they might find an
accusation against Him.

8 But He knew their thoughts, and said
to the man who had the withered hand,
"Arise and stand here." And he arose
and stood.
9 Then Jesus said to them, "I will ask
you one thing: Is it lawful on the Sabbath
to do good or to do evil, to save life or to
destroy?"
10 And when He had looked around at
them all, He said to the man, "Stretch
out your hand." And he did so, and his
hand was restored as whole as the other.
11 But they were filled with rage, and
discussed with one another what they
might do to Jesus.
12 Now it came to pass in those days
that He went out to the mountain to
pray, and continued all night in prayer to
God.
13 And when it was day, He called His
disciples to Himself; and from them

He chose twelve whom He also named
apostles:
14 Simon, whom He also named Peter,
and Andrew his brother; James and
John; Philip and Bartholomew;
15 Matthew and Thomas; James the
son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the
Zealot;
16 Judas the son of James, and Judas
Iscariot who also became a traitor.
17 And He came down with them and
stood on a level place with a crowd of
His disciples and a great multitude of
people from all Judea and Jerusalem,
and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon,
who came to hear Him and be healed of
their diseases,
18 as well as those who were tormented
with unclean spirits. And they were
healed.

19 And the whole multitude sought to
touch Him, for power went out from Him
and healed them all.
20 Then He lifted up His eyes toward
His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you
poor, For yours is the kingdom of God.
21 Blessed are you who hunger now, For
you shall be filled. Blessed are you who
weep now, For you shall laugh.
22 Blessed are you when men hate you,
And when they exclude you, And revile
you, and cast out your name as evil, For
the Son of Man’s sake.
23 Rejoice in that day and leap for
joy! For indeed your reward is great in
heaven, For in like manner their fathers
did to the prophets.
24 "But woe to you who are rich, For
you have received your consolation.
25 Woe to you who are full, For you shall
hunger. Woe to you who laugh now, For
you shall mourn and weep.

26 Woe to you when all men speak well
of you, For so did their fathers to the
false prophets.
27 "But I say to you who hear: Love your
enemies, do good to those who hate
you,
28 "bless those who curse you, and pray
for those who spitefully use you.
29 "To him who strikes you on the one
cheek, offer the other also. And from
him who takes away your cloak, do not
withhold your tunic either.
30 "Give to everyone who asks of you.
And from him who takes away your
goods do not ask them back.
31 "And just as you want men to do to
you, you also do to them likewise.
32 "But if you love those who love you,
what credit is that to you? For even
sinners love those who love them.

33 "And if you do good to those who do
good to you, what credit is that to you?
For even sinners do the same.
34 "And if you lend to those from whom
you hope to receive back, what credit
is that to you? For even sinners lend to
sinners to receive as much back.
35 "But love your enemies, do good,
and lend, hoping for nothing in return;
and your reward will be great, and you
will be sons of the Most High. For He is
kind to the unthankful and evil.
36 "Therefore be merciful, just as your
Father also is merciful.
37 "Judge not, and you shall not be
judged. Condemn not, and you shall not
be condemned. Forgive, and you will be
forgiven.
38 "Give, and it will be given to you:
good measure, pressed down, shaken
together, and running over will be
put into your bosom. For with the

same measure that you use, it will be
measured back to you."
39 And He spoke a parable to them:
"Can the blind lead the blind? Will they
not both fall into the ditch?
40 "A disciple is not above his teacher,
but everyone who is perfectly trained
will be like his teacher.
41 "And why do you look at the speck in
your brother's eye, but do not perceive
the plank in your own eye?
42 "Or how can you say to your brother,
'Brother, let me remove the speck that
is in your eye,' when you yourself do
not see the plank that is in your own
eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank
from your own eye, and then you will
see clearly to remove the speck that is in
your brother's eye.
43 "For a good tree does not bear bad
fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit.

44 "For every tree is known by its own
fruit. For men do not gather figs from
thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a
bramble bush.
45 "A good man out of the good
treasure of his heart brings forth good;
and an evil man out of the evil treasure
of his heart brings forth evil. For out of
the abundance of the heart his mouth
speaks.
46 "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,'
and do not do the things which I say?
47 "Whoever comes to Me, and hears
My sayings and does them, I will show
you whom he is like:
48 "He is like a man building a house,
who dug deep and laid the foundation
on the rock. And when the flood arose,
the stream beat vehemently against that
house, and could not shake it, for it was
founded on the rock.

49 "But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great."

7 1 Now when He concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum.

2 And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die.

3 So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant.

4 And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving,

5 "for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue."

6 Then Jesus went with them. And when
He was already not far from the house,
the centurion sent friends to Him, saying
to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself,
for I am not worthy that You should
enter under my roof.
7 "Therefore I did not even think myself
worthy to come to You. But say the
word, and my servant will be healed.
8 "For I also am a man placed under
authority, having soldiers under me. And
I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to
another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to
my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it."
9 When Jesus heard these things, He
marveled at him, and turned around and
said to the crowd that followed Him, "I
say to you, I have not found such great
faith, not even in Israel!"
10 And those who were sent, returning
to the house, found the servant well
who had been sick.

11 Now it happened, the day after, that
He went into a city called Nain; and
many of His disciples went with Him, and
a large crowd.
12 And when He came near the gate of
the city, behold, a dead man was being
carried out, the only son of his mother;
and she was a widow. And a large crowd
from the city was with her.
13 When the Lord saw her, He had
compassion on her and said to her, "Do
not weep."
14 Then He came and touched the open
coffin, and those who carried him stood
still. And He said, "Young man, I say to
you, arise."
15 So he who was dead sat up and
began to speak. And He presented him
to his mother.
16 Then fear came upon all, and they
glorified God, saying, "A great prophet

has risen up among us"; and, "God has
visited His people."
17 And this report about Him went
throughout all Judea and all the
surrounding region.
18 Then the disciples of John reported
to him concerning all these things.
19 And John, calling two of his disciples
to him, sent them to Jesus, saying, "Are
You the Coming One, or do we look for
another?"
20 When the men had come to Him,
they said, "John the Baptist has sent us
to You, saying, 'Are You the Coming One,
or do we look for another?'"
21 And that very hour He cured many
of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits;
and to many blind He gave sight.
22 Jesus answered and said to them,
"Go and tell John the things you have
seen and heard: that the blind see, the
lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the

deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor
have the gospel preached to them.
23 "And blessed is he who is not
offended because of Me."
24 When the messengers of John had
departed, He began to speak to the
multitudes concerning John: "What did
you go out into the wilderness to see? A
reed shaken by the wind?
25 "But what did you go out to see? A
man clothed in soft garments? Indeed
those who are gorgeously appareled and
live in luxury are in kings' courts.
26 "But what did you go out to see? A
prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more
than a prophet.
27 "This is he of whom it is written:
'Behold, I send My messenger before
Your face, Who will prepare Your way
before You.'
28 "For I say to you, among those born
of women there is not a greater prophet

than John the Baptist; but he who is
least in the kingdom of God is greater
than he."
29 And when all the people heard Him,
even the tax collectors justified God,
having been baptized with the baptism
of John.
30 But the Pharisees and lawyers
rejected the will of God for themselves,
not having been baptized by him.
31 And the Lord said, "To what then
shall I liken the men of this generation,
and what are they like?
32 "They are like children sitting in the
marketplace and calling to one another,
saying: ‘We played the flute for you, And
you did not dance; We mourned to you,
And you did not weep.’
33 "For John the Baptist came neither
eating bread nor drinking wine, and you
say, ‘He has a demon.’

34 "The Son of Man has come eating
and drinking, and you say, ‘Look, a
glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax
collectors and sinners!’
35 "But wisdom is justified by all her
children."
36 Then one of the Pharisees asked Him
to eat with him. And He went to the
Pharisee’s house, and sat down to eat.
37 And behold, a woman in the city who
was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus
sat at the table in the Pharisee’s house,
brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil,
38 and stood at His feet behind Him
weeping; and she began to wash His feet
with her tears, and wiped them with the
hair of her head; and she kissed His feet
and anointed them with the fragrant oil.
39 Now when the Pharisee who had
invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself,
saying, "This man, if He were a prophet,
would know who and what manner of

woman this is who is touching Him, for
she is a sinner."
40 And Jesus answered and said to him,
"Simon, I have something to say to you."
So he said, "Teacher, say it."
41 "There was a certain creditor who
had two debtors. One owed five hundred
denarii, and the other fifty.
42 "And when they had nothing with
which to repay, he freely forgave them
both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them
will love him more?"
43 Simon answered and said, "I suppose
the one whom he forgave more." And He
said to him, "You have rightly judged."
44 Then He turned to the woman and
said to Simon, "Do you see this woman?
I entered your house; you gave Me no
water for My feet, but she has washed
My feet with her tears and wiped them
with the hair of her head.

45 "You gave Me no kiss, but this woman
has not ceased to kiss My feet since the
time I came in.
46 "You did not anoint My head with oil,
but this woman has anointed My feet
with fragrant oil.
47 "Therefore I say to you, her sins,
which are many, are forgiven, for she
loved much. But to whom little is
forgiven, the same loves little."
48 Then He said to her, "Your sins are
forgiven."
49 And those who sat at the table with
Him began to say to themselves, "Who is
this who even forgives sins?"
50 Then He said to the woman, "Your
faith has saved you. Go in peace."
8 1 Now it came to pass, afterward,
that He went through every city and
village, preaching and bringing the glad
tidings of the kingdom of God. And the
twelve were with Him,

2 and certain women who had been
healed of evil spirits and infirmities—
Mary called Magdalene, out of whom
had come seven demons,
3 and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's
steward, and Susanna, and many
others who provided for Him from their
substance.
4 And when a great multitude had
gathered, and they had come to Him
from every city, He spoke by a parable:
5 "A sower went out to sow his seed.
And as he sowed, some fell by the
wayside; and it was trampled down, and
the birds of the air devoured it.
6 "Some fell on rock; and as soon as it
sprang up, it withered away because it
lacked moisture.
7 "And some fell among thorns, and the
thorns sprang up with it and choked it.
8 "But others fell on good ground,
sprang up, and yielded a crop a

hundredfold." When He had said these
things He cried, "He who has ears to
hear, let him hear!"
9 Then His disciples asked Him, saying,
"What does this parable mean?"
10 And He said, "To you it has been given
to know the mysteries of the kingdom
of God, but to the rest it is given in
parables, that 'Seeing they may not see,
And hearing they may not understand.'
11 "Now the parable is this: The seed is
the word of God.
12 "Those by the wayside are the ones
who hear; then the devil comes and
takes away the word out of their hearts,
lest they should believe and be saved.
13 "But the ones on the rock are those
who, when they hear, receive the
word with joy; and these have no root,
who believe for a while and in time of
temptation fall away.

14 "Now the ones that fell among thorns
are those who, when they have heard,
go out and are choked with cares, riches,
and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit
to maturity.
15 "But the ones that fell on the good
ground are those who, having heard the
word with a noble and good heart, keep
it and bear fruit with patience.
16 "No one, when he has lit a lamp,
covers it with a vessel or puts it under
a bed, but sets it on a lampstand, that
those who enter may see the light.
17 "For nothing is secret that will not be
revealed, nor anything hidden that will
not be known and come to light.
18 "Therefore take heed how you hear.
For whoever has, to him more will be
given; and whoever does not have, even
what he seems to have will be taken
from him."

19 Then His mother and brothers came
to Him, and could not approach Him
because of the crowd.
20 And it was told Him by some, who
said, "Your mother and Your brothers are
standing outside, desiring to see You."
21 But He answered and said to them,
"My mother and My brothers are these
who hear the word of God and do it."
22 Now it happened, on a certain day,
that He got into a boat with His disciples.
And He said to them, "Let us cross over
to the other side of the lake." And they
launched out.
23 But as they sailed He fell asleep. And
a windstorm came down on the lake,
and they were filling with water, and
were in jeopardy.
24 And they came to Him and awoke
Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are
perishing!" Then He arose and rebuked

the wind and the raging of the water.
And they ceased, and there was a calm.
25 But He said to them, "Where is
your faith?" And they were afraid, and
marveled, saying to one another, "Who
can this be? For He commands even the
winds and water, and they obey Him!"
26 Then they sailed to the country of the
Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee.
27 And when He stepped out on the
land, there met Him a certain man from
the city who had demons for a long time.
And he wore no clothes, nor did he live
in a house but in the tombs.
28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell
down before Him, and with a loud voice
said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus,
Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do
not torment me!"
29 For He had commanded the unclean
spirit to come out of the man. For it had
often seized him, and he was kept under

guard, bound with chains and shackles;
and he broke the bonds and was driven
by the demon into the wilderness.
30 Jesus asked him, saying, "What is
your name?" And he said, "Legion,"
because many demons had entered him.
31 And they begged Him that He would
not command them to go out into the
abyss.
32 Now a herd of many swine was
feeding there on the mountain. So they
begged Him that He would permit them
to enter them. And He permitted them.
33 Then the demons went out of the
man and entered the swine, and the
herd ran violently down the steep place
into the lake and drowned.
34 When those who fed them saw what
had happened, they fled and told it in
the city and in the country.
35 Then they went out to see what had
happened, and came to Jesus, and found

the man from whom the demons had
departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus,
clothed and in his right mind. And they
were afraid.
36 They also who had seen it told
them by what means he who had been
demon–possessed was healed.
37 Then the whole multitude of the
surrounding region of the Gadarenes
asked Him to depart from them, for they
were seized with great fear. And He got
into the boat and returned.
38 Now the man from whom the
demons had departed begged Him that
he might be with Him. But Jesus sent
him away, saying,
39 "Return to your own house, and tell
what great things God has done for you."
And he went his way and proclaimed
throughout the whole city what great
things Jesus had done for him.

40 So it was, when Jesus returned, that
the multitude welcomed Him, for they
were all waiting for Him.
41 And behold, there came a man
named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the
synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus'
feet and begged Him to come to his
house,
42 for he had an only daughter about
twelve years of age, and she was dying.
But as He went, the multitudes thronged
Him.
43 Now a woman, having a flow of blood
for twelve years, who had spent all her
livelihood on physicians and could not
be healed by any,
44 came from behind and touched the
border of His garment. And immediately
her flow of blood stopped.
45 And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?"
When all denied it, Peter and those
with him said, "Master, the multitudes

throng and press You, and You say, ‘Who
touched Me?’"
46 But Jesus said, "Somebody touched
Me, for I perceived power going out
from Me."
47 Now when the woman saw that she
was not hidden, she came trembling; and
falling down before Him, she declared to
Him in the presence of all the people the
reason she had touched Him and how
she was healed immediately.
48 And He said to her, "Daughter, be of
good cheer; your faith has made you
well. Go in peace."
49 While He was still speaking, someone
came from the ruler of the synagogue’s
house, saying to him, "Your daughter is
dead. Do not trouble the Teacher."
50 But when Jesus heard it, He answered
him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only
believe, and she will be made well."

51 When He came into the house, He
permitted no one to go in except Peter,
James, and John, and the father and
mother of the girl.
52 Now all wept and mourned for her;
but He said, "Do not weep; she is not
dead, but sleeping."
53 And they ridiculed Him, knowing that
she was dead.
54 But He put them all outside, took her
by the hand and called, saying, "Little
girl, arise."
55 Then her spirit returned, and she
arose immediately. And He commanded
that she be given something to eat.
56 And her parents were astonished,
but He charged them to tell no one what
had happened.

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1 Then He called His twelve disciples
together and gave them power and
authority over all demons, and to cure
diseases.

2 He sent them to preach the kingdom
of God and to heal the sick.
3 And He said to them, "Take nothing
for the journey, neither staffs nor bag
nor bread nor money; and do not have
two tunics apiece.
4 "Whatever house you enter, stay
there, and from there depart.
5 "And whoever will not receive you,
when you go out of that city, shake
off the very dust from your feet as a
testimony against them."
6 So they departed and went through
the towns, preaching the gospel and
healing everywhere.
7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard of
all that was done by Him; and he was
perplexed, because it was said by some
that John had risen from the dead,
8 and by some that Elijah had appeared,
and by others that one of the old
prophets had risen again.

9 Herod said, "John I have beheaded,
but who is this of whom I hear such
things?" So he sought to see Him.
10 And the apostles, when they had
returned, told Him all that they had
done. Then He took them and went
aside privately into a deserted place
belonging to the city called Bethsaida.
11 But when the multitudes knew it,
they followed Him; and He received
them and spoke to them about the
kingdom of God, and healed those who
had need of healing.
12 When the day began to wear away,
the twelve came and said to Him, "Send
the multitude away, that they may go
into the surrounding towns and country,
and lodge and get provisions; for we are
in a deserted place here."
13 But He said to them, "You give them
something to eat." And they said, "We
have no more than five loaves and two

fish, unless we go and buy food for all
these people."
14 For there were about five thousand
men. Then He said to His disciples,
"Make them sit down in groups of fifty."
15 And they did so, and made them all
sit down.
16 Then He took the five loaves and
the two fish, and looking up to heaven,
He blessed and broke them, and gave
them to the disciples to set before the
multitude.
17 So they all ate and were filled, and
twelve baskets of the leftover fragments
were taken up by them.
18 And it happened, as He was alone
praying, that His disciples joined Him,
and He asked them, saying, "Who do the
crowds say that I am?"
19 So they answered and said, "John the
Baptist, but some say Elijah; and others

say that one of the old prophets has
risen again."
20 He said to them, "But who do you
say that I am?" Peter answered and said,
"The Christ of God."
21 And He strictly warned and
commanded them to tell this to no one,
22 saying, "The Son of Man must suffer
many things, and be rejected by the
elders and chief priests and scribes, and
be killed, and be raised the third day."
23 Then He said to them all, "If anyone
desires to come after Me, let him deny
himself, and take up his cross daily, and
follow Me.
24 "For whoever desires to save his life
will lose it, but whoever loses his life for
My sake will save it.
25 "For what profit is it to a man if he
gains the whole world, and is himself
destroyed or lost?

26 "For whoever is ashamed of Me and
My words, of him the Son of Man will
be ashamed when He comes in His own
glory, and in His Father’s, and of the holy
angels.
27 "But I tell you truly, there are some
standing here who shall not taste death
till they see the kingdom of God."
28 Now it came to pass, about eight
days after these sayings, that He took
Peter, John, and James and went up on
the mountain to pray.
29 As He prayed, the appearance of His
face was altered, and His robe became
white and glistening.
30 And behold, two men talked with
Him, who were Moses and Elijah,
31 who appeared in glory and spoke
of His decease which He was about to
accomplish at Jerusalem.
32 But Peter and those with him were
heavy with sleep; and when they were

fully awake, they saw His glory and the
two men who stood with Him.
33 Then it happened, as they were
parting from Him, that Peter said to
Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be
here; and let us make three tabernacles:
one for You, one for Moses, and one for
Elijah" —not knowing what he said.
34 While he was saying this, a cloud
came and overshadowed them; and they
were fearful as they entered the cloud.
35 And a voice came out of the cloud,
saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear
Him!"
36 When the voice had ceased, Jesus
was found alone. But they kept quiet,
and told no one in those days any of the
things they had seen.
37 Now it happened on the next day,
when they had come down from the
mountain, that a great multitude met
Him.

38 Suddenly a man from the multitude
cried out, saying, "Teacher, I implore You,
look on my son, for he is my only child.
39 "And behold, a spirit seizes him, and
he suddenly cries out; it convulses him
so that he foams at the mouth, and it
departs from him with great difficulty,
bruising him.
40 "So I implored Your disciples to cast
it out, but they could not."
41 Then Jesus answered and said, "O
faithless and perverse generation, how
long shall I be with you and bear with
you? Bring your son here."
42 And as he was still coming, the
demon threw him down and convulsed
him. Then Jesus rebuked the unclean
spirit, healed the child, and gave him
back to his father.
43 And they were all amazed at the
majesty of God. But while everyone

marveled at all the things which Jesus
did, He said to His disciples,
44 "Let these words sink down into your
ears, for the Son of Man is about to be
betrayed into the hands of men."
45 But they did not understand this
saying, and it was hidden from them so
that they did not perceive it; and they
were afraid to ask Him about this saying.
46 Then a dispute arose among them as
to which of them would be greatest.
47 And Jesus, perceiving the thought of
their heart, took a little child and set him
by Him,
48 and said to them, "Whoever receives
this little child in My name receives Me;
and whoever receives Me receives Him
who sent Me. For he who is least among
you all will be great."
49 Now John answered and said,
"Master, we saw someone casting out
demons in Your name, and we forbade

him because he does not follow with
us."
50 But Jesus said to him, "Do not forbid
him, for he who is not against us is on
our side."
51 Now it came to pass, when the time
had come for Him to be received up,
that He steadfastly set His face to go to
Jerusalem,
52 and sent messengers before His face.
And as they went, they entered a village
of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him.
53 But they did not receive Him,
because His face was set for the journey
to Jerusalem.
54 And when His disciples James and
John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You
want us to command fire to come down
from heaven and consume them, just as
Elijah did?"

55 But He turned and rebuked them,
and said, "You do not know what manner
of spirit you are of.
56 "For the Son of Man did not come to
destroy men’s lives but to save them."
And they went to another village.
57 Now it happened as they journeyed
on the road, that someone said to Him,
"Lord, I will follow You wherever You go."
58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have
holes and birds of the air have nests, but
the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His
head."
59 Then He said to another, "Follow
Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go
and bury my father."
60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury
their own dead, but you go and preach
the kingdom of God."
61 And another also said, "Lord, I will
follow You, but let me first go and bid
them farewell who are at my house."

62 But Jesus said to him, "No one,
having put his hand to the plow, and
looking back, is fit for the kingdom of
God."

10 1 After these things the Lord
appointed seventy others also,
and sent them two by two before His
face into every city and place where He
Himself was about to go.
2 Then He said to them, "The harvest
truly is great, but the laborers are few;
therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to
send out laborers into His harvest.
3 "Go your way; behold, I send you out
as lambs among wolves.
4 "Carry neither money bag, knapsack,
nor sandals; and greet no one along the
road.
5 "But whatever house you enter, first
say, ‘Peace to this house.’

6 "And if a son of peace is there, your
peace will rest on it; if not, it will return
to you.
7 "And remain in the same house,
eating and drinking such things as they
give, for the laborer is worthy of his
wages. Do not go from house to house.
8 "Whatever city you enter, and they
receive you, eat such things as are set
before you.
9 "And heal the sick there, and say to
them, 'The kingdom of God has come
near to you.'
10 "But whatever city you enter, and
they do not receive you, go out into its
streets and say,
11 'The very dust of your city which
clings to us we wipe off against you.
Nevertheless know this, that the
kingdom of God has come near you.'

12 "But I say to you that it will be more
tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for
that city.
13 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you,
Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which
were done in you had been done in Tyre
and Sidon, they would have repented
long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.
14 "But it will be more tolerable for Tyre
and Sidon at the judgment than for you.
15 "And you, Capernaum, who are
exalted to heaven, will be brought down
to Hades.
16 "He who hears you hears Me, he
who rejects you rejects Me, and he who
rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."
17 Then the seventy returned with joy,
saying, "Lord, even the demons are
subject to us in Your name."
18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall
like lightning from heaven.

19 "Behold, I give you the authority to
trample on serpents and scorpions, and
over all the power of the enemy, and
nothing shall by any means hurt you.
20 "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this,
that the spirits are subject to you, but
rather rejoice because your names are
written in heaven."
21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the
Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth, that You have
hidden these things from the wise and
prudent and revealed them to babes.
Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in
Your sight.
22 "All things have been delivered to Me
by My Father, and no one knows who
the Son is except the Father, and who
the Father is except the Son, and the one
to whom the Son wills to reveal Him."

23 Then He turned to His disciples and
said privately, "Blessed are the eyes
which see the things you see;
24 "for I tell you that many prophets
and kings have desired to see what you
see, and have not seen it, and to hear
what you hear, and have not heard it."
25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood
up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher,
what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"
26 He said to him, "What is written in
the law? What is your reading of it?"
27 So he answered and said, "'You shall
love the LORD your God with all your
heart, with all your soul, with all your
strength, and with all your mind,' and
'your neighbor as yourself.'"
28 And He said to him, "You have
answered rightly; do this and you will
live."
29 But he, wanting to justify himself,
said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30 Then Jesus answered and said: "A
certain man went down from Jerusalem
to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who
stripped him of his clothing, wounded
him, and departed, leaving him half
dead.
31 "Now by chance a certain priest
came down that road. And when he saw
him, he passed by on the other side.
32 "Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at
the place, came and looked, and passed
by on the other side.
33 "But a certain Samaritan, as he
journeyed, came where he was. And
when he saw him, he had compassion.
34 "So he went to him and bandaged his
wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he
set him on his own animal, brought him
to an inn, and took care of him.
35 "On the next day, when he departed,
he took out two denarii, gave them to
the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take

care of him; and whatever more you
spend, when I come again, I will repay
you.’
36 "So which of these three do you think
was neighbor to him who fell among the
thieves?"
37 And he said, "He who showed mercy
on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and
do likewise."
38 Now it happened as they went
that He entered a certain village;
and a certain woman named Martha
welcomed Him into her house.
39 And she had a sister called Mary,
who also sat at Jesus’ feet and heard His
word.
40 But Martha was distracted with
much serving, and she approached Him
and said, "Lord, do You not care that
my sister has left me to serve alone?
Therefore tell her to help me."

41 And Jesus answered and said to her,
"Martha, Martha, you are worried and
troubled about many things.
42 "But one thing is needed, and Mary
has chosen that good part, which will
not be taken away from her."
11 1 Now it came to pass, as He was
praying in a certain place, when
He ceased, that one of His disciples said
to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John
also taught his disciples."
2 So He said to them, "When you pray,
say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be
Your name. Your kingdom come. Your
will be done On earth as it is in heaven.
3 Give us day by day our daily bread.
4 And forgive us our sins, For we also
forgive everyone who is indebted to us.
And do not lead us into temptation, But
deliver us from the evil one."
5 And He said to them, "Which of you
shall have a friend, and go to him at

midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend
me three loaves;
6 ‘for a friend of mine has come to me
on his journey, and I have nothing to set
before him’;
7 "and he will answer from within and
say, ‘Do not trouble me; the door is now
shut, and my children are with me in
bed; I cannot rise and give to you’?
8 "I say to you, though he will not rise
and give to him because he is his friend,
yet because of his persistence he will
rise and give him as many as he needs.
9 "So I say to you, ask, and it will be
given to you; seek, and you will find;
knock, and it will be opened to you.
10 "For everyone who asks receives,
and he who seeks finds, and to him who
knocks it will be opened.
11 "If a son asks for bread from any
father among you, will he give him a

stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give
him a serpent instead of a fish?
12 "Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer
him a scorpion?
13 "If you then, being evil, know how
to give good gifts to your children, how
much more will your heavenly Father
give the Holy Spirit to those who ask
Him!"
14 And He was casting out a demon, and
it was mute. So it was, when the demon
had gone out, that the mute spoke; and
the multitudes marveled.
15 But some of them said, "He casts out
demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the
demons."
16 Others, testing Him, sought from Him
a sign from heaven.
17 But He, knowing their thoughts, said
to them: "Every kingdom divided against
itself is brought to desolation, and a
house divided against a house falls.

18 "If Satan also is divided against
himself, how will his kingdom stand?
Because you say I cast out demons by
Beelzebub.
19 "And if I cast out demons by
Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast
them out? Therefore they will be your
judges.
20 "But if I cast out demons with the
finger of God, surely the kingdom of God
has come upon you.
21 "When a strong man, fully armed,
guards his own palace, his goods are in
peace.
22 "But when a stronger than he comes
upon him and overcomes him, he takes
from him all his armor in which he
trusted, and divides his spoils.
23 "He who is not with Me is against
Me, and he who does not gather with
Me scatters.

24 "When an unclean spirit goes out
of a man, he goes through dry places,
seeking rest; and finding none, he says,
'I will return to my house from which I
came.'
25 "And when he comes, he finds it
swept and put in order.
26 "Then he goes and takes with him
seven other spirits more wicked than
himself, and they enter and dwell there;
and the last state of that man is worse
than the first."
27 And it happened, as He spoke these
things, that a certain woman from the
crowd raised her voice and said to Him,
"Blessed is the womb that bore You, and
the breasts which nursed You!"
28 But He said, "More than that, blessed
are those who hear the word of God and
keep it!"
29 And while the crowds were thickly
gathered together, He began to say, "This

is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, and
no sign will be given to it except the sign
of Jonah the prophet.
30 "For as Jonah became a sign to the
Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be
to this generation.
31 "The queen of the South will rise up
in the judgment with the men of this
generation and condemn them, for she
came from the ends of the earth to hear
the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a
greater than Solomon is here.
32 "The men of Nineveh will rise up in
the judgment with this generation and
condemn it, for they repented at the
preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater
than Jonah is here.
33 "No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts
it in a secret place or under a basket, but
on a lampstand, that those who come in
may see the light.

34 "The lamp of the body is the eye.
Therefore, when your eye is good, your
whole body also is full of light. But when
your eye is bad, your body also is full of
darkness.
35 "Therefore take heed that the light
which is in you is not darkness.
36 "If then your whole body is full of
light, having no part dark, the whole
body will be full of light, as when the
bright shining of a lamp gives you light."
37 And as He spoke, a certain Pharisee
asked Him to dine with him. So He went
in and sat down to eat.
38 When the Pharisee saw it, he
marveled that He had not first washed
before dinner.
39 Then the Lord said to him, "Now you
Pharisees make the outside of the cup
and dish clean, but your inward part is
full of greed and wickedness.

40 "Foolish ones! Did not He who made
the outside make the inside also?
41 "But rather give alms of such things
as you have; then indeed all things are
clean to you.
42 "But woe to you Pharisees! For you
tithe mint and rue and all manner of
herbs, and pass by justice and the love
of God. These you ought to have done,
without leaving the others undone.
43 "Woe to you Pharisees! For you love
the best seats in the synagogues and
greetings in the marketplaces.
44 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,
hypocrites! For you are like graves which
are not seen, and the men who walk
over them are not aware of them."
45 Then one of the lawyers answered
and said to Him, "Teacher, by saying
these things You reproach us also."
46 And He said, "Woe to you also,
lawyers! For you load men with burdens

hard to bear, and you yourselves do
not touch the burdens with one of your
fingers.
47 "Woe to you! For you build the tombs
of the prophets, and your fathers killed
them.
48 "In fact, you bear witness that you
approve the deeds of your fathers; for
they indeed killed them, and you build
their tombs.
49 "Therefore the wisdom of God also
said, 'I will send them prophets and
apostles, and some of them they will kill
and persecute,'
50 "that the blood of all the prophets
which was shed from the foundation
of the world may be required of this
generation,
51 "from the blood of Abel to the blood
of Zechariah who perished between the
altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it
shall be required of this generation.

52 "Woe to you lawyers! For you have
taken away the key of knowledge. You
did not enter in yourselves, and those
who were entering in you hindered."
53 And as He said these things to
them, the scribes and the Pharisees
began to assail Him vehemently, and to
cross–examine Him about many things,
54 lying in wait for Him, and seeking to
catch Him in something He might say,
that they might accuse Him.
12 1 In the meantime, when an
innumerable multitude of people
had gathered together, so that they
trampled one another, He began to say
to His disciples first of all, "Beware of
the leaven of the Pharisees, which is
hypocrisy.
2 "For there is nothing covered that will
not be revealed, nor hidden that will not
be known.

3 "Therefore whatever you have spoken
in the dark will be heard in the light,
and what you have spoken in the ear in
inner rooms will be proclaimed on the
housetops.
4 "And I say to you, My friends, do not
be afraid of those who kill the body, and
after that have no more that they can
do.
5 "But I will show you whom you should
fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed,
has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to
you, fear Him!
6 "Are not five sparrows sold for two
copper coins? And not one of them is
forgotten before God.
7 "But the very hairs of your head are
all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you
are of more value than many sparrows.
8 "Also I say to you, whoever confesses
Me before men, him the Son of Man also
will confess before the angels of God.

9 "But he who denies Me before men
will be denied before the angels of God.
10 "And anyone who speaks a word
against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven
him; but to him who blasphemes against
the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven.
11 "Now when they bring you to
the synagogues and magistrates and
authorities, do not worry about how or
what you should answer, or what you
should say.
12 "For the Holy Spirit will teach you in
that very hour what you ought to say."
13 Then one from the crowd said to
Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide
the inheritance with me."
14 But He said to him, "Man, who made
Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?"
15 And He said to them, "Take heed and
beware of covetousness, for one's life
does not consist in the abundance of the
things he possesses."

16 Then He spoke a parable to them,
saying: "The ground of a certain rich man
yielded plentifully.
17 "And he thought within himself,
saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no
room to store my crops?’
18 "So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull
down my barns and build greater, and
there I will store all my crops and my
goods.
19 ‘And I will say to my soul, "Soul,
you have many goods laid up for many
years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be
merry."’
20 "But God said to him, ‘Fool! This
night your soul will be required of you;
then whose will those things be which
you have provided?’
21 "So is he who lays up treasure for
himself, and is not rich toward God."
22 Then He said to His disciples,
"Therefore I say to you, do not worry

about your life, what you will eat; nor
about the body, what you will put on.
23 "Life is more than food, and the body
is more than clothing.
24 "Consider the ravens, for they
neither sow nor reap, which have
neither storehouse nor barn; and God
feeds them. Of how much more value
are you than the birds?
25 "And which of you by worrying can
add one cubit to his stature?
26 "If you then are not able to do the
least, why are you anxious for the rest?
27 "Consider the lilies, how they grow:
they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say
to you, even Solomon in all his glory was
not arrayed like one of these.
28 "If then God so clothes the grass,
which today is in the field and tomorrow
is thrown into the oven, how much more
will He clothe you, O you of little faith?

29 "And do not seek what you should
eat or what you should drink, nor have
an anxious mind.
30 "For all these things the nations of
the world seek after, and your Father
knows that you need these things.
31 "But seek the kingdom of God, and
all these things shall be added to you.
32 "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your
Father's good pleasure to give you the
kingdom.
33 "Sell what you have and give alms;
provide yourselves money bags which
do not grow old, a treasure in the
heavens that does not fail, where no
thief approaches nor moth destroys.
34 "For where your treasure is, there
your heart will be also.
35 "Let your waist be girded and your
lamps burning;
36 "and you yourselves be like men
who wait for their master, when he will

return from the wedding, that when he
comes and knocks they may open to him
immediately.
37 "Blessed are those servants whom
the master, when he comes, will find
watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he
will gird himself and have them sit down
to eat, and will come and serve them.
38 "And if he should come in the second
watch, or come in the third watch, and
find them so, blessed are those servants.
39 "But know this, that if the master
of the house had known what hour
the thief would come, he would have
watched and not allowed his house to
be broken into.
40 "Therefore you also be ready, for the
Son of Man is coming at an hour you do
not expect."
41 Then Peter said to Him, "Lord, do You
speak this parable only to us, or to all
people?"

42 And the Lord said, "Who then is
that faithful and wise steward, whom
his master will make ruler over his
household, to give them their portion of
food in due season?
43 "Blessed is that servant whom his
master will find so doing when he comes.
44 "Truly, I say to you that he will make
him ruler over all that he has.
45 "But if that servant says in his heart,
‘My master is delaying his coming,’ and
begins to beat the male and female
servants, and to eat and drink and be
drunk,
46 "the master of that servant will come
on a day when he is not looking for him,
and at an hour when he is not aware,
and will cut him in two and appoint him
his portion with the unbelievers.
47 "And that servant who knew his
master’s will, and did not prepare

himself or do according to his will, shall
be beaten with many stripes.
48 "But he who did not know, yet
committed things deserving of stripes,
shall be beaten with few. For everyone
to whom much is given, from him much
will be required; and to whom much has
been committed, of him they will ask the
more.
49 "I came to send fire on the earth, and
how I wish it were already kindled!
50 "But I have a baptism to be baptized
with, and how distressed I am till it is
accomplished!
51 "Do you suppose that I came to give
peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but
rather division.
52 "For from now on five in one house
will be divided: three against two, and
two against three.
53 "Father will be divided against
son and son against father, mother

against daughter and daughter against
mother, mother–in–law against her
daughter–in–law and daughter–in–law
against her mother–in–law."
54 Then He also said to the multitudes,
"Whenever you see a cloud rising out of
the west, immediately you say, ‘A shower
is coming’; and so it is.
55 "And when you see the south
wind blow, you say, ‘There will be hot
weather’; and there is.
56 "Hypocrites! You can discern the face
of the sky and of the earth, but how is it
you do not discern this time?
57 "Yes, and why, even of yourselves, do
you not judge what is right?
58 "When you go with your adversary to
the magistrate, make every effort along
the way to settle with him, lest he drag
you to the judge, the judge deliver you
to the officer, and the officer throw you
into prison.

59 "I tell you, you shall not depart from
there till you have paid the very last
mite."

13 1 There were present at that
season some who told Him about
the Galileans whose blood Pilate had
mingled with their sacrifices.
2 And Jesus answered and said to them,
"Do you suppose that these Galileans
were worse sinners than all other
Galileans, because they suffered such
things?
3 "I tell you, no; but unless you repent
you will all likewise perish.
4 "Or those eighteen on whom the
tower in Siloam fell and killed them,
do you think that they were worse
sinners than all other men who dwelt in
Jerusalem?
5 "I tell you, no; but unless you repent
you will all likewise perish."

6 He also spoke this parable: "A certain
man had a fig tree planted in his
vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it
and found none.
7 "Then he said to the keeper of his
vineyard, ‘Look, for three years I have
come seeking fruit on this fig tree and
find none. Cut it down; why does it use
up the ground?’
8 "But he answered and said to him,
‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig
around it and fertilize it.
9 ‘And if it bears fruit, well. But if not,
after that you can cut it down.’"
10 Now He was teaching in one of the
synagogues on the Sabbath.
11 And behold, there was a woman who
had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years,
and was bent over and could in no way
raise herself up.

12 But when Jesus saw her, He called
her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you
are loosed from your infirmity."
13 And He laid His hands on her, and
immediately she was made straight, and
glorified God.
14 But the ruler of the synagogue
answered with indignation, because
Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and
he said to the crowd, "There are six days
on which men ought to work; therefore
come and be healed on them, and not
on the Sabbath day."
15 The Lord then answered him and
said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one
of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or
donkey from the stall, and lead it away
to water it?
16 "So ought not this woman, being
a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan
has bound—think of it—for eighteen

years, be loosed from this bond on the
Sabbath?"
17 And when He said these things, all
His adversaries were put to shame; and
all the multitude rejoiced for all the
glorious things that were done by Him.
18 Then He said, "What is the kingdom
of God like? And to what shall I compare
it?
19 "It is like a mustard seed, which a
man took and put in his garden; and it
grew and became a large tree, and the
birds of the air nested in its branches."
20 And again He said, "To what shall I
liken the kingdom of God?
21 "It is like leaven, which a woman took
and hid in three measures of meal till it
was all leavened."
22 And He went through the cities and
villages, teaching, and journeying toward
Jerusalem.

23 Then one said to Him, "Lord, are
there few who are saved?" And He said
to them,
24 "Strive to enter through the narrow
gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to
enter and will not be able.
25 "When once the Master of the house
has risen up and shut the door, and you
begin to stand outside and knock at the
door, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open for us,’
and He will answer and say to you, ‘I do
not know you, where you are from,’
26 "then you will begin to say, ‘We ate
and drank in Your presence, and You
taught in our streets.’
27 "But He will say, ‘I tell you I do not
know you, where you are from. Depart
from Me, all you workers of iniquity.’
28 "There will be weeping and gnashing
of teeth, when you see Abraham and
Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets

in the kingdom of God, and yourselves
thrust out.
29 "They will come from the east and
the west, from the north and the south,
and sit down in the kingdom of God.
30 "And indeed there are last who will
be first, and there are first who will be
last."
31 On that very day some Pharisees
came, saying to Him, "Get out and
depart from here, for Herod wants to kill
You."
32 And He said to them, "Go, tell that
fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and
perform cures today and tomorrow, and
the third day I shall be perfected.’
33 "Nevertheless I must journey today,
tomorrow, and the day following; for it
cannot be that a prophet should perish
outside of Jerusalem.
34 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one
who kills the prophets and stones those

who are sent to her! How often I wanted
to gather your children together, as a
hen gathers her brood under her wings,
but you were not willing!
35 "See! Your house is left to you
desolate; and assuredly, I say to you, you
shall not see Me until the time comes
when you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the LORD!’"
14 1 Now it happened, as He went
into the house of one of the rulers
of the Pharisees to eat bread on the
Sabbath, that they watched Him closely.
2 And behold, there was a certain man
before Him who had dropsy.
3 And Jesus, answering, spoke to the
lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it
lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"
4 But they kept silent. And He took him
and healed him, and let him go.
5 Then He answered them, saying,
"Which of you, having a donkey or an

ox that has fallen into a pit, will not
immediately pull him out on the Sabbath
day?"
6 And they could not answer Him
regarding these things.
7 So He told a parable to those who
were invited, when He noted how they
chose the best places, saying to them:
8 "When you are invited by anyone to
a wedding feast, do not sit down in the
best place, lest one more honorable
than you be invited by him;
9 "and he who invited you and him
come and say to you, ‘Give place to this
man,’ and then you begin with shame to
take the lowest place.
10 "But when you are invited, go and sit
down in the lowest place, so that when
he who invited you comes he may say to
you, ‘Friend, go up higher.’ Then you will
have glory in the presence of those who
sit at the table with you.

11 "For whoever exalts himself will be
humbled, and he who humbles himself
will be exalted."
12 Then He also said to him who
invited Him, "When you give a dinner
or a supper, do not ask your friends,
your brothers, your relatives, nor rich
neighbors, lest they also invite you back,
and you be repaid.
13 "But when you give a feast, invite the
poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind.
14 "And you will be blessed, because
they cannot repay you; for you shall be
repaid at the resurrection of the just."
15 Now when one of those who sat at
the table with Him heard these things,
he said to Him, "Blessed is he who shall
eat bread in the kingdom of God!"
16 Then He said to him, "A certain man
gave a great supper and invited many,

17 "and sent his servant at supper time
to say to those who were invited, ‘Come,
for all things are now ready.’
18 "But they all with one accord began
to make excuses. The first said to him,
‘I have bought a piece of ground, and I
must go and see it. I ask you to have me
excused.’
19 "And another said, ‘I have bought
five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test
them. I ask you to have me excused.’
20 "Still another said, ‘I have married a
wife, and therefore I cannot come.’
21 "So that servant came and reported
these things to his master. Then the
master of the house, being angry, said
to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the
streets and lanes of the city, and bring in
here the poor and the maimed and the
lame and the blind.’

22 "And the servant said, ‘Master, it is
done as you commanded, and still there
is room.’
23 "Then the master said to the servant,
‘Go out into the highways and hedges,
and compel them to come in, that my
house may be filled.
24 ‘For I say to you that none of those
men who were invited shall taste my
supper.’"
25 Now great multitudes went with
Him. And He turned and said to them,
26 "If anyone comes to Me and does
not hate his father and mother, wife
and children, brothers and sisters, yes,
and his own life also, he cannot be My
disciple.
27 "And whoever does not bear his
cross and come after Me cannot be My
disciple.
28 "For which of you, intending to build
a tower, does not sit down first and

count the cost, whether he has enough
to finish it —
29 "lest, after he has laid the foundation,
and is not able to finish, all who see it
begin to mock him,
30 "saying, 'This man began to build and
was not able to finish.'
31 "Or what king, going to make war
against another king, does not sit down
first and consider whether he is able with
ten thousand to meet him who comes
against him with twenty thousand?
32 "Or else, while the other is still a
great way off, he sends a delegation and
asks conditions of peace.
33 "So likewise, whoever of you does
not forsake all that he has cannot be My
disciple.
34 "Salt is good; but if the salt has lost
its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?

35 "It is neither fit for the land nor for
the dunghill, but men throw it out. He
who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

15 1 Then all the tax collectors and
the sinners drew near to Him to
hear Him.
2 And the Pharisees and scribes
complained, saying, "This Man receives
sinners and eats with them."
3 So He spoke this parable to them,
saying:
4 "What man of you, having a hundred
sheep, if he loses one of them, does not
leave the ninety–nine in the wilderness,
and go after the one which is lost until
he finds it?
5 "And when he has found it, he lays it
on his shoulders, rejoicing.
6 "And when he comes home, he calls
together his friends and neighbors,
saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I
have found my sheep which was lost!’

7 "I say to you that likewise there will
be more joy in heaven over one sinner
who repents than over ninety–nine just
persons who need no repentance.
8 "Or what woman, having ten silver
coins, if she loses one coin, does not light
a lamp, sweep the house, and search
carefully until she finds it?
9 "And when she has found it, she calls
her friends and neighbors together,
saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found
the piece which I lost!'
10 "Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in
the presence of the angels of God over
one sinner who repents."
11 Then He said: "A certain man had
two sons.
12 "And the younger of them said to his
father, 'Father, give me the portion of
goods that falls to me.' So he divided to
them his livelihood.

[13] "And not many days after, the
younger son gathered all together,
journeyed to a far country, and there
wasted his possessions with prodigal
living.
[14] "But when he had spent all, there
arose a severe famine in that land, and
he began to be in want.
[15] "Then he went and joined himself to
a citizen of that country, and he sent him
into his fields to feed swine.
[16] "And he would gladly have filled his
stomach with the pods that the swine
ate, and no one gave him anything.
[17] "But when he came to himself, he
said, ‘How many of my father’s hired
servants have bread enough and to
spare, and I perish with hunger!
[18] ‘I will arise and go to my father, and
will say to him, "Father, I have sinned
against heaven and before you,

19 "and I am no longer worthy to be
called your son. Make me like one of
your hired servants."'
20 "And he arose and came to his father.
But when he was still a great way off, his
father saw him and had compassion, and
ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.
21 "And the son said to him, 'Father, I
have sinned against heaven and in your
sight, and am no longer worthy to be
called your son.'
22 "But the father said to his servants,
'Bring out the best robe and put it on
him, and put a ring on his hand and
sandals on his feet.
23 'And bring the fatted calf here and kill
it, and let us eat and be merry;
24 'for this my son was dead and is alive
again; he was lost and is found.' And
they began to be merry.

25 "Now his older son was in the field.
And as he came and drew near to the
house, he heard music and dancing.
26 "So he called one of the servants and
asked what these things meant.
27 "And he said to him, 'Your brother
has come, and because he has received
him safe and sound, your father has
killed the fatted calf.'
28 "But he was angry and would not go
in. Therefore his father came out and
pleaded with him.
29 "So he answered and said to his
father, 'Lo, these many years I have been
serving you; I never transgressed your
commandment at any time; and yet you
never gave me a young goat, that I might
make merry with my friends.
30 'But as soon as this son of yours
came, who has devoured your livelihood
with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for
him.'

31 "And he said to him, ‘Son, you are
always with me, and all that I have is
yours.
32 ‘It was right that we should make
merry and be glad, for your brother was
dead and is alive again, and was lost and
is found.’"

16 1 He also said to His disciples:
"There was a certain rich man
who had a steward, and an accusation
was brought to him that this man was
wasting his goods.
2 "So he called him and said to him,
‘What is this I hear about you? Give an
account of your stewardship, for you can
no longer be steward.’
3 "Then the steward said within himself,
‘What shall I do? For my master is taking
the stewardship away from me. I cannot
dig; I am ashamed to beg.

4 ‘I have resolved what to do, that when
I am put out of the stewardship, they
may receive me into their houses.’
5 "So he called every one of his master’s
debtors to him, and said to the first,
‘How much do you owe my master?’
6 "And he said, ‘A hundred measures
of oil.’ So he said to him, ‘Take your bill,
and sit down quickly and write fifty.’
7 "Then he said to another, ‘And how
much do you owe?’ So he said, ‘A
hundred measures of wheat.’ And he
said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write
eighty.’
8 "So the master commended the
unjust steward because he had dealt
shrewdly. For the sons of this world are
more shrewd in their generation than
the sons of light.
9 "And I say to you, make friends for
yourselves by unrighteous mammon,

that when you fail, they may receive you
into an everlasting home.
10 "He who is faithful in what is least
is faithful also in much; and he who is
unjust in what is least is unjust also in
much.
11 "Therefore if you have not been
faithful in the unrighteous mammon,
who will commit to your trust the true
riches?
12 "And if you have not been faithful in
what is another man’s, who will give you
what is your own?
13 "No servant can serve two masters;
for either he will hate the one and love
the other, or else he will be loyal to the
one and despise the other. You cannot
serve God and mammon."
14 Now the Pharisees, who were lovers
of money, also heard all these things,
and they derided Him.

15 And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.
16 "The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it.
17 "And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the law to fail.
18 "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced from her husband commits adultery.
19 "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day.
20 "But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate,

21 "desiring to be fed with the crumbs
which fell from the rich man's table.
Moreover the dogs came and licked his
sores.
22 "So it was that the beggar died, and
was carried by the angels to Abraham's
bosom. The rich man also died and was
buried.
23 "And being in torments in Hades, he
lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar
off, and Lazarus in his bosom.
24 "Then he cried and said, 'Father
Abraham, have mercy on me, and send
Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his
finger in water and cool my tongue; for I
am tormented in this flame.'
25 "But Abraham said, 'Son, remember
that in your lifetime you received your
good things, and likewise Lazarus evil
things; but now he is comforted and you
are tormented.

26 ‘And besides all this, between us and
you there is a great gulf fixed, so that
those who want to pass from here to
you cannot, nor can those from there
pass to us.’
27 "Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore,
father, that you would send him to my
father’s house,
28 ‘for I have five brothers, that he may
testify to them, lest they also come to
this place of torment.’
29 "Abraham said to him, ‘They have
Moses and the prophets; let them hear
them.’
30 "And he said, ‘No, father Abraham;
but if one goes to them from the dead,
they will repent.’
31 "But he said to him, ‘If they do not
hear Moses and the prophets, neither
will they be persuaded though one rise
from the dead.’"

17 1 Then He said to the disciples,
"It is impossible that no offenses
should come, but woe to him through
whom they do come!
2 "It would be better for him if a
millstone were hung around his neck,
and he were thrown into the sea, than
that he should offend one of these little
ones.
3 "Take heed to yourselves. If your
brother sins against you, rebuke him;
and if he repents, forgive him.
4 "And if he sins against you seven
times in a day, and seven times in a day
returns to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ you
shall forgive him."
5 And the apostles said to the Lord,
"Increase our faith."
6 So the Lord said, "If you have faith
as a mustard seed, you can say to this
mulberry tree, ‘Be pulled up by the roots

and be planted in the sea,' and it would
obey you.
7 "And which of you, having a servant
plowing or tending sheep, will say to
him when he has come in from the field,
'Come at once and sit down to eat'?
8 "But will he not rather say to him,
'Prepare something for my supper, and
gird yourself and serve me till I have
eaten and drunk, and afterward you will
eat and drink'?
9 "Does he thank that servant because
he did the things that were commanded
him? I think not.
10 "So likewise you, when you have
done all those things which you are
commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable
servants. We have done what was our
duty to do.'"
11 Now it happened as He went to
Jerusalem that He passed through the
midst of Samaria and Galilee.

12 Then as He entered a certain village,
there met Him ten men who were lepers,
who stood afar off.
13 And they lifted up their voices and
said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"
14 So when He saw them, He said to
them, "Go, show yourselves to the
priests." And so it was that as they went,
they were cleansed.
15 And one of them, when he saw that
he was healed, returned, and with a loud
voice glorified God,
16 and fell down on his face at His
feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a
Samaritan.
17 So Jesus answered and said, "Were
there not ten cleansed? But where are
the nine?
18 "Were there not any found who
returned to give glory to God except this
foreigner?"

19 And He said to him, "Arise, go your
way. Your faith has made you well."
20 Now when He was asked by the
Pharisees when the kingdom of God
would come, He answered them and
said, "The kingdom of God does not
come with observation;
21 "nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See
there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God
is within you."
22 Then He said to the disciples, "The
days will come when you will desire to
see one of the days of the Son of Man,
and you will not see it.
23 "And they will say to you, ‘Look here!’
or ‘Look there!’ Do not go after them or
follow them.
24 "For as the lightning that flashes out
of one part under heaven shines to the
other part under heaven, so also the Son
of Man will be in His day.

25 "But first He must suffer many things
and be rejected by this generation.
26 "And as it was in the days of Noah, so
it will be also in the days of the Son of
Man:
27 "They ate, they drank, they married
wives, they were given in marriage, until
the day that Noah entered the ark, and
the flood came and destroyed them all.
28 "Likewise as it was also in the days of
Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought,
they sold, they planted, they built;
29 "but on the day that Lot went out of
Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from
heaven and destroyed them all.
30 "Even so will it be in the day when
the Son of Man is revealed.
31 "In that day, he who is on the
housetop, and his goods are in the
house, let him not come down to take
them away. And likewise the one who is
in the field, let him not turn back.

32 "Remember Lot's wife.
33 "Whoever seeks to save his life will
lose it, and whoever loses his life will
preserve it.
34 "I tell you, in that night there will
be two men in one bed: the one will be
taken and the other will be left.
35 "Two women will be grinding
together: the one will be taken and the
other left.
36 "Two men will be in the field: the one
will be taken and the other left."
37 And they answered and said to Him,
"Where, Lord?" So He said to them,
"Wherever the body is, there the eagles
will be gathered together."

18 1 Then He spoke a parable to
them, that men always ought to
pray and not lose heart,
2 saying: "There was in a certain city a
judge who did not fear God nor regard
man.

3 "Now there was a widow in that city;
and she came to him, saying, ‘Get justice
for me from my adversary.’
4 "And he would not for a while;
but afterward he said within himself,
‘Though I do not fear God nor regard
man,
5 ‘yet because this widow troubles me
I will avenge her, lest by her continual
coming she weary me.’"
6 Then the Lord said, "Hear what the
unjust judge said.
7 "And shall God not avenge His own
elect who cry out day and night to Him,
though He bears long with them?
8 "I tell you that He will avenge them
speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of
Man comes, will He really find faith on
the earth?"
9 Also He spoke this parable to some
who trusted in themselves that they
were righteous, and despised others:

10 "Two men went up to the temple to
pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax
collector.
11 "The Pharisee stood and prayed thus
with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I
am not like other men—extortioners,
unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax
collector.
12 ‘I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all
that I possess.’
13 "And the tax collector, standing afar
off, would not so much as raise his eyes
to heaven, but beat his breast, saying,
‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’
14 "I tell you, this man went down to
his house justified rather than the other;
for everyone who exalts himself will be
humbled, and he who humbles himself
will be exalted."
15 Then they also brought infants to
Him that He might touch them; but

when the disciples saw it, they rebuked
them.
16 But Jesus called them to Him and
said, "Let the little children come to Me,
and do not forbid them; for of such is
the kingdom of God.
17 "Assuredly, I say to you, whoever
does not receive the kingdom of God as
a little child will by no means enter it."
18 Now a certain ruler asked Him,
saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to
inherit eternal life?"
19 So Jesus said to him, "Why do you
call Me good? No one is good but One,
that is, God.
20 "You know the commandments: ‘Do
not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’
‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’
‘Honor your father and your mother.’"
21 And he said, "All these things I have
kept from my youth."

22 So when Jesus heard these things,
He said to him, "You still lack one thing.
Sell all that you have and distribute to
the poor, and you will have treasure in
heaven; and come, follow Me."
23 But when he heard this, he became
very sorrowful, for he was very rich.
24 And when Jesus saw that he became
very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is
for those who have riches to enter the
kingdom of God!
25 "For it is easier for a camel to go
through the eye of a needle than for a
rich man to enter the kingdom of God."
26 And those who heard it said, "Who
then can be saved?"
27 But He said, "The things which are
impossible with men are possible with
God."
28 Then Peter said, "See, we have left all
and followed You."

29 So He said to them, "Assuredly, I
say to you, there is no one who has left
house or parents or brothers or wife or
children, for the sake of the kingdom of
God,
30 "who shall not receive many times
more in this present time, and in the age
to come eternal life."
31 Then He took the twelve aside and
said to them, "Behold, we are going up
to Jerusalem, and all things that are
written by the prophets concerning the
Son of Man will be accomplished.
32 "For He will be delivered to the
Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted
and spit upon.
33 "They will scourge Him and kill Him.
And the third day He will rise again."
34 But they understood none of these
things; this saying was hidden from
them, and they did not know the things
which were spoken.

35 Then it happened, as He was coming
near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat
by the road begging.
36 And hearing a multitude passing by,
he asked what it meant.
37 So they told him that Jesus of
Nazareth was passing by.
38 And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son
of David, have mercy on me!"
39 Then those who went before warned
him that he should be quiet; but he cried
out all the more, "Son of David, have
mercy on me!"
40 So Jesus stood still and commanded
him to be brought to Him. And when he
had come near, He asked him,
41 saying, "What do you want Me to
do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may
receive my sight."
42 Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your
sight; your faith has made you well."

43 And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

19 1 Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.

2 Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.

3 And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature.

4 So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way.

5 And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

6 So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.

7 But when they saw it, they all
complained, saying, "He has gone to be
a guest with a man who is a sinner."
8 Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the
Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods
to the poor; and if I have taken anything
from anyone by false accusation, I
restore fourfold."
9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation
has come to this house, because he also
is a son of Abraham;
10 "for the Son of Man has come to seek
and to save that which was lost."
11 Now as they heard these things,
He spoke another parable, because He
was near Jerusalem and because they
thought the kingdom of God would
appear immediately.
12 Therefore He said: "A certain
nobleman went into a far country to
receive for himself a kingdom and to
return.

13 "So he called ten of his servants,
delivered to them ten minas, and said to
them, 'Do business till I come.'
14 "But his citizens hated him, and sent
a delegation after him, saying, 'We will
not have this man to reign over us.'
15 "And so it was that when he returned,
having received the kingdom, he then
commanded these servants, to whom
he had given the money, to be called
to him, that he might know how much
every man had gained by trading.
16 "Then came the first, saying, 'Master,
your mina has earned ten minas.'
17 "And he said to him, 'Well done,
good servant; because you were faithful
in a very little, have authority over ten
cities.'
18 "And the second came, saying,
'Master, your mina has earned five
minas.'

19 "Likewise he said to him, ‘You also be
over five cities.’
20 "Then another came, saying, ‘Master,
here is your mina, which I have kept put
away in a handkerchief.
21 ‘For I feared you, because you are an
austere man. You collect what you did
not deposit, and reap what you did not
sow.’
22 "And he said to him, ‘Out of your
own mouth I will judge you, you wicked
servant. You knew that I was an austere
man, collecting what I did not deposit
and reaping what I did not sow.
23 ‘Why then did you not put my money
in the bank, that at my coming I might
have collected it with interest?’
24 "And he said to those who stood by,
‘Take the mina from him, and give it to
him who has ten minas.’
25 ("But they said to him, ‘Master, he
has ten minas.’)

26 ‘For I say to you, that to everyone
who has will be given; and from him who
does not have, even what he has will be
taken away from him.
27 ‘But bring here those enemies of
mine, who did not want me to reign over
them, and slay them before me.’"
28 When He had said this, He went on
ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
29 And it came to pass, when He came
near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the
mountain called Olivet, that He sent two
of His disciples,
30 saying, "Go into the village opposite
you, where as you enter you will find a
colt tied, on which no one has ever sat.
Loose it and bring it here.
31 "And if anyone asks you, ‘Why are
you loosing it?’ thus you shall say to him,
‘Because the Lord has need of it.’"

32 So those who were sent went their
way and found it just as He had said to
them.
33 But as they were loosing the colt, the
owners of it said to them, "Why are you
loosing the colt?"
34 And they said, "The Lord has need of
him."
35 Then they brought him to Jesus. And
they threw their own clothes on the colt,
and they set Jesus on him.
36 And as He went, many spread their
clothes on the road.
37 Then, as He was now drawing near
the descent of the Mount of Olives, the
whole multitude of the disciples began
to rejoice and praise God with a loud
voice for all the mighty works they had
seen,
38 saying: "'Blessed is the King who
comes in the name of the LORD!' Peace
in heaven and glory in the highest!"

39 And some of the Pharisees called to
Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke
Your disciples."
40 But He answered and said to them, "I
tell you that if these should keep silent,
the stones would immediately cry out."
41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city
and wept over it,
42 saying, "If you had known, even you,
especially in this your day, the things
that make for your peace! But now they
are hidden from your eyes.
43 "For days will come upon you when
your enemies will build an embankment
around you, surround you and close you
in on every side,
44 "and level you, and your children
within you, to the ground; and they will
not leave in you one stone upon another,
because you did not know the time of
your visitation."

45 Then He went into the temple and
began to drive out those who bought
and sold in it,
46 saying to them, "It is written, ‘My
house is a house of prayer,’ but you have
made it a ‘den of thieves.’"
47 And He was teaching daily in the
temple. But the chief priests, the scribes,
and the leaders of the people sought to
destroy Him,
48 and were unable to do anything; for
all the people were very attentive to
hear Him.
20 1 Now it happened on one of
those days, as He taught the
people in the temple and preached
the gospel, that the chief priests and
the scribes, together with the elders,
confronted Him
2 and spoke to Him, saying, "Tell us,
by what authority are You doing these

things? Or who is he who gave You this
authority?"
3 But He answered and said to them, "I
also will ask you one thing, and answer
Me:
4 "The baptism of John—was it from
heaven or from men?"
5 And they reasoned among
themselves, saying, "If we say,
‘From heaven,’ He will say, ‘Why then
did you not believe him?’
6 "But if we say, ‘From men,’ all the
people will stone us, for they are
persuaded that John was a prophet."
7 So they answered that they did not
know where it was from.
8 And Jesus said to them, "Neither will
I tell you by what authority I do these
things."
9 Then He began to tell the people
this parable: "A certain man planted a

vineyard, leased it to vinedressers, and
went into a far country for a long time.
10 "Now at vintage–time he sent a
servant to the vinedressers, that they
might give him some of the fruit of the
vineyard. But the vinedressers beat him
and sent him away empty–handed.
11 "Again he sent another servant;
and they beat him also, treated
him shamefully, and sent him away
empty–handed.
12 "And again he sent a third; and they
wounded him also and cast him out.
13 "Then the owner of the vineyard
said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my
beloved son. Probably they will respect
him when they see him.’
14 "But when the vinedressers saw
him, they reasoned among themselves,
saying, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill
him, that the inheritance may be ours.’

15 "So they cast him out of the vineyard
and killed him. Therefore what will the
owner of the vineyard do to them?
16 "He will come and destroy those
vinedressers and give the vineyard to
others." And when they heard it they
said, "Certainly not!"
17 Then He looked at them and said,
"What then is this that is written: ‘The
stone which the builders rejected Has
become the chief cornerstone’?
18 "Whoever falls on that stone will be
broken; but on whomever it falls, it will
grind him to powder."
19 And the chief priests and the scribes
that very hour sought to lay hands on
Him, but they feared the people—for
they knew He had spoken this parable
against them.
20 So they watched Him, and sent spies
who pretended to be righteous, that
they might seize on His words, in order

to deliver Him to the power and the
authority of the governor.
21 Then they asked Him, saying,
"Teacher, we know that You say and
teach rightly, and You do not show
personal favoritism, but teach the way
of God in truth:
22 "Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to
Caesar or not?"
23 But He perceived their craftiness,
and said to them, "Why do you test Me?
24 "Show Me a denarius. Whose image
and inscription does it have?" They
answered and said, "Caesar's."
25 And He said to them, "Render
therefore to Caesar the things that are
Caesar's, and to God the things that are
God's."
26 But they could not catch Him in His
words in the presence of the people.
And they marveled at His answer and
kept silent.

27 Then some of the Sadducees, who
deny that there is a resurrection, came
to Him and asked Him,
28 saying: "Teacher, Moses wrote to us
that if a man’s brother dies, having a
wife, and he dies without children, his
brother should take his wife and raise up
offspring for his brother.
29 "Now there were seven brothers.
And the first took a wife, and died
without children.
30 "And the second took her as wife,
and he died childless.
31 "Then the third took her, and in like
manner the seven also; and they left no
children, and died.
32 "Last of all the woman died also.
33 "Therefore, in the resurrection,
whose wife does she become? For all
seven had her as wife."

34 And Jesus answered and said to
them, "The sons of this age marry and
are given in marriage.
35 "But those who are counted worthy
to attain that age, and the resurrection
from the dead, neither marry nor are
given in marriage;
36 "nor can they die anymore, for they
are equal to the angels and are sons of
God, being sons of the resurrection.
37 "But even Moses showed in the
burning bush passage that the dead are
raised, when he called the Lord 'the God
of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the
God of Jacob.'
38 "For He is not the God of the dead
but of the living, for all live to Him."
39 Then some of the scribes answered
and said, "Teacher, You have spoken
well."
40 But after that they dared not
question Him anymore.

41 And He said to them, "How can they
say that the Christ is the Son of David?
42 "Now David himself said in the Book
of Psalms: ‘The LORD said to my Lord,
"Sit at My right hand,
43 Till I make Your enemies Your
footstool."’
44 "Therefore David calls Him ‘Lord’;
how is He then his Son?"
45 Then, in the hearing of all the people,
He said to His disciples,
46 "Beware of the scribes, who desire to
go around in long robes, love greetings
in the marketplaces, the best seats in
the synagogues, and the best places at
feasts,
47 "who devour widows’ houses, and
for a pretense make long prayers. These
will receive greater condemnation."

21 1 And He looked up and saw the
rich putting their gifts into the
treasury,

2 and He saw also a certain poor widow
putting in two mites.
3 So He said, "Truly I say to you that this
poor widow has put in more than all;
4 "for all these out of their abundance
have put in offerings for God, but she out
of her poverty put in all the livelihood
that she had."
5 Then, as some spoke of the temple,
how it was adorned with beautiful
stones and donations, He said,
6 "These things which you see—the
days will come in which not one stone
shall be left upon another that shall not
be thrown down."
7 So they asked Him, saying, "Teacher,
but when will these things be? And what
sign will there be when these things are
about to take place?"
8 And He said: "Take heed that you not
be deceived. For many will come in My
name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time

has drawn near.' Therefore do not go
after them.
9 "But when you hear of wars and
commotions, do not be terrified; for
these things must come to pass first, but
the end will not come immediately."
10 Then He said to them, "Nation will
rise against nation, and kingdom against
kingdom.
11 "And there will be great earthquakes
in various places, and famines and
pestilences; and there will be fearful
sights and great signs from heaven.
12 "But before all these things, they will
lay their hands on you and persecute
you, delivering you up to the synagogues
and prisons. You will be brought before
kings and rulers for My name's sake.
13 "But it will turn out for you as an
occasion for testimony.

14 "Therefore settle it in your hearts not
to meditate beforehand on what you will
answer;
15 "for I will give you a mouth and
wisdom which all your adversaries will
not be able to contradict or resist.
16 "You will be betrayed even by parents
and brothers, relatives and friends; and
they will put some of you to death.
17 "And you will be hated by all for My
name’s sake.
18 "But not a hair of your head shall be
lost.
19 "By your patience possess your souls.
20 "But when you see Jerusalem
surrounded by armies, then know that
its desolation is near.
21 "Then let those who are in Judea
flee to the mountains, let those who are
in the midst of her depart, and let not
those who are in the country enter her.

22 "For these are the days of vengeance,
that all things which are written may be
fulfilled.
23 "But woe to those who are pregnant
and to those who are nursing babies
in those days! For there will be great
distress in the land and wrath upon this
people.
24 "And they will fall by the edge of
the sword, and be led away captive
into all nations. And Jerusalem will be
trampled by Gentiles until the times of
the Gentiles are fulfilled.
25 "And there will be signs in the sun, in
the moon, and in the stars; and on the
earth distress of nations, with perplexity,
the sea and the waves roaring;
26 "men's hearts failing them from fear
and the expectation of those things
which are coming on the earth, for the
powers of heaven will be shaken.

27 "Then they will see the Son of Man
coming in a cloud with power and great
glory.
28 "Now when these things begin to
happen, look up and lift up your heads,
because your redemption draws near."
29 Then He spoke to them a parable:
"Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.
30 "When they are already budding,
you see and know for yourselves that
summer is now near.
31 "So you also, when you see these
things happening, know that the
kingdom of God is near.
32 "Assuredly, I say to you, this
generation will by no means pass away
till all things take place.
33 "Heaven and earth will pass away,
but My words will by no means pass
away.
34 "But take heed to yourselves, lest
your hearts be weighed down with

carousing, drunkenness, and cares of
this life, and that Day come on you
unexpectedly.
35 "For it will come as a snare on all
those who dwell on the face of the
whole earth.
36 "Watch therefore, and pray always
that you may be counted worthy to
escape all these things that will come
to pass, and to stand before the Son of
Man."
37 And in the daytime He was teaching
in the temple, but at night He went
out and stayed on the mountain called
Olivet.
38 Then early in the morning all the
people came to Him in the temple to
hear Him.

22

1 Now the Feast of Unleavened
Bread drew near, which is called
Passover.

2 And the chief priests and the scribes
sought how they might kill Him, for they
feared the people.
3 Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed
Iscariot, who was numbered among the
twelve.
4 So he went his way and conferred
with the chief priests and captains, how
he might betray Him to them.
5 And they were glad, and agreed to
give him money.
6 So he promised and sought
opportunity to betray Him to them in
the absence of the multitude.
7 Then came the Day of Unleavened
Bread, when the Passover must be killed.
8 And He sent Peter and John, saying,
"Go and prepare the Passover for us,
that we may eat."
9 So they said to Him, "Where do You
want us to prepare?"

10 And He said to them, "Behold, when
you have entered the city, a man will
meet you carrying a pitcher of water;
follow him into the house which he
enters.
11 "Then you shall say to the master
of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you,
"Where is the guest room where I may
eat the Passover with My disciples?"’
12 "Then he will show you a large,
furnished upper room; there make
ready."
13 So they went and found it just as He
had said to them, and they prepared the
Passover.
14 When the hour had come, He sat
down, and the twelve apostles with Him.
15 Then He said to them, "With fervent
desire I have desired to eat this Passover
with you before I suffer;

16 "for I say to you, I will no longer eat
of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of
God."
17 Then He took the cup, and gave
thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it
among yourselves;
18 "for I say to you, I will not drink of
the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of
God comes."
19 And He took bread, gave thanks and
broke it, and gave it to them, saying,
"This is My body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of Me."
20 Likewise He also took the cup after
supper, saying, "This cup is the new
covenant in My blood, which is shed for
you.
21 "But behold, the hand of My betrayer
is with Me on the table.
22 "And truly the Son of Man goes as it
has been determined, but woe to that
man by whom He is betrayed!"

23 Then they began to question among
themselves, which of them it was who
would do this thing.
24 Now there was also a dispute among
them, as to which of them should be
considered the greatest.
25 And He said to them, "The kings of
the Gentiles exercise lordship over them,
and those who exercise authority over
them are called ‘benefactors.’
26 "But not so among you; on the
contrary, he who is greatest among you,
let him be as the younger, and he who
governs as he who serves.
27 "For who is greater, he who sits at
the table, or he who serves? Is it not he
who sits at the table? Yet I am among
you as the One who serves.
28 "But you are those who have
continued with Me in My trials.

29 "And I bestow upon you a kingdom,
just as My Father bestowed one upon
Me,
30 "that you may eat and drink at My
table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones
judging the twelve tribes of Israel."
31 And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon!
Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he
may sift you as wheat.
32 "But I have prayed for you, that your
faith should not fail; and when you
have returned to Me, strengthen your
brethren."
33 But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready
to go with You, both to prison and to
death."
34 Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the
rooster shall not crow this day before
you will deny three times that you know
Me."
35 And He said to them, "When I sent
you without money bag, knapsack, and

sandals, did you lack anything?" So they
said, "Nothing."
36 Then He said to them, "But now, he
who has a money bag, let him take it,
and likewise a knapsack; and he who has
no sword, let him sell his garment and
buy one.
37 "For I say to you that this which is
written must still be accomplished in
Me: ‘And He was numbered with the
transgressors.’ For the things concerning
Me have an end."
38 So they said, "Lord, look, here are
two swords." And He said to them, "It is
enough."
39 Coming out, He went to the Mount
of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His
disciples also followed Him.
40 When He came to the place, He said
to them, "Pray that you may not enter
into temptation."

41 And He was withdrawn from them
about a stone's throw, and He knelt
down and prayed,
42 saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take
this cup away from Me; nevertheless not
My will, but Yours, be done."
43 Then an angel appeared to Him from
heaven, strengthening Him.
44 And being in agony, He prayed more
earnestly. Then His sweat became like
great drops of blood falling down to the
ground.
45 When He rose up from prayer, and
had come to His disciples, He found
them sleeping from sorrow.
46 Then He said to them, "Why do you
sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into
temptation."
47 And while He was still speaking,
behold, a multitude; and he who was
called Judas, one of the twelve, went

before them and drew near to Jesus to
kiss Him.
48 But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you
betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"
49 When those around Him saw what
was going to happen, they said to Him,
"Lord, shall we strike with the sword?"
50 And one of them struck the servant
of the high priest and cut off his right
ear.
51 But Jesus answered and said, "Permit
even this." And He touched his ear and
healed him.
52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests,
captains of the temple, and the elders
who had come to Him, "Have you come
out, as against a robber, with swords and
clubs?
53 "When I was with you daily in the
temple, you did not try to seize Me.
But this is your hour, and the power of
darkness."

54 Having arrested Him, they led Him
and brought Him into the high priest's
house. But Peter followed at a distance.
55 Now when they had kindled a fire in
the midst of the courtyard and sat down
together, Peter sat among them.
56 And a certain servant girl, seeing him
as he sat by the fire, looked intently at
him and said, "This man was also with
Him."
57 But he denied Him, saying, "Woman,
I do not know Him."
58 And after a little while another saw
him and said, "You also are of them." But
Peter said, "Man, I am not!"
59 Then after about an hour had passed,
another confidently affirmed, saying,
"Surely this fellow also was with Him, for
he is a Galilean."
60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not know
what you are saying!" Immediately,

while he was still speaking, the rooster
crowed.
61 And the Lord turned and looked at
Peter. And Peter remembered the word
of the Lord, how He had said to him,
"Before the rooster crows, you will deny
Me three times."
62 So Peter went out and wept bitterly.
63 Now the men who held Jesus mocked
Him and beat Him.
64 And having blindfolded Him, they
struck Him on the face and asked Him,
saying, "Prophesy! Who is the one who
struck You?"
65 And many other things they
blasphemously spoke against Him.
66 As soon as it was day, the elders
of the people, both chief priests and
scribes, came together and led Him into
their council, saying,

67 "If You are the Christ, tell us." But He
said to them, "If I tell you, you will by no
means believe.
68 "And if I also ask you, you will by no
means answer Me or let Me go.
69 "Hereafter the Son of Man will sit on
the right hand of the power of God."
70 Then they all said, "Are You then the
Son of God?" So He said to them, "You
rightly say that I am."
71 And they said, "What further
testimony do we need? For we have
heard it ourselves from His own mouth."

23 1 Then the whole multitude of
them arose and led Him to Pilate.
2 And they began to accuse Him, saying,
"We found this fellow perverting the
nation, and forbidding to pay taxes to
Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ,
a King."

[3] Then Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are
You the King of the Jews?" He answered
him and said, "It is as you say."
[4] So Pilate said to the chief priests and
the crowd, "I find no fault in this Man."
[5] But they were the more fierce,
saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching
throughout all Judea, beginning from
Galilee to this place."
[6] When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked
if the Man were a Galilean.
[7] And as soon as he knew that He
belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent
Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem
at that time.
[8] Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was
exceedingly glad; for he had desired for
a long time to see Him, because he had
heard many things about Him, and he
hoped to see some miracle done by Him.
[9] Then he questioned Him with many
words, but He answered him nothing.

10 And the chief priests and scribes
stood and vehemently accused Him.
11 Then Herod, with his men of war,
treated Him with contempt and mocked
Him, arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe,
and sent Him back to Pilate.
12 That very day Pilate and Herod
became friends with each other, for
previously they had been at enmity with
each other.
13 Then Pilate, when he had called
together the chief priests, the rulers, and
the people,
14 said to them, "You have brought this
Man to me, as one who misleads the
people. And indeed, having examined
Him in your presence, I have found no
fault in this Man concerning those things
of which you accuse Him;
15 "no, neither did Herod, for I sent
you back to him; and indeed nothing

deserving of death has been done by
Him.
16 "I will therefore chastise Him and
release Him"
17 (for it was necessary for him to
release one to them at the feast).
18 And they all cried out at once, saying,
"Away with this Man, and release to us
Barabbas" —
19 who had been thrown into prison for
a certain rebellion made in the city, and
for murder.
20 Pilate, therefore, wishing to release
Jesus, again called out to them.
21 But they shouted, saying, "Crucify
Him, crucify Him!"
22 Then he said to them the third time,
"Why, what evil has He done? I have
found no reason for death in Him. I will
therefore chastise Him and let Him go."
23 But they were insistent, demanding
with loud voices that He be crucified.

And the voices of these men and of the
chief priests prevailed.
24 So Pilate gave sentence that it should
be as they requested.
25 And he released to them the one
they requested, who for rebellion and
murder had been thrown into prison;
but he delivered Jesus to their will.
26 Now as they led Him away, they laid
hold of a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian,
who was coming from the country, and
on him they laid the cross that he might
bear it after Jesus.
27 And a great multitude of the people
followed Him, and women who also
mourned and lamented Him.
28 But Jesus, turning to them, said,
"Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep
for Me, but weep for yourselves and for
your children.
29 "For indeed the days are coming in
which they will say, ‘Blessed are the

barren, wombs that never bore, and
breasts which never nursed!’
30 "Then they will begin ‘to say to the
mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills,
"Cover us!"’
31 "For if they do these things in the
green wood, what will be done in the
dry?"
32 There were also two others,
criminals, led with Him to be put to
death.
33 And when they had come to the
place called Calvary, there they crucified
Him, and the criminals, one on the right
hand and the other on the left.
34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive
them, for they do not know what they
do." And they divided His garments and
cast lots.
35 And the people stood looking on.
But even the rulers with them sneered,
saying, "He saved others; let Him save

Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of
God."
36 The soldiers also mocked Him,
coming and offering Him sour wine,
37 and saying, "If You are the King of the
Jews, save Yourself."
38 And an inscription also was written
over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and
Hebrew: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.
39 Then one of the criminals who were
hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You
are the Christ, save Yourself and us."
40 But the other, answering, rebuked
him, saying, "Do you not even fear
God, seeing you are under the same
condemnation?
41 "And we indeed justly, for we receive
the due reward of our deeds; but this
Man has done nothing wrong."
42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord,
remember me when You come into Your
kingdom."

43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I
say to you, today you will be with Me in
Paradise."
44 Now it was about the sixth hour, and
there was darkness over all the earth
until the ninth hour.
45 Then the sun was darkened, and the
veil of the temple was torn in two.
46 And when Jesus had cried out with a
loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your
hands I commit My spirit.'" Having said
this, He breathed His last.
47 So when the centurion saw what
had happened, he glorified God, saying,
"Certainly this was a righteous Man!"
48 And the whole crowd who came
together to that sight, seeing what
had been done, beat their breasts and
returned.
49 But all His acquaintances, and the
women who followed Him from Galilee,

stood at a distance, watching these
things.
50 Now behold, there was a man named
Joseph, a council member, a good and
just man.
51 He had not consented to their
decision and deed. He was from
Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who
himself was also waiting for the kingdom
of God.
52 This man went to Pilate and asked for
the body of Jesus.
53 Then he took it down, wrapped it
in linen, and laid it in a tomb that was
hewn out of the rock, where no one had
ever lain before.
54 That day was the Preparation, and
the Sabbath drew near.
55 And the women who had come with
Him from Galilee followed after, and
they observed the tomb and how His
body was laid.

56 Then they returned and prepared
spices and fragrant oils. And they
rested on the Sabbath according to the
commandment.

24 1 Now on the first day of the
week, very early in the morning,
they, and certain other women with
them, came to the tomb bringing the
spices which they had prepared.
2 But they found the stone rolled away
from the tomb.
3 Then they went in and did not find the
body of the Lord Jesus.
4 And it happened, as they were greatly
perplexed about this, that behold, two
men stood by them in shining garments.
5 Then, as they were afraid and bowed
their faces to the earth, they said to
them, "Why do you seek the living
among the dead?

6 "He is not here, but is risen!
Remember how He spoke to you when
He was still in Galilee,
7 "saying, ‘The Son of Man must be
delivered into the hands of sinful men,
and be crucified, and the third day rise
again.’"
8 And they remembered His words.
9 Then they returned from the tomb
and told all these things to the eleven
and to all the rest.
10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna,
Mary the mother of James, and the
other women with them, who told these
things to the apostles.
11 And their words seemed to them like
idle tales, and they did not believe them.
12 But Peter arose and ran to the tomb;
and stooping down, he saw the linen
cloths lying by themselves; and he
departed, marveling to himself at what
had happened.

13 Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem.
14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.
15 So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them.
16 But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.
17 And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?"
18 Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?"
19 And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a

Prophet mighty in deed and word before
God and all the people,
20 "and how the chief priests and our
rulers delivered Him to be condemned
to death, and crucified Him.
21 "But we were hoping that it was He
who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed,
besides all this, today is the third day
since these things happened.
22 "Yes, and certain women of our
company, who arrived at the tomb early,
astonished us.
23 "When they did not find His body,
they came saying that they had also seen
a vision of angels who said He was alive.
24 "And certain of those who were with
us went to the tomb and found it just as
the women had said; but Him they did
not see."
25 Then He said to them, "O foolish
ones, and slow of heart to believe in all
that the prophets have spoken!

26 "Ought not the Christ to have
suffered these things and to enter into
His glory?"
27 And beginning at Moses and all the
Prophets, He expounded to them in all
the Scriptures the things concerning
Himself.
28 Then they drew near to the village
where they were going, and He indicated
that He would have gone farther.
29 But they constrained Him, saying,
"Abide with us, for it is toward evening,
and the day is far spent." And He went in
to stay with them.
30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the
table with them, that He took bread,
blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.
31 Then their eyes were opened and
they knew Him; and He vanished from
their sight.
32 And they said to one another, "Did
not our heart burn within us while He

talked with us on the road, and while He
opened the Scriptures to us?"
33 So they rose up that very hour and
returned to Jerusalem, and found the
eleven and those who were with them
gathered together,
34 saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and
has appeared to Simon!"
35 And they told about the things that
had happened on the road, and how He
was known to them in the breaking of
bread.
36 Now as they said these things, Jesus
Himself stood in the midst of them, and
said to them, "Peace to you."
37 But they were terrified and
frightened, and supposed they had seen
a spirit.
38 And He said to them, "Why are you
troubled? And why do doubts arise in
your hearts?

39 "Behold My hands and My feet, that
it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a
spirit does not have flesh and bones as
you see I have."
40 When He had said this, He showed
them His hands and His feet.
41 But while they still did not believe
for joy, and marveled, He said to them,
"Have you any food here?"
42 So they gave Him a piece of a broiled
fish and some honeycomb.
43 And He took it and ate in their
presence.
44 Then He said to them, "These are
the words which I spoke to you while I
was still with you, that all things must be
fulfilled which were written in the Law of
Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms
concerning Me."
45 And He opened their understanding,
that they might comprehend the
Scriptures.

46 Then He said to them, "Thus it is
written, and thus it was necessary for
the Christ to suffer and to rise from the
dead the third day,
47 "and that repentance and remission
of sins should be preached in His name
to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.
48 "And you are witnesses of these
things.
49 "Behold, I send the Promise of My
Father upon you; but tarry in the city
of Jerusalem until you are endued with
power from on high."
50 And He led them out as far as
Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and
blessed them.
51 Now it came to pass, while He
blessed them, that He was parted from
them and carried up into heaven.
52 And they worshiped Him, and
returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

53 and were continually in the temple
praising and blessing God. Amen.

John

1 [1] In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the
Word was God.
[2] He was in the beginning with God.
[3] All things were made through Him,
and without Him nothing was made that
was made.
[4] In Him was life, and the life was the
light of men.
[5] And the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not comprehend it.
[6] There was a man sent from God,
whose name was John.
[7] This man came for a witness, to bear
witness of the Light, that all through him
might believe.
[8] He was not that Light, but was sent to
bear witness of that Light.

9 That was the true Light which gives
light to every man coming into the
world.
10 He was in the world, and the world
was made through Him, and the world
did not know Him.
11 He came to His own, and His own did
not receive Him.
12 But as many as received Him, to them
He gave the right to become children of
God, to those who believe in His name:
13 who were born, not of blood, nor of
the will of the flesh, nor of the will of
man, but of God.
14 And the Word became flesh and
dwelt among us, and we beheld His
glory, the glory as of the only begotten
of the Father, full of grace and truth.
15 John bore witness of Him and cried
out, saying, "This was He of whom I said,
'He who comes after me is preferred
before me, for He was before me.'"

16 And of His fullness we have all
received, and grace for grace.
17 For the law was given through Moses,
but grace and truth came through Jesus
Christ.
18 No one has seen God at any time.
The only begotten Son, who is in the
bosom of the Father, He has declared
Him.
19 Now this is the testimony of John,
when the Jews sent priests and Levites
from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are
you?"
20 He confessed, and did not deny, but
confessed, "I am not the Christ."
21 And they asked him, "What then?
Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are
you the Prophet?" And he answered,
"No."
22 Then they said to him, "Who are you,
that we may give an answer to those

who sent us? What do you say about
yourself?"
23 He said: "I am ‘The voice of one
crying in the wilderness: "Make straight
the way of the LORD,"’ as the prophet
Isaiah said."
24 Now those who were sent were from
the Pharisees.
25 And they asked him, saying, "Why
then do you baptize if you are not the
Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"
26 John answered them, saying, "I
baptize with water, but there stands One
among you whom you do not know.
27 "It is He who, coming after me, is
preferred before me, whose sandal strap
I am not worthy to loose."
28 These things were done in Bethabara
beyond the Jordan, where John was
baptizing.
29 The next day John saw Jesus coming
toward him, and said, "Behold! The

Lamb of God who takes away the sin of
the world!
30 "This is He of whom I said, ‘After me
comes a Man who is preferred before
me, for He was before me.’
31 "I did not know Him; but that He
should be revealed to Israel, therefore I
came baptizing with water."
32 And John bore witness, saying, "I saw
the Spirit descending from heaven like a
dove, and He remained upon Him.
33 "I did not know Him, but He who
sent me to baptize with water said to
me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit
descending, and remaining on Him, this
is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’
34 "And I have seen and testified that
this is the Son of God."
35 Again, the next day, John stood with
two of his disciples.
36 And looking at Jesus as He walked,
he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!"

37 The two disciples heard him speak,
and they followed Jesus.
38 Then Jesus turned, and seeing them
following, said to them, "What do you
seek? " They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which
is to say, when translated, Teacher),
"where are You staying?"
39 He said to them, "Come and see."
They came and saw where He was
staying, and remained with Him that day
(now it was about the tenth hour).
40 One of the two who heard John
speak, and followed Him, was Andrew,
Simon Peter’s brother.
41 He first found his own brother
Simon, and said to him, "We have found
the Messiah" (which is translated, the
Christ).
42 And he brought him to Jesus. Now
when Jesus looked at him, He said, "You
are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be

called Cephas" (which is translated, A
Stone).
43 The following day Jesus wanted to go
to Galilee, and He found Philip and said
to him, "Follow Me."
44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the
city of Andrew and Peter.
45 Philip found Nathanael and said to
him, "We have found Him of whom
Moses in the law, and also the prophets,
wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of
Joseph."
46 And Nathanael said to him, "Can
anything good come out of Nazareth?"
Philip said to him, "Come and see."
47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward
Him, and said of him, "Behold, an
Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!"
48 Nathanael said to Him, "How do You
know me?" Jesus answered and said to
him, "Before Philip called you, when you
were under the fig tree, I saw you."

49 Nathanael answered and said to Him,
"Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are
the King of Israel!"
50 Jesus answered and said to him,
"Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under
the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see
greater things than these."
51 And He said to him, "Most assuredly,
I say to you, hereafter you shall see
heaven open, and the angels of God
ascending and descending upon the Son
of Man."

2 1 On the third day there was a
wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the
mother of Jesus was there.
2 Now both Jesus and His disciples were
invited to the wedding.
3 And when they ran out of wine, the
mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have
no wine."

4 Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does
your concern have to do with Me? My
hour has not yet come."
5 His mother said to the servants,
"Whatever He says to you, do it."
6 Now there were set there six
waterpots of stone, according to the
manner of purification of the Jews,
containing twenty or thirty gallons
apiece.
7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots
with water." And they filled them up to
the brim.
8 And He said to them, "Draw some out
now, and take it to the master of the
feast." And they took it.
9 When the master of the feast had
tasted the water that was made wine,
and did not know where it came from
(but the servants who had drawn the
water knew), the master of the feast
called the bridegroom.

10 And he said to him, "Every man at
the beginning sets out the good wine,
and when the guests have well drunk,
then the inferior. You have kept the good
wine until now!"
11 This beginning of signs Jesus did in
Cana of Galilee, and manifested His
glory; and His disciples believed in Him.
12 After this He went down to
Capernaum, He, His mother, His
brothers, and His disciples; and they did
not stay there many days.
13 Now the Passover of the Jews was at
hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
14 And He found in the temple those
who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and
the moneychangers doing business.
15 When He had made a whip of cords,
He drove them all out of the temple,
with the sheep and the oxen, and poured
out the changers' money and overturned
the tables.

16 And He said to those who sold
doves, "Take these things away! Do not
make My Father’s house a house of
merchandise!"
17 Then His disciples remembered that
it was written, "Zeal for Your house has
eaten Me up."
18 So the Jews answered and said to
Him, "What sign do You show to us, since
You do these things?"
19 Jesus answered and said to them,
"Destroy this temple, and in three days I
will raise it up."
20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken
forty–six years to build this temple, and
will You raise it up in three days?"
21 But He was speaking of the temple of
His body.
22 Therefore, when He had risen from
the dead, His disciples remembered
that He had said this to them; and they

believed the Scripture and the word
which Jesus had said.
23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at
the Passover, during the feast, many
believed in His name when they saw the
signs which He did.
24 But Jesus did not commit Himself to
them, because He knew all men,
25 and had no need that anyone should
testify of man, for He knew what was in
man.

3 1 There was a man of the Pharisees
named Nicodemus, a ruler of the
Jews.
2 This man came to Jesus by night and
said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You
are a teacher come from God; for no one
can do these signs that You do unless
God is with him."
3 Jesus answered and said to him,
"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one

is born again, he cannot see the kingdom
of God."
4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a
man be born when he is old? Can he
enter a second time into his mother's
womb and be born?"
5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say
to you, unless one is born of water and
the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom
of God.
6 "That which is born of the flesh is
flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit
is spirit.
7 "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You
must be born again.'
8 "The wind blows where it wishes, and
you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell
where it comes from and where it goes.
So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."
9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him,
"How can these things be?"

10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are
you the teacher of Israel, and do not
know these things?
11 "Most assuredly, I say to you, We
speak what We know and testify what
We have seen, and you do not receive
Our witness.
12 "If I have told you earthly things and
you do not believe, how will you believe
if I tell you heavenly things?
13 "No one has ascended to heaven but
He who came down from heaven, that
is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.
14 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent
in the wilderness, even so must the Son
of Man be lifted up,
15 "that whoever believes in Him should
not perish but have eternal life.
16 "For God so loved the world that
He gave His only begotten Son, that
whoever believes in Him should not
perish but have everlasting life.

17 "For God did not send His Son into
the world to condemn the world, but
that the world through Him might be
saved.
18 "He who believes in Him is not
condemned; but he who does not
believe is condemned already, because
he has not believed in the name of the
only begotten Son of God.
19 "And this is the condemnation, that
the light has come into the world, and
men loved darkness rather than light,
because their deeds were evil.
20 "For everyone practicing evil hates
the light and does not come to the light,
lest his deeds should be exposed.
21 "But he who does the truth comes to
the light, that his deeds may be clearly
seen, that they have been done in God."
22 After these things Jesus and His
disciples came into the land of Judea,

and there He remained with them and
baptized.
23 Now John also was baptizing in
Aenon near Salim, because there was
much water there. And they came and
were baptized.
24 For John had not yet been thrown
into prison.
25 Then there arose a dispute between
some of John's disciples and the Jews
about purification.
26 And they came to John and said
to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you
beyond the Jordan, to whom you have
testified—behold, He is baptizing, and
all are coming to Him!"
27 John answered and said, "A man can
receive nothing unless it has been given
to him from heaven.
28 "You yourselves bear me witness,
that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I
have been sent before Him.'

29 "He who has the bride is the
bridegroom; but the friend of the
bridegroom, who stands and hears
him, rejoices greatly because of the
bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of
mine is fulfilled.
30 "He must increase, but I must
decrease.
31 "He who comes from above is above
all; he who is of the earth is earthly and
speaks of the earth. He who comes from
heaven is above all.
32 "And what He has seen and heard,
that He testifies; and no one receives His
testimony.
33 "He who has received His testimony
has certified that God is true.
34 "For He whom God has sent speaks
the words of God, for God does not give
the Spirit by measure.
35 "The Father loves the Son, and has
given all things into His hand.

36 "He who believes in the Son has
everlasting life; and he who does not
believe the Son shall not see life, but the
wrath of God abides on him."

4 1 Therefore, when the Lord knew
that the Pharisees had heard that
Jesus made and baptized more disciples
than John
2 (though Jesus Himself did not baptize,
but His disciples),
3 He left Judea and departed again to
Galilee.
4 But He needed to go through Samaria.
5 So He came to a city of Samaria which
is called Sychar, near the plot of ground
that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.
6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus
therefore, being wearied from His
journey, sat thus by the well. It was
about the sixth hour.

[7] A woman of Samaria came to draw
water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a
drink."
[8] For His disciples had gone away into
the city to buy food.
[9] Then the woman of Samaria said
to Him, "How is it that You, being a
Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan
woman?" For Jews have no dealings with
Samaritans.
[10] Jesus answered and said to her, "If
you knew the gift of God, and who it is
who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you
would have asked Him, and He would
have given you living water."
[11] The woman said to Him, "Sir, You
have nothing to draw with, and the well
is deep. Where then do You get that
living water?
[12] "Are You greater than our father
Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank

from it himself, as well as his sons and
his livestock?"
13 Jesus answered and said to her,
"Whoever drinks of this water will thirst
again,
14 "but whoever drinks of the water
that I shall give him will never thirst.
But the water that I shall give him will
become in him a fountain of water
springing up into everlasting life."
15 The woman said to Him, "Sir, give
me this water, that I may not thirst, nor
come here to draw."
16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your
husband, and come here."
17 The woman answered and said, "I
have no husband." Jesus said to her,
"You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’
18 "for you have had five husbands, and
the one whom you now have is not your
husband; in that you spoke truly."

19 The woman said to Him, "Sir, I
perceive that You are a prophet.
20 "Our fathers worshiped on this
mountain, and you Jews say that in
Jerusalem is the place where one ought
to worship."
21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe
Me, the hour is coming when you
will neither on this mountain, nor in
Jerusalem, worship the Father.
22 "You worship what you do not know;
we know what we worship, for salvation
is of the Jews.
23 "But the hour is coming, and now is,
when the true worshipers will worship
the Father in spirit and truth; for the
Father is seeking such to worship Him.
24 "God is Spirit, and those who worship
Him must worship in spirit and truth."
25 The woman said to Him, "I know
that Messiah is coming" (who is called

Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us
all things."
26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you
am He."
27 And at this point His disciples came,
and they marveled that He talked with
a woman; yet no one said, "What do
You seek?" or, "Why are You talking with
her?"
28 The woman then left her waterpot,
went her way into the city, and said to
the men,
29 "Come, see a Man who told me all
things that I ever did. Could this be the
Christ?"
30 Then they went out of the city and
came to Him.
31 In the meantime His disciples urged
Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat."
32 But He said to them, "I have food to
eat of which you do not know."

33 Therefore the disciples said to one
another, "Has anyone brought Him
anything to eat?"
34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to
do the will of Him who sent Me, and to
finish His work.
35 "Do you not say, ‘There are still four
months and then comes the harvest’?
Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and
look at the fields, for they are already
white for harvest!
36 "And he who reaps receives wages,
and gathers fruit for eternal life, that
both he who sows and he who reaps
may rejoice together.
37 "For in this the saying is true: ‘One
sows and another reaps.’
38 "I sent you to reap that for which you
have not labored; others have labored,
and you have entered into their labors."
39 And many of the Samaritans of that
city believed in Him because of the word

of the woman who testified, "He told me
all that I ever did."
40 So when the Samaritans had come to
Him, they urged Him to stay with them;
and He stayed there two days.
41 And many more believed because of
His own word.
42 Then they said to the woman, "Now
we believe, not because of what you
said, for we ourselves have heard Him
and we know that this is indeed the
Christ, the Savior of the world."
43 Now after the two days He departed
from there and went to Galilee.
44 For Jesus Himself testified that a
prophet has no honor in his own country.
45 So when He came to Galilee, the
Galileans received Him, having seen all
the things He did in Jerusalem at the
feast; for they also had gone to the feast.
46 So Jesus came again to Cana of
Galilee where He had made the water

wine. And there was a certain nobleman
whose son was sick at Capernaum.
47 When he heard that Jesus had come
out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him
and implored Him to come down and
heal his son, for he was at the point of
death.
48 Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you
people see signs and wonders, you will
by no means believe."
49 The nobleman said to Him, "Sir, come
down before my child dies!"
50 Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your
son lives." So the man believed the word
that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his
way.
51 And as he was now going down, his
servants met him and told him, saying,
"Your son lives!"
52 Then he inquired of them the hour
when he got better. And they said to

him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the
fever left him."
53 So the father knew that it was at
the same hour in which Jesus said to
him, "Your son lives." And he himself
believed, and his whole household.
54 This again is the second sign Jesus
did when He had come out of Judea into
Galilee.

5 1 After this there was a feast of
the Jews, and Jesus went up to
Jerusalem.
2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the
Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in
Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches.
3 In these lay a great multitude of sick
people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting
for the moving of the water.
4 For an angel went down at a certain
time into the pool and stirred up the
water; then whoever stepped in first,

after the stirring of the water, was made
well of whatever disease he had.
5 Now a certain man was there who
had an infirmity thirty–eight years.
6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and
knew that he already had been in that
condition a long time, He said to him,
"Do you want to be made well?"
7 The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I
have no man to put me into the pool
when the water is stirred up; but while I
am coming, another steps down before
me."
8 Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your
bed and walk."
9 And immediately the man was made
well, took up his bed, and walked. And
that day was the Sabbath.
10 The Jews therefore said to him who
was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not
lawful for you to carry your bed."

11 He answered them, "He who made
me well said to me, ‘Take up your bed
and walk.’"
12 Then they asked him, "Who is the
Man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed
and walk’?"
13 But the one who was healed did
not know who it was, for Jesus had
withdrawn, a multitude being in that
place.
14 Afterward Jesus found him in the
temple, and said to him, "See, you have
been made well. Sin no more, lest a
worse thing come upon you."
15 The man departed and told the Jews
that it was Jesus who had made him
well.
16 For this reason the Jews persecuted
Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He
had done these things on the Sabbath.

17 But Jesus answered them, "My
Father has been working until now, and I
have been working."
18 Therefore the Jews sought all the
more to kill Him, because He not only
broke the Sabbath, but also said that
God was His Father, making Himself
equal with God.
19 Then Jesus answered and said to
them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the
Son can do nothing of Himself, but what
He sees the Father do; for whatever He
does, the Son also does in like manner.
20 "For the Father loves the Son, and
shows Him all things that He Himself
does; and He will show Him greater
works than these, that you may marvel.
21 "For as the Father raises the dead
and gives life to them, even so the Son
gives life to whom He will.
22 "For the Father judges no one, but
has committed all judgment to the Son,

23 "that all should honor the Son just
as they honor the Father. He who does
not honor the Son does not honor the
Father who sent Him.
24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who
hears My word and believes in Him who
sent Me has everlasting life, and shall
not come into judgment, but has passed
from death into life.
25 "Most assuredly, I say to you, the
hour is coming, and now is, when the
dead will hear the voice of the Son of
God; and those who hear will live.
26 "For as the Father has life in Himself,
so He has granted the Son to have life in
Himself,
27 "and has given Him authority to
execute judgment also, because He is
the Son of Man.
28 "Do not marvel at this; for the hour is
coming in which all who are in the graves
will hear His voice

29 "and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.
30 "I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.
31 "If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true.
32 "There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true.
33 "You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth.
34 "Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved.
35 "He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light.

[36] "But I have a greater witness than
John's; for the works which the Father
has given Me to finish—the very works
that I do—bear witness of Me, that the
Father has sent Me.
[37] "And the Father Himself, who sent
Me, has testified of Me. You have neither
heard His voice at any time, nor seen His
form.
[38] "But you do not have His word
abiding in you, because whom He sent,
Him you do not believe.
[39] "You search the Scriptures, for in
them you think you have eternal life;
and these are they which testify of Me.
[40] "But you are not willing to come to
Me that you may have life.
[41] "I do not receive honor from men.
[42] "But I know you, that you do not
have the love of God in you.
[43] "I have come in My Father's name,
and you do not receive Me; if another

comes in his own name, him you will
receive.
44 "How can you believe, who receive
honor from one another, and do not
seek the honor that comes from the only
God?
45 "Do not think that I shall accuse you
to the Father; there is one who accuses
you—Moses, in whom you trust.
46 "For if you believed Moses, you
would believe Me; for he wrote about
Me.
47 "But if you do not believe his writings,
how will you believe My words?"

6 1 After these things Jesus went over
the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea
of Tiberias.
2 Then a great multitude followed Him,
because they saw His signs which He
performed on those who were diseased.
3 And Jesus went up on the mountain,
and there He sat with His disciples.

4 Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews,
was near.
5 Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and
seeing a great multitude coming toward
Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we
buy bread, that these may eat?"
6 But this He said to test him, for He
Himself knew what He would do.
7 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred
denarii worth of bread is not sufficient
for them, that every one of them may
have a little."
8 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon
Peter’s brother, said to Him,
9 "There is a lad here who has five
barley loaves and two small fish, but
what are they among so many?"
10 Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit
down." Now there was much grass in the
place. So the men sat down, in number
about five thousand.

11 And Jesus took the loaves, and when
He had given thanks He distributed them
to the disciples, and the disciples to
those sitting down; and likewise of the
fish, as much as they wanted.
12 So when they were filled, He said to
His disciples, "Gather up the fragments
that remain, so that nothing is lost."
13 Therefore they gathered them up,
and filled twelve baskets with the
fragments of the five barley loaves which
were left over by those who had eaten.
14 Then those men, when they had
seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This
is truly the Prophet who is to come into
the world."
15 Therefore when Jesus perceived that
they were about to come and take Him
by force to make Him king, He departed
again to the mountain by Himself alone.
16 Now when evening came, His
disciples went down to the sea,

17 got into the boat, and went over
the sea toward Capernaum. And it was
already dark, and Jesus had not come to
them.
18 Then the sea arose because a great
wind was blowing.
19 So when they had rowed about three
or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on
the sea and drawing near the boat; and
they were afraid.
20 But He said to them, "It is I; do not be
afraid."
21 Then they willingly received Him into
the boat, and immediately the boat was
at the land where they were going.
22 On the following day, when the
people who were standing on the other
side of the sea saw that there was no
other boat there, except that one which
His disciples had entered, and that
Jesus had not entered the boat with

His disciples, but His disciples had gone
away alone—
23 however, other boats came from
Tiberias, near the place where they ate
bread after the Lord had given thanks—
24 when the people therefore saw that
Jesus was not there, nor His disciples,
they also got into boats and came to
Capernaum, seeking Jesus.
25 And when they found Him on the
other side of the sea, they said to Him,
"Rabbi, when did You come here?"
26 Jesus answered them and said, "Most
assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not
because you saw the signs, but because
you ate of the loaves and were filled.
27 "Do not labor for the food which
perishes, but for the food which endures
to everlasting life, which the Son of Man
will give you, because God the Father
has set His seal on Him."

28 Then they said to Him, "What shall
we do, that we may work the works of
God?"
29 Jesus answered and said to them,
"This is the work of God, that you believe
in Him whom He sent."
30 Therefore they said to Him, "What
sign will You perform then, that we may
see it and believe You? What work will
You do?
31 "Our fathers ate the manna in the
desert; as it is written, 'He gave them
bread from heaven to eat.'"
32 Then Jesus said to them, "Most
assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not
give you the bread from heaven, but My
Father gives you the true bread from
heaven.
33 "For the bread of God is He who
comes down from heaven and gives life
to the world."

34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us
this bread always."
35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the
bread of life. He who comes to Me shall
never hunger, and he who believes in
Me shall never thirst.
36 "But I said to you that you have seen
Me and yet do not believe.
37 "All that the Father gives Me will
come to Me, and the one who comes to
Me I will by no means cast out.
38 "For I have come down from heaven,
not to do My own will, but the will of
Him who sent Me.
39 "This is the will of the Father who
sent Me, that of all He has given Me I
should lose nothing, but should raise it
up at the last day.
40 "And this is the will of Him who sent
Me, that everyone who sees the Son and
believes in Him may have everlasting life;
and I will raise him up at the last day."

41 The Jews then complained about
Him, because He said, "I am the bread
which came down from heaven."
42 And they said, "Is not this Jesus, the
son of Joseph, whose father and mother
we know? How is it then that He says, ‘I
have come down from heaven’?"
43 Jesus therefore answered and said
to them, "Do not murmur among
yourselves.
44 "No one can come to Me unless the
Father who sent Me draws him; and I
will raise him up at the last day.
45 "It is written in the prophets,
‘And they shall all be taught by God.’
Therefore everyone who has heard and
learned from the Father comes to Me.
46 "Not that anyone has seen the Father,
except He who is from God; He has seen
the Father.
47 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who
believes in Me has everlasting life.

48 "I am the bread of life.
49 "Your fathers ate the manna in the
wilderness, and are dead.
50 "This is the bread which comes down
from heaven, that one may eat of it and
not die.
51 "I am the living bread which came
down from heaven. If anyone eats of this
bread, he will live forever; and the bread
that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall
give for the life of the world."
52 The Jews therefore quarreled among
themselves, saying, "How can this Man
give us His flesh to eat?"
53 Then Jesus said to them, "Most
assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat
the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His
blood, you have no life in you.
54 "Whoever eats My flesh and drinks
My blood has eternal life, and I will raise
him up at the last day.

55 "For My flesh is food indeed, and My
blood is drink indeed.
56 "He who eats My flesh and drinks My
blood abides in Me, and I in him.
57 "As the living Father sent Me, and
I live because of the Father, so he who
feeds on Me will live because of Me.
58 "This is the bread which came down
from heaven—not as your fathers ate
the manna, and are dead. He who eats
this bread will live forever."
59 These things He said in the synagogue
as He taught in Capernaum.
60 Therefore many of His disciples,
when they heard this, said, "This is a
hard saying; who can understand it?"
61 When Jesus knew in Himself that His
disciples complained about this, He said
to them, "Does this offend you?
62 "What then if you should see the Son
of Man ascend where He was before?

63 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the
flesh profits nothing. The words that I
speak to you are spirit, and they are life.
64 "But there are some of you who do
not believe." For Jesus knew from the
beginning who they were who did not
believe, and who would betray Him.
65 And He said, "Therefore I have said
to you that no one can come to Me
unless it has been granted to him by My
Father."
66 From that time many of His disciples
went back and walked with Him no
more.
67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do
you also want to go away?"
68 But Simon Peter answered Him,
"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have
the words of eternal life.
69 "Also we have come to believe and
know that You are the Christ, the Son of
the living God."

70 Jesus answered them, "Did I not
choose you, the twelve, and one of you
is a devil?"
71 He spoke of Judas Iscariot, the son of
Simon, for it was he who would betray
Him, being one of the twelve.

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1 After these things Jesus walked in
Galilee; for He did not want to walk
in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill
Him.
2 Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles
was at hand.
3 His brothers therefore said to Him,
"Depart from here and go into Judea,
that Your disciples also may see the
works that You are doing.
4 "For no one does anything in secret
while he himself seeks to be known
openly. If You do these things, show
Yourself to the world."
5 For even His brothers did not believe
in Him.

6 Then Jesus said to them, "My time has
not yet come, but your time is always
ready.
7 "The world cannot hate you, but it
hates Me because I testify of it that its
works are evil.
8 "You go up to this feast. I am not yet
going up to this feast, for My time has
not yet fully come."
9 When He had said these things to
them, He remained in Galilee.
10 But when His brothers had gone up,
then He also went up to the feast, not
openly, but as it were in secret.
11 Then the Jews sought Him at the
feast, and said, "Where is He?"
12 And there was much complaining
among the people concerning Him.
Some said, "He is good"; others said,
"No, on the contrary, He deceives the
people."

13 However, no one spoke openly of
Him for fear of the Jews.
14 Now about the middle of the feast
Jesus went up into the temple and
taught.
15 And the Jews marveled, saying, "How
does this Man know letters, having never
studied?"
16 Jesus answered them and said, "My
doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent
Me.
17 "If anyone wants to do His will, he
shall know concerning the doctrine,
whether it is from God or whether I
speak on My own authority.
18 "He who speaks from himself seeks
his own glory; but He who seeks the
glory of the One who sent Him is true,
and no unrighteousness is in Him.
19 "Did not Moses give you the law, yet
none of you keeps the law? Why do you
seek to kill Me?"

20 The people answered and said, "You
have a demon. Who is seeking to kill
You?"
21 Jesus answered and said to them, "I
did one work, and you all marvel.
22 "Moses therefore gave you
circumcision (not that it is from Moses,
but from the fathers), and you circumcise
a man on the Sabbath.
23 "If a man receives circumcision on
the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses
should not be broken, are you angry with
Me because I made a man completely
well on the Sabbath?
24 "Do not judge according to
appearance, but judge with righteous
judgment."
25 Now some of them from Jerusalem
said, "Is this not He whom they seek to
kill?

26 "But look! He speaks boldly, and they
say nothing to Him. Do the rulers know
indeed that this is truly the Christ?
27 "However, we know where this Man
is from; but when the Christ comes, no
one knows where He is from."
28 Then Jesus cried out, as He taught
in the temple, saying, "You both know
Me, and you know where I am from; and
I have not come of Myself, but He who
sent Me is true, whom you do not know.
29 "But I know Him, for I am from Him,
and He sent Me."
30 Therefore they sought to take Him;
but no one laid a hand on Him, because
His hour had not yet come.
31 And many of the people believed in
Him, and said, "When the Christ comes,
will He do more signs than these which
this Man has done?"
32 The Pharisees heard the crowd
murmuring these things concerning Him,

and the Pharisees and the chief priests
sent officers to take Him.
33 Then Jesus said to them, "I shall be
with you a little while longer, and then I
go to Him who sent Me.
34 "You will seek Me and not find Me,
and where I am you cannot come."
35 Then the Jews said among
themselves, "Where does He intend to
go that we shall not find Him? Does He
intend to go to the Dispersion among
the Greeks and teach the Greeks?
36 "What is this thing that He said, ‘You
will seek Me and not find Me, and where
I am you cannot come’?"
37 On the last day, that great day of the
feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying,
"If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me
and drink.
38 "He who believes in Me, as the
Scripture has said, out of his heart will
flow rivers of living water."

39 But this He spoke concerning the
Spirit, whom those believing in Him
would receive; for the Holy Spirit was
not yet given, because Jesus was not yet
glorified.
40 Therefore many from the crowd,
when they heard this saying, said, "Truly
this is the Prophet."
41 Others said, "This is the Christ." But
some said, "Will the Christ come out of
Galilee?
42 "Has not the Scripture said that the
Christ comes from the seed of David
and from the town of Bethlehem, where
David was?"
43 So there was a division among the
people because of Him.
44 Now some of them wanted to take
Him, but no one laid hands on Him.
45 Then the officers came to the chief
priests and Pharisees, who said to them,
"Why have you not brought Him?"

46 The officers answered, "No man ever
spoke like this Man!"
47 Then the Pharisees answered them,
"Are you also deceived?
48 "Have any of the rulers or the
Pharisees believed in Him?
49 "But this crowd that does not know
the law is accursed."
50 Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by
night, being one of them) said to them,
51 "Does our law judge a man before it
hears him and knows what he is doing?"
52 They answered and said to him, "Are
you also from Galilee? Search and look,
for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee."
53 And everyone went to his own house.

8 1 But Jesus went to the Mount of
Olives.
2 Now early in the morning He came
again into the temple, and all the people
came to Him; and He sat down and
taught them.

3 Then the scribes and Pharisees
brought to Him a woman caught in
adultery. And when they had set her in
the midst,
4 they said to Him, "Teacher, this
woman was caught in adultery, in the
very act.
5 "Now Moses, in the law, commanded
us that such should be stoned. But what
do You say?"
6 This they said, testing Him, that they
might have something of which to
accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down
and wrote on the ground with His finger,
as though He did not hear.
7 So when they continued asking Him,
He raised Himself up and said to them,
"He who is without sin among you, let
him throw a stone at her first."
8 And again He stooped down and
wrote on the ground.

9 Then those who heard it, being
convicted by their conscience, went out
one by one, beginning with the oldest
even to the last. And Jesus was left
alone, and the woman standing in the
midst.
10 When Jesus had raised Himself
up and saw no one but the woman,
He said to her, "Woman, where are
those accusers of yours? Has no one
condemned you?"
11 She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus
said to her, "Neither do I condemn you;
go and sin no more."
12 Then Jesus spoke to them again,
saying, "I am the light of the world.
He who follows Me shall not walk in
darkness, but have the light of life."
13 The Pharisees therefore said to Him,
"You bear witness of Yourself; Your
witness is not true."

14 Jesus answered and said to them,
"Even if I bear witness of Myself, My
witness is true, for I know where I came
from and where I am going; but you do
not know where I come from and where
I am going.
15 "You judge according to the flesh; I
judge no one.
16 "And yet if I do judge, My judgment
is true; for I am not alone, but I am with
the Father who sent Me.
17 "It is also written in your law that the
testimony of two men is true.
18 "I am One who bears witness of
Myself, and the Father who sent Me
bears witness of Me."
19 Then they said to Him, "Where is
Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You
know neither Me nor My Father. If you
had known Me, you would have known
My Father also."

20 These words Jesus spoke in the
treasury, as He taught in the temple; and
no one laid hands on Him, for His hour
had not yet come.
21 Then Jesus said to them again, "I
am going away, and you will seek Me,
and will die in your sin. Where I go you
cannot come."
22 So the Jews said, "Will He kill Himself,
because He says, ‘Where I go you cannot
come’?"
23 And He said to them, "You are from
beneath; I am from above. You are of
this world; I am not of this world.
24 "Therefore I said to you that you will
die in your sins; for if you do not believe
that I am He, you will die in your sins."
25 Then they said to Him, "Who are
You?" And Jesus said to them, "Just
what I have been saying to you from the
beginning.

26 "I have many things to say and to
judge concerning you, but He who sent
Me is true; and I speak to the world
those things which I heard from Him."
27 They did not understand that He
spoke to them of the Father.
28 Then Jesus said to them, "When you
lift up the Son of Man, then you will
know that I am He, and that I do nothing
of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I
speak these things.
29 "And He who sent Me is with Me.
The Father has not left Me alone, for I
always do those things that please Him."
30 As He spoke these words, many
believed in Him.
31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who
believed Him, "If you abide in My word,
you are My disciples indeed.
32 "And you shall know the truth, and
the truth shall make you free."

33 They answered Him, "We are
Abraham's descendants, and have never
been in bondage to anyone. How can
you say, 'You will be made free'?"
34 Jesus answered them, "Most
assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits
sin is a slave of sin.
35 "And a slave does not abide in the
house forever, but a son abides forever.
36 "Therefore if the Son makes you free,
you shall be free indeed.
37 "I know that you are Abraham's
descendants, but you seek to kill Me,
because My word has no place in you.
38 "I speak what I have seen with My
Father, and you do what you have seen
with your father."
39 They answered and said to Him,
"Abraham is our father." Jesus said to
them, "If you were Abraham's children,
you would do the works of Abraham.

[40] "But now you seek to kill Me, a Man
who has told you the truth which I heard
from God. Abraham did not do this.
[41] "You do the deeds of your father."
Then they said to Him, "We were
not born of fornication; we have one
Father—God."
[42] Jesus said to them, "If God were
your Father, you would love Me, for I
proceeded forth and came from God;
nor have I come of Myself, but He sent
Me.
[43] "Why do you not understand My
speech? Because you are not able to
listen to My word.
[44] "You are of your father the devil,
and the desires of your father you want
to do. He was a murderer from the
beginning, and does not stand in the
truth, because there is no truth in him.
When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his

own resources, for he is a liar and the
father of it.
45 "But because I tell the truth, you do
not believe Me.
46 "Which of you convicts Me of sin?
And if I tell the truth, why do you not
believe Me?
47 "He who is of God hears God’s words;
therefore you do not hear, because you
are not of God."
48 Then the Jews answered and said to
Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are
a Samaritan and have a demon?"
49 Jesus answered, "I do not have a
demon; but I honor My Father, and you
dishonor Me.
50 "And I do not seek My own glory;
there is One who seeks and judges.
51 "Most assuredly, I say to you, if
anyone keeps My word he shall never
see death."

52 Then the Jews said to Him, "Now we
know that You have a demon! Abraham
is dead, and the prophets; and You say,
‘If anyone keeps My word he shall never
taste death.’
53 "Are You greater than our father
Abraham, who is dead? And the
prophets are dead. Whom do You make
Yourself out to be?"
54 Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself,
My honor is nothing. It is My Father who
honors Me, of whom you say that He is
your God.
55 "Yet you have not known Him, but I
know Him. And if I say, ‘I do not know
Him,’ I shall be a liar like you; but I do
know Him and keep His word.
56 "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see
My day, and he saw it and was glad."
57 Then the Jews said to Him, "You are
not yet fifty years old, and have You seen
Abraham?"

58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I
say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."
59 Then they took up stones to throw at
Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out
of the temple, going through the midst
of them, and so passed by.

9 1 Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a
man who was blind from birth.
2 And His disciples asked Him, saying,
"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his
parents, that he was born blind?"
3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor
his parents sinned, but that the works of
God should be revealed in him.
4 "I must work the works of Him who
sent Me while it is day; the night is
coming when no one can work.
5 "As long as I am in the world, I am the
light of the world."
6 When He had said these things, He
spat on the ground and made clay with

the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of
the blind man with the clay.
7 And He said to him, "Go, wash in the
pool of Siloam" (which is translated,
Sent). So he went and washed, and came
back seeing.
8 Therefore the neighbors and those
who previously had seen that he was
blind said, "Is not this he who sat and
begged?"
9 Some said, "This is he. " Others said,
"He is like him." He said, "I am he."
10 Therefore they said to him, "How
were your eyes opened?"
11 He answered and said, "A Man called
Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes
and said to me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam
and wash.’ So I went and washed, and I
received sight."
12 Then they said to him, "Where is
He?" He said, "I do not know."

13 They brought him who formerly was
blind to the Pharisees.
14 Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus
made the clay and opened his eyes.
15 Then the Pharisees also asked him
again how he had received his sight. He
said to them, "He put clay on my eyes,
and I washed, and I see."
16 Therefore some of the Pharisees
said, "This Man is not from God, because
He does not keep the Sabbath." Others
said, "How can a man who is a sinner do
such signs?" And there was a division
among them.
17 They said to the blind man again,
"What do you say about Him because
He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a
prophet."
18 But the Jews did not believe
concerning him, that he had been blind
and received his sight, until they called

the parents of him who had received his
sight.
19 And they asked them, saying, "Is this
your son, who you say was born blind?
How then does he now see?"
20 His parents answered them and said,
"We know that this is our son, and that
he was born blind;
21 "but by what means he now sees we
do not know, or who opened his eyes we
do not know. He is of age; ask him. He
will speak for himself."
22 His parents said these things because
they feared the Jews, for the Jews had
agreed already that if anyone confessed
that He was Christ, he would be put out
of the synagogue.
23 Therefore his parents said, "He is of
age; ask him."
24 So they again called the man who
was blind, and said to him, "Give God

the glory! We know that this Man is a
sinner."
25 He answered and said, "Whether He
is a sinner or not I do not know. One
thing I know: that though I was blind,
now I see."
26 Then they said to him again, "What
did He do to you? How did He open your
eyes?"
27 He answered them, "I told you
already, and you did not listen. Why do
you want to hear it again? Do you also
want to become His disciples?"
28 Then they reviled him and said,
"You are His disciple, but we are Moses'
disciples.
29 "We know that God spoke to Moses;
as for this fellow, we do not know where
He is from."
30 The man answered and said to them,
"Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you

do not know where He is from; yet He
has opened my eyes!
31 "Now we know that God does not
hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper
of God and does His will, He hears him.
32 "Since the world began it has been
unheard of that anyone opened the eyes
of one who was born blind.
33 "If this Man were not from God, He
could do nothing."
34 They answered and said to him, "You
were completely born in sins, and are
you teaching us?" And they cast him out.
35 Jesus heard that they had cast him
out; and when He had found him, He
said to him, "Do you believe in the Son
of God?"
36 He answered and said, "Who is He,
Lord, that I may believe in Him?"
37 And Jesus said to him, "You have
both seen Him and it is He who is talking
with you."

38 Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And
he worshiped Him.
39 And Jesus said, "For judgment I have
come into this world, that those who do
not see may see, and that those who see
may be made blind."
40 Then some of the Pharisees who
were with Him heard these words, and
said to Him, "Are we blind also?"
41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind,
you would have no sin; but now you say,
'We see.' Therefore your sin remains.

10 1 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he
who does not enter the sheepfold
by the door, but climbs up some other
way, the same is a thief and a robber.
2 "But he who enters by the door is the
shepherd of the sheep.
3 "To him the doorkeeper opens, and
the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his
own sheep by name and leads them out.

4 "And when he brings out his own
sheep, he goes before them; and the
sheep follow him, for they know his
voice.
5 "Yet they will by no means follow a
stranger, but will flee from him, for they
do not know the voice of strangers."
6 Jesus used this illustration, but they
did not understand the things which He
spoke to them.
7 Then Jesus said to them again, "Most
assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of
the sheep.
8 "All who ever came before Me are
thieves and robbers, but the sheep did
not hear them.
9 "I am the door. If anyone enters by
Me, he will be saved, and will go in and
out and find pasture.
10 "The thief does not come except to
steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have

come that they may have life, and that
they may have it more abundantly.
11 "I am the good shepherd. The good
shepherd gives His life for the sheep.
12 "But a hireling, he who is not the
shepherd, one who does not own
the sheep, sees the wolf coming and
leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf
catches the sheep and scatters them.
13 "The hireling flees because he is a
hireling and does not care about the
sheep.
14 "I am the good shepherd; and I know
My sheep, and am known by My own.
15 "As the Father knows Me, even so I
know the Father; and I lay down My life
for the sheep.
16 "And other sheep I have which are
not of this fold; them also I must bring,
and they will hear My voice; and there
will be one flock and one shepherd.

17 "Therefore My Father loves Me,
because I lay down My life that I may
take it again.
18 "No one takes it from Me, but I lay
it down of Myself. I have power to lay it
down, and I have power to take it again.
This command I have received from My
Father."
19 Therefore there was a division again
among the Jews because of these
sayings.
20 And many of them said, "He has a
demon and is mad. Why do you listen to
Him?"
21 Others said, "These are not the words
of one who has a demon. Can a demon
open the eyes of the blind?"
22 Now it was the Feast of Dedication in
Jerusalem, and it was winter.
23 And Jesus walked in the temple, in
Solomon’s porch.

24 Then the Jews surrounded Him and
said to Him, "How long do You keep us
in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us
plainly."
25 Jesus answered them, "I told you,
and you do not believe. The works that
I do in My Father's name, they bear
witness of Me.
26 "But you do not believe, because you
are not of My sheep, as I said to you.
27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know
them, and they follow Me.
28 "And I give them eternal life, and
they shall never perish; neither shall
anyone snatch them out of My hand.
29 "My Father, who has given them to
Me, is greater than all; and no one is
able to snatch them out of My Father's
hand.
30 "I and My Father are one."
31 Then the Jews took up stones again
to stone Him.

32 Jesus answered them, "Many good
works I have shown you from My Father.
For which of those works do you stone
Me?"
33 The Jews answered Him, saying, "For
a good work we do not stone You, but
for blasphemy, and because You, being a
Man, make Yourself God."
34 Jesus answered them, "Is it not
written in your law, ‘I said, "You are
gods"’?
35 "If He called them gods, to whom the
word of God came (and the Scripture
cannot be broken),
36 "do you say of Him whom the Father
sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You
are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am
the Son of God’?
37 "If I do not do the works of My Father,
do not believe Me;
38 "but if I do, though you do not
believe Me, believe the works, that you

may know and believe that the Father is
in Me, and I in Him."
39 Therefore they sought again to seize
Him, but He escaped out of their hand.
40 And He went away again beyond
the Jordan to the place where John was
baptizing at first, and there He stayed.
41 Then many came to Him and said,
"John performed no sign, but all the
things that John spoke about this Man
were true."
42 And many believed in Him there.

11 1 Now a certain man was sick,
Lazarus of Bethany, the town of
Mary and her sister Martha.
2 It was that Mary who anointed the
Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet
with her hair, whose brother Lazarus
was sick.
3 Therefore the sisters sent to Him,
saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love
is sick."

4 When Jesus heard that, He said, "This
sickness is not unto death, but for the
glory of God, that the Son of God may be
glorified through it."
5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister
and Lazarus.
6 So, when He heard that he was sick,
He stayed two more days in the place
where He was.
7 Then after this He said to the disciples,
"Let us go to Judea again."
8 The disciples said to Him, "Rabbi,
lately the Jews sought to stone You, and
are You going there again?"
9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve
hours in the day? If anyone walks in the
day, he does not stumble, because he
sees the light of this world.
10 "But if one walks in the night, he
stumbles, because the light is not in
him."

11 These things He said, and after that
He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus
sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up."
12 Then His disciples said, "Lord, if he
sleeps he will get well."
13 However, Jesus spoke of his death,
but they thought that He was speaking
about taking rest in sleep.
14 Then Jesus said to them plainly,
"Lazarus is dead.
15 "And I am glad for your sakes that
I was not there, that you may believe.
Nevertheless let us go to him."
16 Then Thomas, who is called the Twin,
said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also
go, that we may die with Him."
17 So when Jesus came, He found that
he had already been in the tomb four
days.
18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem,
about two miles away.

19 And many of the Jews had joined the
women around Martha and Mary, to
comfort them concerning their brother.
20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard
that Jesus was coming, went and met
Him, but Mary was sitting in the house.
21 Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if
You had been here, my brother would
not have died.
22 "But even now I know that whatever
You ask of God, God will give You."
23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will
rise again."
24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he
will rise again in the resurrection at the
last day."
25 Jesus said to her, "I am the
resurrection and the life. He who
believes in Me, though he may die, he
shall live.
26 "And whoever lives and believes in
Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

27 She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe
that You are the Christ, the Son of God,
who is to come into the world."
28 And when she had said these things,
she went her way and secretly called
Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher has
come and is calling for you."
29 As soon as she heard that, she arose
quickly and came to Him.
30 Now Jesus had not yet come into
the town, but was in the place where
Martha met Him.
31 Then the Jews who were with her in
the house, and comforting her, when
they saw that Mary rose up quickly and
went out, followed her, saying, "She is
going to the tomb to weep there."
32 Then, when Mary came where Jesus
was, and saw Him, she fell down at His
feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had
been here, my brother would not have
died."

33 Therefore, when Jesus saw her
weeping, and the Jews who came with
her weeping, He groaned in the spirit
and was troubled.
34 And He said, "Where have you laid
him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and
see."
35 Jesus wept.
36 Then the Jews said, "See how He
loved him!"
37 And some of them said, "Could not
this Man, who opened the eyes of the
blind, also have kept this man from
dying?"
38 Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself,
came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a
stone lay against it.
39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone."
Martha, the sister of him who was dead,
said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a
stench, for he has been dead four days."

40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you
that if you would believe you would see
the glory of God?"
41 Then they took away the stone from
the place where the dead man was lying.
And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said,
"Father, I thank You that You have heard
Me.
42 "And I know that You always hear
Me, but because of the people who are
standing by I said this, that they may
believe that You sent Me."
43 Now when He had said these things,
He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus,
come forth!"
44 And he who had died came out
bound hand and foot with graveclothes,
and his face was wrapped with a cloth.
Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let
him go."

45 Then many of the Jews who had
come to Mary, and had seen the things
Jesus did, believed in Him.
46 But some of them went away to the
Pharisees and told them the things Jesus
did.
47 Then the chief priests and the
Pharisees gathered a council and said,
"What shall we do? For this Man works
many signs.
48 "If we let Him alone like this,
everyone will believe in Him, and the
Romans will come and take away both
our place and nation."
49 And one of them, Caiaphas, being
high priest that year, said to them, "You
know nothing at all,
50 "nor do you consider that it is
expedient for us that one man should
die for the people, and not that the
whole nation should perish."

51 Now this he did not say on his own
authority; but being high priest that year
he prophesied that Jesus would die for
the nation,
52 and not for that nation only, but also
that He would gather together in one
the children of God who were scattered
abroad.
53 Then, from that day on, they plotted
to put Him to death.
54 Therefore Jesus no longer walked
openly among the Jews, but went
from there into the country near the
wilderness, to a city called Ephraim, and
there remained with His disciples.
55 And the Passover of the Jews was
near, and many went from the country
up to Jerusalem before the Passover, to
purify themselves.
56 Then they sought Jesus, and spoke
among themselves as they stood in the

temple, "What do you think—that He
will not come to the feast?"
57 Now both the chief priests and the
Pharisees had given a command, that if
anyone knew where He was, he should
report it, that they might seize Him.

12 1 Then, six days before the
Passover, Jesus came to Bethany,
where Lazarus was who had been dead,
whom He had raised from the dead.
2 There they made Him a supper; and
Martha served, but Lazarus was one of
those who sat at the table with Him.
3 Then Mary took a pound of very
costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet
of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her
hair. And the house was filled with the
fragrance of the oil.
4 Then one of His disciples, Judas
Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray
Him, said,

5 "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for
three hundred denarii and given to the
poor?"
6 This he said, not that he cared for the
poor, but because he was a thief, and
had the money box; and he used to take
what was put in it.
7 But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has
kept this for the day of My burial.
8 "For the poor you have with you
always, but Me you do not have always."
9 Now a great many of the Jews knew
that He was there; and they came, not
for Jesus’ sake only, but that they might
also see Lazarus, whom He had raised
from the dead.
10 But the chief priests plotted to put
Lazarus to death also,
11 because on account of him many
of the Jews went away and believed in
Jesus.

12 The next day a great multitude that
had come to the feast, when they heard
that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,
13 took branches of palm trees and
went out to meet Him, and cried out:
"Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the LORD!' The King of
Israel!"
14 Then Jesus, when He had found a
young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:
15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold,
your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's
colt."
16 His disciples did not understand
these things at first; but when Jesus was
glorified, then they remembered that
these things were written about Him and
that they had done these things to Him.
17 Therefore the people, who were with
Him when He called Lazarus out of his
tomb and raised him from the dead,
bore witness.

18 For this reason the people also met
Him, because they heard that He had
done this sign.
19 The Pharisees therefore said among
themselves, "You see that you are
accomplishing nothing. Look, the world
has gone after Him!"
20 Now there were certain Greeks
among those who came up to worship at
the feast.
21 Then they came to Philip, who was
from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked
him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."
22 Philip came and told Andrew, and in
turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus.
23 But Jesus answered them, saying,
"The hour has come that the Son of Man
should be glorified.
24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless
a grain of wheat falls into the ground
and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies,
it produces much grain.

25 "He who loves his life will lose it, and
he who hates his life in this world will
keep it for eternal life.
26 "If anyone serves Me, let him follow
Me; and where I am, there My servant
will be also. If anyone serves Me, him
My Father will honor.
27 "Now My soul is troubled, and what
shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this
hour’? But for this purpose I came to this
hour.
28 "Father, glorify Your name." Then a
voice came from heaven, saying, "I have
both glorified it and will glorify it again."
29 Therefore the people who stood by
and heard it said that it had thundered.
Others said, "An angel has spoken to
Him."
30 Jesus answered and said, "This voice
did not come because of Me, but for
your sake.

31 "Now is the judgment of this world;
now the ruler of this world will be cast
out.
32 "And I, if I am lifted up from the
earth, will draw all peoples to Myself."
33 This He said, signifying by what death
He would die.
34 The people answered Him, "We
have heard from the law that the Christ
remains forever; and how can You say,
'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who
is this Son of Man?"
35 Then Jesus said to them, "A little
while longer the light is with you. Walk
while you have the light, lest darkness
overtake you; he who walks in darkness
does not know where he is going.
36 "While you have the light, believe
in the light, that you may become sons
of light." These things Jesus spoke, and
departed, and was hidden from them.

37 But although He had done so many
signs before them, they did not believe
in Him,
38 that the word of Isaiah the prophet
might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord,
who has believed our report? And to
whom has the arm of the LORD been
revealed?"
39 Therefore they could not believe,
because Isaiah said again:
40 "He has blinded their eyes and
hardened their hearts, Lest they should
see with their eyes, Lest they should
understand with their hearts and turn,
So that I should heal them."
41 These things Isaiah said when he saw
His glory and spoke of Him.
42 Nevertheless even among the rulers
many believed in Him, but because
of the Pharisees they did not confess
Him, lest they should be put out of the
synagogue;

43 for they loved the praise of men
more than the praise of God.
44 Then Jesus cried out and said, "He
who believes in Me, believes not in Me
but in Him who sent Me.
45 "And he who sees Me sees Him who
sent Me.
46 "I have come as a light into the world,
that whoever believes in Me should not
abide in darkness.
47 "And if anyone hears My words and
does not believe, I do not judge him; for
I did not come to judge the world but to
save the world.
48 "He who rejects Me, and does not
receive My words, has that which judges
him—the word that I have spoken will
judge him in the last day.
49 "For I have not spoken on My own
authority; but the Father who sent Me
gave Me a command, what I should say
and what I should speak.

50 "And I know that His command is
everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I
speak, just as the Father has told Me, so
I speak."

13 1 Now before the feast of the
Passover, when Jesus knew that
His hour had come that He should depart
from this world to the Father, having
loved His own who were in the world,
He loved them to the end.
2 And supper being ended, the devil
having already put it into the heart of
Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray
Him,
3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had
given all things into His hands, and that
He had come from God and was going to
God,
4 rose from supper and laid aside His
garments, took a towel and girded
Himself.

5 After that, He poured water into a
basin and began to wash the disciples'
feet, and to wipe them with the towel
with which He was girded.
6 Then He came to Simon Peter. And
Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing
my feet?"
7 Jesus answered and said to him,
"What I am doing you do not understand
now, but you will know after this."
8 Peter said to Him, "You shall never
wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I
do not wash you, you have no part with
Me."
9 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not
my feet only, but also my hands and my
head!"
10 Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed
needs only to wash his feet, but is
completely clean; and you are clean, but
not all of you."

11 For He knew who would betray Him;
therefore He said, "You are not all clean."
12 So when He had washed their feet,
taken His garments, and sat down again,
He said to them, "Do you know what I
have done to you?
13 "You call me Teacher and Lord, and
you say well, for so I am.
14 "If I then, your Lord and Teacher,
have washed your feet, you also ought
to wash one another’s feet.
15 "For I have given you an example,
that you should do as I have done to you.
16 "Most assuredly, I say to you, a
servant is not greater than his master;
nor is he who is sent greater than he
who sent him.
17 "If you know these things, blessed
are you if you do them.
18 "I do not speak concerning all of you.
I know whom I have chosen; but that
the Scripture may be fulfilled, ‘He who

eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.’
19 "Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He.
20 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."
21 When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."
22 Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke.
23 Now there was leaning on Jesus’ bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.
24 Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke.

25 Then, leaning back on Jesus’ breast,
he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"
26 Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I
shall give a piece of bread when I have
dipped it." And having dipped the bread,
He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of
Simon.
27 Now after the piece of bread, Satan
entered him. Then Jesus said to him,
"What you do, do quickly."
28 But no one at the table knew for
what reason He said this to him.
29 For some thought, because Judas had
the money box, that Jesus had said to
him, "Buy those things we need for the
feast," or that he should give something
to the poor.
30 Having received the piece of bread,
he then went out immediately. And it
was night.

31 So, when he had gone out, Jesus said,
"Now the Son of Man is glorified, and
God is glorified in Him.
32 "If God is glorified in Him, God will
also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify
Him immediately.
33 "Little children, I shall be with you a
little while longer. You will seek Me; and
as I said to the Jews, ‘Where I am going,
you cannot come,’ so now I say to you.
34 "A new commandment I give to
you, that you love one another; as I
have loved you, that you also love one
another.
35 "By this all will know that you are
My disciples, if you have love for one
another."
36 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord,
where are You going?" Jesus answered
him, "Where I am going you cannot
follow Me now, but you shall follow Me
afterward."

37 Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I
not follow You now? I will lay down my
life for Your sake."

38 Jesus answered him, "Will you lay
down your life for My sake? Most
assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall
not crow till you have denied Me three
times.

14 1 "Let not your heart be troubled;
you believe in God, believe also in
Me.

2 "In My Father's house are many
mansions; if it were not so, I would have
told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 "And if I go and prepare a place for
you, I will come again and receive you to
Myself; that where I am, there you may
be also.

4 "And where I go you know, and the
way you know."

5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not
know where You are going, and how can
we know the way?"
6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the
truth, and the life. No one comes to the
Father except through Me.
7 "If you had known Me, you would
have known My Father also; and from
now on you know Him and have seen
Him."
8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the
Father, and it is sufficient for us."
9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with
you so long, and yet you have not known
Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has
seen the Father; so how can you say,
'Show us the Father'?
10 "Do you not believe that I am in the
Father, and the Father in Me? The words
that I speak to you I do not speak on
My own authority; but the Father who
dwells in Me does the works.

11 "Believe Me that I am in the Father
and the Father in Me, or else believe Me
for the sake of the works themselves.
12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who
believes in Me, the works that I do he
will do also; and greater works than
these he will do, because I go to My
Father.
13 "And whatever you ask in My name,
that I will do, that the Father may be
glorified in the Son.
14 "If you ask anything in My name, I
will do it.
15 "If you love Me, keep My
commandments.
16 "And I will pray the Father, and He
will give you another Helper, that He
may abide with you forever—
17 "the Spirit of truth, whom the world
cannot receive, because it neither sees
Him nor knows Him; but you know Him,
for He dwells with you and will be in you.

18 "I will not leave you orphans; I will
come to you.
19 "A little while longer and the world
will see Me no more, but you will see
Me. Because I live, you will live also.
20 "At that day you will know that I am
in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.
21 "He who has My commandments and
keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And
he who loves Me will be loved by My
Father, and I will love him and manifest
Myself to him."
22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him,
"Lord, how is it that You will manifest
Yourself to us, and not to the world?"
23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If
anyone loves Me, he will keep My word;
and My Father will love him, and We will
come to him and make Our home with
him.
24 "He who does not love Me does not
keep My words; and the word which you

hear is not Mine but the Father's who
sent Me.
25 "These things I have spoken to you
while being present with you.
26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in My name,
He will teach you all things, and bring to
your remembrance all things that I said
to you.
27 "Peace I leave with you, My peace
I give to you; not as the world gives
do I give to you. Let not your heart be
troubled, neither let it be afraid.
28 "You have heard Me say to you, 'I
am going away and coming back to
you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice
because I said, 'I am going to the Father,'
for My Father is greater than I.
29 "And now I have told you before it
comes, that when it does come to pass,
you may believe.

30 "I will no longer talk much with you,
for the ruler of this world is coming, and
he has nothing in Me.
31 "But that the world may know that I
love the Father, and as the Father gave
Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us
go from here.

15
1 "I am the true vine, and My
Father is the vinedresser.
2 "Every branch in Me that does not
bear fruit He takes away; and every
branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it
may bear more fruit.
3 "You are already clean because of the
word which I have spoken to you.
4 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the
branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless
it abides in the vine, neither can you,
unless you abide in Me.
5 "I am the vine, you are the branches.
He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears

much fruit; for without Me you can do
nothing.
6 "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is
cast out as a branch and is withered; and
they gather them and throw them into
the fire, and they are burned.
7 "If you abide in Me, and My words
abide in you, you will ask what you
desire, and it shall be done for you.
8 "By this My Father is glorified, that
you bear much fruit; so you will be My
disciples.
9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have
loved you; abide in My love.
10 "If you keep My commandments, you
will abide in My love, just as I have kept
My Father’s commandments and abide
in His love.
11 "These things I have spoken to you,
that My joy may remain in you, and that
your joy may be full.

12 "This is My commandment, that you
love one another as I have loved you.
13 "Greater love has no one than this,
than to lay down one’s life for his friends.
14 "You are My friends if you do
whatever I command you.
15 "No longer do I call you servants, for
a servant does not know what his master
is doing; but I have called you friends,
for all things that I heard from My Father
I have made known to you.
16 "You did not choose Me, but I chose
you and appointed you that you should
go and bear fruit, and that your fruit
should remain, that whatever you ask
the Father in My name He may give you.
17 "These things I command you, that
you love one another.
18 "If the world hates you, you know
that it hated Me before it hated you.
19 "If you were of the world, the world
would love its own. Yet because you are

not of the world, but I chose you out
of the world, therefore the world hates
you.
20 "Remember the word that I said to
you, ‘A servant is not greater than his
master.’ If they persecuted Me, they
will also persecute you. If they kept My
word, they will keep yours also.
21 "But all these things they will do to
you for My name’s sake, because they
do not know Him who sent Me.
22 "If I had not come and spoken to
them, they would have no sin, but now
they have no excuse for their sin.
23 "He who hates Me hates My Father
also.
24 "If I had not done among them the
works which no one else did, they would
have no sin; but now they have seen and
also hated both Me and My Father.

25 "But this happened that the word
might be fulfilled which is written in their
law, 'They hated Me without a cause.'
26 "But when the Helper comes, whom
I shall send to you from the Father, the
Spirit of truth who proceeds from the
Father, He will testify of Me.
27 "And you also will bear witness,
because you have been with Me from
the beginning.

16 1 "These things I have spoken to
you, that you should not be made
to stumble.
2 "They will put you out of the
synagogues; yes, the time is coming that
whoever kills you will think that he offers
God service.
3 "And these things they will do to you
because they have not known the Father
nor Me.
4 "But these things I have told you,
that when the time comes, you may

remember that I told you of them. And
these things I did not say to you at the
beginning, because I was with you.
5 "But now I go away to Him who sent
Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where
are You going?’
6 "But because I have said these things
to you, sorrow has filled your heart.
7 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It
is to your advantage that I go away; for
if I do not go away, the Helper will not
come to you; but if I depart, I will send
Him to you.
8 "And when He has come, He will
convict the world of sin, and of
righteousness, and of judgment:
9 "of sin, because they do not believe in
Me;
10 "of righteousness, because I go to My
Father and you see Me no more;
11 "of judgment, because the ruler of
this world is judged.

12 "I still have many things to say to you,
but you cannot bear them now.
13 "However, when He, the Spirit of
truth, has come, He will guide you into
all truth; for He will not speak on His
own authority, but whatever He hears
He will speak; and He will tell you things
to come.
14 "He will glorify Me, for He will take of
what is Mine and declare it to you.
15 "All things that the Father has are
Mine. Therefore I said that He will take
of Mine and declare it to you.
16 "A little while, and you will not see
Me; and again a little while, and you will
see Me, because I go to the Father."
17 Then some of His disciples said
among themselves, "What is this that He
says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not
see Me; and again a little while, and you
will see Me’; and, ‘because I go to the
Father’?"

18 They said therefore, "What is this
that He says, ‘A little while’? We do not
know what He is saying."
19 Now Jesus knew that they desired to
ask Him, and He said to them, "Are you
inquiring among yourselves about what I
said, ‘A little while, and you will not see
Me; and again a little while, and you will
see Me’?
20 "Most assuredly, I say to you that you
will weep and lament, but the world will
rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but
your sorrow will be turned into joy.
21 "A woman, when she is in labor, has
sorrow because her hour has come;
but as soon as she has given birth to
the child, she no longer remembers the
anguish, for joy that a human being has
been born into the world.
22 "Therefore you now have sorrow;
but I will see you again and your heart

will rejoice, and your joy no one will take
from you.
23 "And in that day you will ask Me
nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you,
whatever you ask the Father in My name
He will give you.
24 "Until now you have asked nothing in
My name. Ask, and you will receive, that
your joy may be full.
25 "These things I have spoken to you
in figurative language; but the time is
coming when I will no longer speak to
you in figurative language, but I will tell
you plainly about the Father.
26 "In that day you will ask in My name,
and I do not say to you that I shall pray
the Father for you;
27 "for the Father Himself loves you,
because you have loved Me, and have
believed that I came forth from God.

28 "I came forth from the Father and
have come into the world. Again, I leave
the world and go to the Father."
29 His disciples said to Him, "See, now
You are speaking plainly, and using no
figure of speech!
30 "Now we are sure that You know all
things, and have no need that anyone
should question You. By this we believe
that You came forth from God."
31 Jesus answered them, "Do you now
believe?
32 "Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has
now come, that you will be scattered,
each to his own, and will leave Me alone.
And yet I am not alone, because the
Father is with Me.
33 "These things I have spoken to you,
that in Me you may have peace. In the
world you will have tribulation; but be of
good cheer, I have overcome the world."

17 [1] Jesus spoke these words, lifted
up His eyes to heaven, and said:
"Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your
Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,
[2] "as You have given Him authority over
all flesh, that He should give eternal life
to as many as You have given Him.
[3] "And this is eternal life, that they may
know You, the only true God, and Jesus
Christ whom You have sent.
[4] "I have glorified You on the earth. I
have finished the work which You have
given Me to do.
[5] "And now, O Father, glorify Me
together with Yourself, with the glory
which I had with You before the world
was.
[6] "I have manifested Your name to the
men whom You have given Me out of the
world. They were Yours, You gave them
to Me, and they have kept Your word.

7 "Now they have known that all things
which You have given Me are from You.
8 "For I have given to them the words
which You have given Me; and they have
received them, and have known surely
that I came forth from You; and they
have believed that You sent Me.
9 "I pray for them. I do not pray for the
world but for those whom You have
given Me, for they are Yours.
10 "And all Mine are Yours, and Yours
are Mine, and I am glorified in them.
11 "Now I am no longer in the world,
but these are in the world, and I come
to You. Holy Father, keep through Your
name those whom You have given Me,
that they may be one as We are.
12 "While I was with them in the world,
I kept them in Your name. Those whom
You gave Me I have kept; and none of
them is lost except the son of perdition,
that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

13 "But now I come to You, and these
things I speak in the world, that they
may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.
14 "I have given them Your word; and
the world has hated them because they
are not of the world, just as I am not of
the world.
15 "I do not pray that You should take
them out of the world, but that You
should keep them from the evil one.
16 "They are not of the world, just as I
am not of the world.
17 "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your
word is truth.
18 "As You sent Me into the world, I also
have sent them into the world.
19 "And for their sakes I sanctify Myself,
that they also may be sanctified by the
truth.
20 "I do not pray for these alone, but
also for those who will believe in Me
through their word;

21 "that they all may be one, as You,
Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they
also may be one in Us, that the world
may believe that You sent Me.
22 "And the glory which You gave Me I
have given them, that they may be one
just as We are one:
23 "I in them, and You in Me; that they
may be made perfect in one, and that
the world may know that You have sent
Me, and have loved them as You have
loved Me.
24 "Father, I desire that they also whom
You gave Me may be with Me where
I am, that they may behold My glory
which You have given Me; for You loved
Me before the foundation of the world.
25 "O righteous Father! The world has
not known You, but I have known You;
and these have known that You sent Me.
26 "And I have declared to them Your
name, and will declare it, that the love

with which You loved Me may be in
them, and I in them."

18 1 When Jesus had spoken these
words, He went out with His
disciples over the Brook Kidron, where
there was a garden, which He and His
disciples entered.
2 And Judas, who betrayed Him, also
knew the place; for Jesus often met
there with His disciples.
3 Then Judas, having received a
detachment of troops, and officers
from the chief priests and Pharisees,
came there with lanterns, torches, and
weapons.
4 Jesus therefore, knowing all things
that would come upon Him, went
forward and said to them, "Whom are
you seeking?"
5 They answered Him, "Jesus of
Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am

He." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also
stood with them.
6 Now when He said to them, "I am He,"
they drew back and fell to the ground.
7 Then He asked them again, "Whom
are you seeking?" And they said, "Jesus
of Nazareth."
8 Jesus answered, "I have told you that
I am He. Therefore, if you seek Me, let
these go their way,"
9 that the saying might be fulfilled
which He spoke, "Of those whom You
gave Me I have lost none."
10 Then Simon Peter, having a sword,
drew it and struck the high priest’s
servant, and cut off his right ear. The
servant’s name was Malchus.
11 So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your
sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink
the cup which My Father has given Me?"

12 Then the detachment of troops and
the captain and the officers of the Jews
arrested Jesus and bound Him.
13 And they led Him away to Annas first,
for he was the father–in–law of Caiaphas
who was high priest that year.
14 Now it was Caiaphas who advised
the Jews that it was expedient that one
man should die for the people.
15 And Simon Peter followed Jesus,
and so did another disciple. Now that
disciple was known to the high priest,
and went with Jesus into the courtyard
of the high priest.
16 But Peter stood at the door outside.
Then the other disciple, who was known
to the high priest, went out and spoke
to her who kept the door, and brought
Peter in.
17 Then the servant girl who kept the
door said to Peter, "You are not also one

of this Man’s disciples, are you?" He
said, "I am not."
18 Now the servants and officers who
had made a fire of coals stood there,
for it was cold, and they warmed
themselves. And Peter stood with them
and warmed himself.
19 The high priest then asked Jesus
about His disciples and His doctrine.
20 Jesus answered him, "I spoke
openly to the world. I always taught in
synagogues and in the temple, where
the Jews always meet, and in secret I
have said nothing.
21 "Why do you ask Me? Ask those who
have heard Me what I said to them.
Indeed they know what I said."
22 And when He had said these things,
one of the officers who stood by struck
Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying,
"Do You answer the high priest like
that?"

23 Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken
evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well,
why do you strike Me?"
24 Then Annas sent Him bound to
Caiaphas the high priest.
25 Now Simon Peter stood and warmed
himself. Therefore they said to him, "You
are not also one of His disciples, are
you?" He denied it and said, "I am not!"
26 One of the servants of the high
priest, a relative of him whose ear Peter
cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the
garden with Him?"
27 Peter then denied again; and
immediately a rooster crowed.
28 Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas
to the Praetorium, and it was early
morning. But they themselves did not
go into the Praetorium, lest they should
be defiled, but that they might eat the
Passover.

29 Pilate then went out to them and
said, "What accusation do you bring
against this Man?"
30 They answered and said to him, "If
He were not an evildoer, we would not
have delivered Him up to you."
31 Then Pilate said to them, "You take
Him and judge Him according to your
law." Therefore the Jews said to him,
"It is not lawful for us to put anyone to
death,"
32 that the saying of Jesus might be
fulfilled which He spoke, signifying by
what death He would die.
33 Then Pilate entered the Praetorium
again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are
You the King of the Jews?"
34 Jesus answered him, "Are you
speaking for yourself about this, or did
others tell you this concerning Me?"
35 Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your
own nation and the chief priests have

delivered You to me. What have You
done?"
36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not
of this world. If My kingdom were of this
world, My servants would fight, so that I
should not be delivered to the Jews; but
now My kingdom is not from here."
37 Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You
a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say
rightly that I am a king. For this cause
I was born, and for this cause I have
come into the world, that I should bear
witness to the truth. Everyone who is of
the truth hears My voice."
38 Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?"
And when he had said this, he went out
again to the Jews, and said to them, "I
find no fault in Him at all.
39 "But you have a custom that I should
release someone to you at the Passover.
Do you therefore want me to release to
you the King of the Jews?"

40 Then they all cried again, saying, "Not
this Man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas
was a robber.

19 1 So then Pilate took Jesus and
scourged Him.

2 And the soldiers twisted a crown of
thorns and put it on His head, and they
put on Him a purple robe.

3 Then they said, "Hail, King of the
Jews!" And they struck Him with their
hands.

4 Pilate then went out again, and said
to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out
to you, that you may know that I find no
fault in Him."

5 Then Jesus came out, wearing the
crown of thorns and the purple robe.
And Pilate said to them, "Behold the
Man!"

6 Therefore, when the chief priests and
officers saw Him, they cried out, saying,
"Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to

them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for
I find no fault in Him."
7 The Jews answered him, "We have a
law, and according to our law He ought
to die, because He made Himself the Son
of God."
8 Therefore, when Pilate heard that
saying, he was the more afraid,
9 and went again into the Praetorium,
and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?"
But Jesus gave him no answer.
10 Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not
speaking to me? Do You not know that I
have power to crucify You, and power to
release You?"
11 Jesus answered, "You could have no
power at all against Me unless it had
been given you from above. Therefore
the one who delivered Me to you has
the greater sin."
12 From then on Pilate sought to release
Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If

you let this Man go, you are not Caesar’s friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar."

13 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha.

14 Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!"

15 But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!"

16 Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led Him away.

17 And He, bearing His cross, went out
to a place called the Place of a Skull,
which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha,
18 where they crucified Him, and two
others with Him, one on either side, and
Jesus in the center.
19 Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on
the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF
NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.
20 Then many of the Jews read this title,
for the place where Jesus was crucified
was near the city; and it was written in
Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.
21 Therefore the chief priests of the
Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The
King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, "I am the
King of the Jews."'"
22 Pilate answered, "What I have
written, I have written."
23 Then the soldiers, when they had
crucified Jesus, took His garments and
made four parts, to each soldier a part,

and also the tunic. Now the tunic was
without seam, woven from the top in
one piece.
24 They said therefore among
themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast
lots for it, whose it shall be," that the
Scripture might be fulfilled which says:
"They divided My garments among
them, And for My clothing they cast
lots." Therefore the soldiers did these
things.
25 Now there stood by the cross of
Jesus His mother, and His mother's
sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary
Magdalene.
26 When Jesus therefore saw His
mother, and the disciple whom He loved
standing by, He said to His mother,
"Woman, behold your son!"
27 Then He said to the disciple, "Behold
your mother!" And from that hour that
disciple took her to his own home.

28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all
things were now accomplished, that
the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I
thirst!"
29 Now a vessel full of sour wine was
sitting there; and they filled a sponge
with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put
it to His mouth.
30 So when Jesus had received the
sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And
bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.
31 Therefore, because it was the
Preparation Day, that the bodies should
not remain on the cross on the Sabbath
(for that Sabbath was a high day), the
Jews asked Pilate that their legs might
be broken, and that they might be taken
away.
32 Then the soldiers came and broke
the legs of the first and of the other who
was crucified with Him.

33 But when they came to Jesus and
saw that He was already dead, they did
not break His legs.
34 But one of the soldiers pierced His
side with a spear, and immediately blood
and water came out.
35 And he who has seen has testified,
and his testimony is true; and he knows
that he is telling the truth, so that you
may believe.
36 For these things were done that the
Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of
His bones shall be broken."
37 And again another Scripture says,
"They shall look on Him whom they
pierced."
38 After this, Joseph of Arimathea,
being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly,
for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he
might take away the body of Jesus; and
Pilate gave him permission. So he came
and took the body of Jesus.

39 And Nicodemus, who at first came
to Jesus by night, also came, bringing
a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a
hundred pounds.
40 Then they took the body of Jesus,
and bound it in strips of linen with the
spices, as the custom of the Jews is to
bury.
41 Now in the place where He was
crucified there was a garden, and in the
garden a new tomb in which no one had
yet been laid.
42 So there they laid Jesus, because of
the Jews' Preparation Day, for the tomb
was nearby.
20 1 Now on the first day of the week
Mary Magdalene went to the
tomb early, while it was still dark, and
saw that the stone had been taken away
from the tomb.
2 Then she ran and came to Simon
Peter, and to the other disciple, whom

Jesus loved, and said to them, "They
have taken away the Lord out of the
tomb, and we do not know where they
have laid Him."
3 Peter therefore went out, and the
other disciple, and were going to the
tomb.
4 So they both ran together, and the
other disciple outran Peter and came to
the tomb first.
5 And he, stooping down and looking in,
saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he
did not go in.
6 Then Simon Peter came, following
him, and went into the tomb; and he
saw the linen cloths lying there,
7 and the handkerchief that had been
around His head, not lying with the linen
cloths, but folded together in a place by
itself.

8 Then the other disciple, who came to
the tomb first, went in also; and he saw
and believed.
9 For as yet they did not know the
Scripture, that He must rise again from
the dead.
10 Then the disciples went away again
to their own homes.
11 But Mary stood outside by the tomb
weeping, and as she wept she stooped
down and looked into the tomb.
12 And she saw two angels in white
sitting, one at the head and the other at
the feet, where the body of Jesus had
lain.
13 Then they said to her, "Woman, why
are you weeping?" She said to them,
"Because they have taken away my Lord,
and I do not know where they have laid
Him."
14 Now when she had said this, she
turned around and saw Jesus standing

there, and did not know that it was
Jesus.
15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are
you weeping? Whom are you seeking?"
She, supposing Him to be the gardener,
said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him
away, tell me where You have laid Him,
and I will take Him away."
16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned
and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to
say, Teacher).
17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me,
for I have not yet ascended to My Father;
but go to My brethren and say to them,
'I am ascending to My Father and your
Father, and to My God and your God.'"
18 Mary Magdalene came and told the
disciples that she had seen the Lord, and
that He had spoken these things to her.
19 Then, the same day at evening, being
the first day of the week, when the doors
were shut where the disciples were

assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus
came and stood in the midst, and said to
them, "Peace be with you."
20 When He had said this, He showed
them His hands and His side. Then the
disciples were glad when they saw the
Lord.
21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace
to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also
send you."
22 And when He had said this, He
breathed on them, and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit.
23 "If you forgive the sins of any, they
are forgiven them; if you retain the sins
of any, they are retained."
24 Now Thomas, called the Twin, one
of the twelve, was not with them when
Jesus came.
25 The other disciples therefore said to
him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said
to them, "Unless I see in His hands the

print of the nails, and put my finger into
the print of the nails, and put my hand
into His side, I will not believe."
26 And after eight days His disciples
were again inside, and Thomas with
them. Jesus came, the doors being shut,
and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace
to you!"
27 Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your
finger here, and look at My hands; and
reach your hand here, and put it into
My side. Do not be unbelieving, but
believing."
28 And Thomas answered and said to
Him, "My Lord and my God!"
29 Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because
you have seen Me, you have believed.
Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have believed."
30 And truly Jesus did many other signs
in the presence of His disciples, which
are not written in this book;

31 but these are written that you may
believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son
of God, and that believing you may have
life in His name.

21 1 After these things Jesus showed
Himself again to the disciples at
the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He
showed Himself:
2 Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin,
Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of
Zebedee, and two others of His disciples
were together.
3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going
fishing." They said to him, "We are
going with you also." They went out and
immediately got into the boat, and that
night they caught nothing.
4 But when the morning had now
come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the
disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

5 Then Jesus said to them, "Children,
have you any food?" They answered
Him, "No."
6 And He said to them, "Cast the net on
the right side of the boat, and you will
find some." So they cast, and now they
were not able to draw it in because of
the multitude of fish.
7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus
loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now
when Simon Peter heard that it was the
Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he
had removed it), and plunged into the
sea.
8 But the other disciples came in the
little boat (for they were not far from
land, but about two hundred cubits),
dragging the net with fish.
9 Then, as soon as they had come to
land, they saw a fire of coals there, and
fish laid on it, and bread.

10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of
the fish which you have just caught."
11 Simon Peter went up and dragged
the net to land, full of large fish, one
hundred and fifty–three; and although
there were so many, the net was not
broken.
12 Jesus said to them, "Come and eat
breakfast." Yet none of the disciples
dared ask Him, "Who are You?"
—knowing that it was the Lord.
13 Jesus then came and took the bread
and gave it to them, and likewise the
fish.
14 This is now the third time Jesus
showed Himself to His disciples after He
was raised from the dead.
15 So when they had eaten breakfast,
Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son
of Jonah, do you love Me more than
these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You

know that I love You." He said to him,
"Feed My lambs."
16 He said to him again a second time,
"Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?"
He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know
that I love You." He said to him, "Tend
My sheep."
17 He said to him the third time, "Simon,
son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter
was grieved because He said to him the
third time, "Do you love Me?" And he
said to Him, "Lord, You know all things;
You know that I love You." Jesus said to
him, "Feed My sheep.
18 "Most assuredly, I say to you, when
you were younger, you girded yourself
and walked where you wished; but when
you are old, you will stretch out your
hands, and another will gird you and
carry you where you do not wish."
19 This He spoke, signifying by what
death he would glorify God. And when

He had spoken this, He said to him,
"Follow Me."
20 Then Peter, turning around, saw the
disciple whom Jesus loved following,
who also had leaned on His breast at the
supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one
who betrays You?"
21 Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But
Lord, what about this man?"
22 Jesus said to him, "If I will that he
remain till I come, what is that to you?
You follow Me."
23 Then this saying went out among the
brethren that this disciple would not
die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that
he would not die, but, "If I will that he
remain till I come, what is that to you?"
24 This is the disciple who testifies of
these things, and wrote these things;
and we know that his testimony is true.
25 And there are also many other things
that Jesus did, which if they were written

one by one, I suppose that even the
world itself could not contain the books
that would be written. Amen.

Acts of the Apostles

1 [1] The former account I made, O
Theophilus, of all that Jesus began
both to do and teach,
[2] until the day in which He was taken
up, after He through the Holy Spirit had
given commandments to the apostles
whom He had chosen,
[3] to whom He also presented Himself
alive after His suffering by many infallible
proofs, being seen by them during
forty days and speaking of the things
pertaining to the kingdom of God.
[4] And being assembled together with
them, He commanded them not to
depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for
the Promise of the Father, "which," He
said, "you have heard from Me;

5 "for John truly baptized with water,
but you shall be baptized with the Holy
Spirit not many days from now."
6 Therefore, when they had come
together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord,
will You at this time restore the kingdom
to Israel?"
7 And He said to them, "It is not for
you to know times or seasons which the
Father has put in His own authority.
8 "But you shall receive power when the
Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you
shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem,
and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the
end of the earth."
9 Now when He had spoken these
things, while they watched, He was
taken up, and a cloud received Him out
of their sight.
10 And while they looked steadfastly
toward heaven as He went up, behold,
two men stood by them in white apparel,

11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why
do you stand gazing up into heaven? This
same Jesus, who was taken up from you
into heaven, will so come in like manner
as you saw Him go into heaven."
12 Then they returned to Jerusalem
from the mount called Olivet, which is
near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey.
13 And when they had entered, they
went up into the upper room where
they were staying: Peter, James, John,
and Andrew; Philip and Thomas;
Bartholomew and Matthew; James the
son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot;
and Judas the son of James.
14 These all continued with one accord
in prayer and supplication, with the
women and Mary the mother of Jesus,
and with His brothers.
15 And in those days Peter stood up in
the midst of the disciples (altogether the

number of names was about a hundred
and twenty), and said,
16 "Men and brethren, this Scripture
had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit
spoke before by the mouth of David
concerning Judas, who became a guide
to those who arrested Jesus;
17 "for he was numbered with us and
obtained a part in this ministry."
18 (Now this man purchased a field
with the wages of iniquity; and falling
headlong, he burst open in the middle
and all his entrails gushed out.
19 And it became known to all those
dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is
called in their own language, Akel Dama,
that is, Field of Blood.)
20 "For it is written in the book of
Psalms: ‘Let his dwelling place be
desolate, And let no one live in it’; and,
‘Let another take his office.’

21 "Therefore, of these men who have
accompanied us all the time that the
Lord Jesus went in and out among us,
22 "beginning from the baptism of John
to that day when He was taken up from
us, one of these must become a witness
with us of His resurrection."
23 And they proposed two: Joseph
called Barsabas, who was surnamed
Justus, and Matthias.
24 And they prayed and said, "You, O
Lord, who know the hearts of all, show
which of these two You have chosen
25 "to take part in this ministry and
apostleship from which Judas by
transgression fell, that he might go to his
own place."
26 And they cast their lots, and the lot
fell on Matthias. And he was numbered
with the eleven apostles.

2 [1] When the Day of Pentecost had
fully come, they were all with one
accord in one place.
[2] And suddenly there came a sound
from heaven, as of a rushing mighty
wind, and it filled the whole house
where they were sitting.
[3] Then there appeared to them divided
tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon
each of them.
[4] And they were all filled with the
Holy Spirit and began to speak with
other tongues, as the Spirit gave them
utterance.
[5] And there were dwelling in Jerusalem
Jews, devout men, from every nation
under heaven.
[6] And when this sound occurred, the
multitude came together, and were
confused, because everyone heard them
speak in his own language.

7 Then they were all amazed and
marveled, saying to one another, "Look,
are not all these who speak Galileans?
8 "And how is it that we hear, each in
our own language in which we were
born?
9 "Parthians and Medes and Elamites,
those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea
and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
10 "Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and
the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene,
visitors from Rome, both Jews and
proselytes,
11 "Cretans and Arabs—we hear them
speaking in our own tongues the
wonderful works of God."
12 So they were all amazed and
perplexed, saying to one another,
"Whatever could this mean?"
13 Others mocking said, "They are full
of new wine."

14 But Peter, standing up with the
eleven, raised his voice and said to them,
"Men of Judea and all who dwell in
Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and
heed my words.
15 "For these are not drunk, as you
suppose, since it is only the third hour of
the day.
16 "But this is what was spoken by the
prophet Joel:
17 'And it shall come to pass in the last
days, says God, That I will pour out of
My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your
daughters shall prophesy, Your young
men shall see visions, Your old men shall
dream dreams.
18 And on My menservants and on My
maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in
those days; And they shall prophesy.
19 I will show wonders in heaven above
And signs in the earth beneath: Blood
and fire and vapor of smoke.

20 The sun shall be turned into darkness,
And the moon into blood, Before the
coming of the great and awesome day of
the LORD.
21 And it shall come to pass That
whoever calls on the name of the LORD
Shall be saved.’
22 "Men of Israel, hear these words:
Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by
God to you by miracles, wonders, and
signs which God did through Him in your
midst, as you yourselves also know—
23 "Him, being delivered by the
determined purpose and foreknowledge
of God, you have taken by lawless hands,
have crucified, and put to death;
24 "whom God raised up, having loosed
the pains of death, because it was not
possible that He should be held by it.
25 "For David says concerning Him: ‘I
foresaw the LORD always before my

face, For He is at my right hand, that I
may not be shaken.
26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my
tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also
will rest in hope.
27 For You will not leave my soul in
Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One
to see corruption.
28 You have made known to me the
ways of life; You will make me full of joy
in Your presence.'
29 "Men and brethren, let me speak
freely to you of the patriarch David, that
he is both dead and buried, and his tomb
is with us to this day.
30 "Therefore, being a prophet, and
knowing that God had sworn with an
oath to him that of the fruit of his body,
according to the flesh, He would raise up
the Christ to sit on his throne,
31 "he, foreseeing this, spoke
concerning the resurrection of the

Christ, that His soul was not left in
Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.
32 "This Jesus God has raised up, of
which we are all witnesses.
33 "Therefore being exalted to the right
hand of God, and having received from
the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit,
He poured out this which you now see
and hear.
34 "For David did not ascend into the
heavens, but he says himself: ‘The LORD
said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand,
35 Till I make Your enemies Your
footstool."’
36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel
know assuredly that God has made this
Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord
and Christ."
37 Now when they heard this, they
were cut to the heart, and said to Peter
and the rest of the apostles, "Men and
brethren, what shall we do?"

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent,
and let every one of you be baptized
in the name of Jesus Christ for the
remission of sins; and you shall receive
the gift of the Holy Spirit.
39 "For the promise is to you and to
your children, and to all who are afar off,
as many as the Lord our God will call."
40 And with many other words he
testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be
saved from this perverse generation."
41 Then those who gladly received his
word were baptized; and that day about
three thousand souls were added to
them.
42 And they continued steadfastly in the
apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the
breaking of bread, and in prayers.
43 Then fear came upon every soul,
and many wonders and signs were done
through the apostles.

44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,
45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.
46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,
47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

3 1 Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.
2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple;

3 who, seeing Peter and John about to
go into the temple, asked for alms.
4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John,
Peter said, "Look at us."
5 So he gave them his attention,
expecting to receive something from
them.
6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do
not have, but what I do have I give you:
In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,
rise up and walk."
7 And he took him by the right hand
and lifted him up, and immediately his
feet and ankle bones received strength.
8 So he, leaping up, stood and
walked and entered the temple with
them—walking, leaping, and praising
God.
9 And all the people saw him walking
and praising God.
10 Then they knew that it was he who
sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate

of the temple; and they were filled with
wonder and amazement at what had
happened to him.
11 Now as the lame man who was
healed held on to Peter and John, all
the people ran together to them in the
porch which is called Solomon’s, greatly
amazed.
12 So when Peter saw it, he responded
to the people: "Men of Israel, why do
you marvel at this? Or why look so
intently at us, as though by our own
power or godliness we had made this
man walk?
13 "The God of Abraham, Isaac, and
Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified
His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered
up and denied in the presence of Pilate,
when he was determined to let Him go.
14 "But you denied the Holy One and
the Just, and asked for a murderer to be
granted to you,

15 "and killed the Prince of life, whom
God raised from the dead, of which we
are witnesses.
16 "And His name, through faith in His
name, has made this man strong, whom
you see and know. Yes, the faith which
comes through Him has given him this
perfect soundness in the presence of
you all.
17 "Yet now, brethren, I know that you
did it in ignorance, as did also your
rulers.
18 "But those things which God foretold
by the mouth of all His prophets, that
the Christ would suffer, He has thus
fulfilled.
19 "Repent therefore and be converted,
that your sins may be blotted out, so
that times of refreshing may come from
the presence of the Lord,
20 "and that He may send Jesus Christ,
who was preached to you before,

21 "whom heaven must receive until the
times of restoration of all things, which
God has spoken by the mouth of all His
holy prophets since the world began.
22 "For Moses truly said to the fathers,
'The LORD your God will raise up for you
a Prophet like me from your brethren.
Him you shall hear in all things, whatever
He says to you.
23 'And it shall be that every soul who
will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly
destroyed from among the people.'
24 "Yes, and all the prophets, from
Samuel and those who follow, as many
as have spoken, have also foretold these
days.
25 "You are sons of the prophets, and of
the covenant which God made with our
fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your
seed all the families of the earth shall be
blessed.'

26 "To you first, God, having raised up
His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you,
in turning away every one of you from
your iniquities."

4 1 Now as they spoke to the people,
the priests, the captain of the
temple, and the Sadducees came upon
them,
2 being greatly disturbed that they
taught the people and preached in Jesus
the resurrection from the dead.
3 And they laid hands on them, and put
them in custody until the next day, for it
was already evening.
4 However, many of those who heard
the word believed; and the number of
the men came to be about five thousand.
5 And it came to pass, on the next day,
that their rulers, elders, and scribes,
6 as well as Annas the high priest,
Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and
as many as were of the family of the

high priest, were gathered together at
Jerusalem.
7 And when they had set them in the
midst, they asked, "By what power or by
what name have you done this?"
8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit,
said to them, "Rulers of the people and
elders of Israel:
9 "If we this day are judged for a good
deed done to a helpless man, by what
means he has been made well,
10 "let it be known to you all, and to all
the people of Israel, that by the name
of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you
crucified, whom God raised from the
dead, by Him this man stands here
before you whole.
11 "This is the ‘stone which was rejected
by you builders, which has become the
chief cornerstone.’
12 "Nor is there salvation in any other,
for there is no other name under heaven

given among men by which we must be
saved."
13 Now when they saw the boldness of
Peter and John, and perceived that they
were uneducated and untrained men,
they marveled. And they realized that
they had been with Jesus.
14 And seeing the man who had been
healed standing with them, they could
say nothing against it.
15 But when they had commanded
them to go aside out of the council, they
conferred among themselves,
16 saying, "What shall we do to these
men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle
has been done through them is evident
to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we
cannot deny it.
17 "But so that it spreads no further
among the people, let us severely
threaten them, that from now on they
speak to no man in this name."

18 And they called them and
commanded them not to speak at
all nor teach in the name of Jesus.
19 But Peter and John answered and
said to them, "Whether it is right in the
sight of God to listen to you more than
to God, you judge.
20 "For we cannot but speak the things
which we have seen and heard."
21 So when they had further threatened
them, they let them go, finding no way of
punishing them, because of the people,
since they all glorified God for what had
been done.
22 For the man was over forty years old
on whom this miracle of healing had
been performed.
23 And being let go, they went to their
own companions and reported all that
the chief priests and elders had said to
them.

24 So when they heard that, they raised
their voice to God with one accord and
said: "Lord, You are God, who made
heaven and earth and the sea, and all
that is in them,
25 "who by the mouth of Your servant
David have said: ‘Why did the nations
rage, And the people plot vain things?
26 The kings of the earth took their
stand, And the rulers were gathered
together Against the LORD and against
His Christ.’
27 "For truly against Your holy Servant
Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod
and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles
and the people of Israel, were gathered
together
28 "to do whatever Your hand and Your
purpose determined before to be done.
29 "Now, Lord, look on their threats,
and grant to Your servants that with all
boldness they may speak Your word,

30 "by stretching out Your hand to heal,
and that signs and wonders may be done
through the name of Your holy Servant
Jesus."
31 And when they had prayed, the place
where they were assembled together
was shaken; and they were all filled with
the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word
of God with boldness.
32 Now the multitude of those who
believed were of one heart and one soul;
neither did anyone say that any of the
things he possessed was his own, but
they had all things in common.
33 And with great power the apostles
gave witness to the resurrection of the
Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon
them all.
34 Nor was there anyone among them
who lacked; for all who were possessors
of lands or houses sold them, and

brought the proceeds of the things that
were sold,
35 and laid them at the apostles’ feet;
and they distributed to each as anyone
had need.
36 And Joses, who was also named
Barnabas by the apostles (which is
translated Son of Encouragement), a
Levite of the country of Cyprus,
37 having land, sold it, and brought the
money and laid it at the apostles’ feet.
5 1 But a certain man named Ananias,
with Sapphira his wife, sold a
possession.
2 And he kept back part of the
proceeds, his wife also being aware of it,
and brought a certain part and laid it at
the apostles’ feet.
3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has
Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy
Spirit and keep back part of the price of
the land for yourself?

4 "While it remained, was it not your
own? And after it was sold, was it not
in your own control? Why have you
conceived this thing in your heart? You
have not lied to men but to God."
5 Then Ananias, hearing these words,
fell down and breathed his last. So great
fear came upon all those who heard
these things.
6 And the young men arose and
wrapped him up, carried him out, and
buried him.
7 Now it was about three hours later
when his wife came in, not knowing
what had happened.
8 And Peter answered her, "Tell me
whether you sold the land for so much?"
She said, "Yes, for so much."
9 Then Peter said to her, "How is it that
you have agreed together to test the
Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those

who have buried your husband are at
the door, and they will carry you out."
10 Then immediately she fell down at
his feet and breathed her last. And the
young men came in and found her dead,
and carrying her out, buried her by her
husband.
11 So great fear came upon all the
church and upon all who heard these
things.
12 And through the hands of the
apostles many signs and wonders were
done among the people. And they were
all with one accord in Solomon’s Porch.
13 Yet none of the rest dared join them,
but the people esteemed them highly.
14 And believers were increasingly
added to the Lord, multitudes of both
men and women,
15 so that they brought the sick out into
the streets and laid them on beds and
couches, that at least the shadow of

Peter passing by might fall on some of
them.
16 Also a multitude gathered from
the surrounding cities to Jerusalem,
bringing sick people and those who were
tormented by unclean spirits, and they
were all healed.
17 Then the high priest rose up, and all
those who were with him (which is the
sect of the Sadducees), and they were
filled with indignation,
18 and laid their hands on the apostles
and put them in the common prison.
19 But at night an angel of the Lord
opened the prison doors and brought
them out, and said,
20 "Go, stand in the temple and speak
to the people all the words of this life."
21 And when they heard that, they
entered the temple early in the morning
and taught. But the high priest and
those with him came and called the

council together, with all the elders of
the children of Israel, and sent to the
prison to have them brought.
22 But when the officers came and
did not find them in the prison, they
returned and reported,
23 saying, "Indeed we found the prison
shut securely, and the guards standing
outside before the doors; but when we
opened them, we found no one inside!"
24 Now when the high priest, the
captain of the temple, and the chief
priests heard these things, they
wondered what the outcome would be.
25 So one came and told them, saying,
"Look, the men whom you put in prison
are standing in the temple and teaching
the people!"
26 Then the captain went with the
officers and brought them without
violence, for they feared the people, lest
they should be stoned.

27 And when they had brought them,
they set them before the council. And
the high priest asked them,
28 saying, "Did we not strictly command
you not to teach in this name? And look,
you have filled Jerusalem with your
doctrine, and intend to bring this Man’s
blood on us!"
29 But Peter and the other apostles
answered and said: "We ought to obey
God rather than men.
30 "The God of our fathers raised up
Jesus whom you murdered by hanging
on a tree.
31 "Him God has exalted to His right
hand to be Prince and Savior, to give
repentance to Israel and forgiveness of
sins.
32 "And we are His witnesses to these
things, and so also is the Holy Spirit
whom God has given to those who obey
Him."

33 When they heard this, they were
furious and plotted to kill them.
34 Then one in the council stood up,
a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher
of the law held in respect by all the
people, and commanded them to put
the apostles outside for a little while.
35 And he said to them: "Men of Israel,
take heed to yourselves what you intend
to do regarding these men.
36 "For some time ago Theudas rose up,
claiming to be somebody. A number of
men, about four hundred, joined him.
He was slain, and all who obeyed him
were scattered and came to nothing.
37 "After this man, Judas of Galilee rose
up in the days of the census, and drew
away many people after him. He also
perished, and all who obeyed him were
dispersed.
38 "And now I say to you, keep away
from these men and let them alone; for

if this plan or this work is of men, it will
come to nothing;
39 "but if it is of God, you cannot
overthrow it—lest you even be found to
fight against God."
40 And they agreed with him, and when
they had called for the apostles and
beaten them, they commanded that
they should not speak in the name of
Jesus, and let them go.
41 So they departed from the presence
of the council, rejoicing that they were
counted worthy to suffer shame for His
name.
42 And daily in the temple, and in every
house, they did not cease teaching and
preaching Jesus as the Christ.

6 1 Now in those days, when the
number of the disciples was
multiplying, there arose a complaint
against the Hebrews by the Hellenists,

because their widows were neglected in
the daily distribution.
2 Then the twelve summoned the
multitude of the disciples and said, "It is
not desirable that we should leave the
word of God and serve tables.
3 "Therefore, brethren, seek out
from among you seven men of good
reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and
wisdom, whom we may appoint over
this business;
4 "but we will give ourselves continually
to prayer and to the ministry of the
word."
5 And the saying pleased the whole
multitude. And they chose Stephen, a
man full of faith and the Holy Spirit,
and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon,
Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from
Antioch,

6 whom they set before the apostles;
and when they had prayed, they laid
hands on them.
7 Then the word of God spread, and
the number of the disciples multiplied
greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many
of the priests were obedient to the faith.
8 And Stephen, full of faith and power,
did great wonders and signs among the
people.
9 Then there arose some from what is
called the Synagogue of the Freedmen
(Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those
from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with
Stephen.
10 And they were not able to resist
the wisdom and the Spirit by which he
spoke.
11 Then they secretly induced men
to say, "We have heard him speak
blasphemous words against Moses and
God."

12 And they stirred up the people, the
elders, and the scribes; and they came
upon him, seized him, and brought him
to the council.
13 They also set up false witnesses who
said, "This man does not cease to speak
blasphemous words against this holy
place and the law;
14 "for we have heard him say that this
Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place
and change the customs which Moses
delivered to us."
15 And all who sat in the council, looking
steadfastly at him, saw his face as the
face of an angel.

7 1 Then the high priest said, "Are
these things so?"
2 And he said, "Brethren and fathers,
listen: The God of glory appeared to
our father Abraham when he was in
Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran,

3 "and said to him, ‘Get out of your
country and from your relatives, and
come to a land that I will show you.’
4 "Then he came out of the land of
the Chaldeans and dwelt in Haran. And
from there, when his father was dead,
He moved him to this land in which you
now dwell.
5 "And God gave him no inheritance
in it, not even enough to set his foot
on. But even when Abraham had no
child, He promised to give it to him for a
possession, and to his descendants after
him.
6 "But God spoke in this way: that his
descendants would dwell in a foreign
land, and that they would bring them
into bondage and oppress them four
hundred years.
7 ‘And the nation to whom they will be
in bondage I will judge,’ said God, ‘and

after that they shall come out and serve
Me in this place.’
8 "Then He gave him the covenant of
circumcision; and so Abraham begot
Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth
day; and Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob
begot the twelve patriarchs.
9 "And the patriarchs, becoming
envious, sold Joseph into Egypt. But God
was with him
10 "and delivered him out of all his
troubles, and gave him favor and wisdom
in the presence of Pharaoh, king of
Egypt; and he made him governor over
Egypt and all his house.
11 "Now a famine and great trouble
came over all the land of Egypt and
Canaan, and our fathers found no
sustenance.
12 "But when Jacob heard that there
was grain in Egypt, he sent out our
fathers first.

13 "And the second time Joseph was
made known to his brothers, and
Joseph’s family became known to the
Pharaoh.
14 "Then Joseph sent and called his
father Jacob and all his relatives to him,
seventy–five people.
15 "So Jacob went down to Egypt; and
he died, he and our fathers.
16 "And they were carried back to
Shechem and laid in the tomb that
Abraham bought for a sum of money
from the sons of Hamor, the father of
Shechem.
17 "But when the time of the promise
drew near which God had sworn
to Abraham, the people grew and
multiplied in Egypt
18 "till another king arose who did not
know Joseph.
19 "This man dealt treacherously
with our people, and oppressed our

forefathers, making them expose their
babies, so that they might not live.
20 "At this time Moses was born, and
was well pleasing to God; and he was
brought up in his father's house for three
months.
21 "But when he was set out, Pharaoh's
daughter took him away and brought
him up as her own son.
22 "And Moses was learned in all the
wisdom of the Egyptians, and was
mighty in words and deeds.
23 "Now when he was forty years old, it
came into his heart to visit his brethren,
the children of Israel.
24 "And seeing one of them suffer
wrong, he defended and avenged him
who was oppressed, and struck down
the Egyptian.
25 "For he supposed that his brethren
would have understood that God would

deliver them by his hand, but they did
not understand.
26 "And the next day he appeared to
two of them as they were fighting, and
tried to reconcile them, saying, ‘Men,
you are brethren; why do you wrong one
another?’
27 "But he who did his neighbor wrong
pushed him away, saying, ‘Who made
you a ruler and a judge over us?
28 ‘Do you want to kill me as you did the
Egyptian yesterday?’
29 "Then, at this saying, Moses fled and
became a dweller in the land of Midian,
where he had two sons.
30 "And when forty years had passed, an
Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a
flame of fire in a bush, in the wilderness
of Mount Sinai.
31 "When Moses saw it, he marveled
at the sight; and as he drew near to

observe, the voice of the Lord came to
him,
32 "saying, ‘I am the God of your
fathers—the God of Abraham, the God
of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ And
Moses trembled and dared not look.
33 ‘Then the LORD said to him, "Take
your sandals off your feet, for the place
where you stand is holy ground.
34 "I have surely seen the oppression
of my people who are in Egypt; I have
heard their groaning and have come
down to deliver them. And now come, I
will send you to Egypt."’
35 "This Moses whom they rejected,
saying, ‘Who made you a ruler and a
judge?’ is the one God sent to be a ruler
and a deliverer by the hand of the Angel
who appeared to him in the bush.
36 "He brought them out, after he had
shown wonders and signs in the land of

Egypt, and in the Red Sea, and in the
wilderness forty years.
37 "This is that Moses who said to the
children of Israel, ‘The LORD your God
will raise up for you a Prophet like me
from your brethren. Him you shall hear.’
38 "This is he who was in the
congregation in the wilderness with
the Angel who spoke to him on Mount
Sinai, and with our fathers, the one who
received the living oracles to give to us,
39 "whom our fathers would not obey,
but rejected. And in their hearts they
turned back to Egypt,
40 "saying to Aaron, ‘Make us gods to go
before us; as for this Moses who brought
us out of the land of Egypt, we do not
know what has become of him.’
41 "And they made a calf in those
days, offered sacrifices to the idol, and
rejoiced in the works of their own hands.

42 "Then God turned and gave them
up to worship the host of heaven, as it
is written in the book of the Prophets:
‘Did you offer Me slaughtered animals
and sacrifices during forty years in the
wilderness, O house of Israel?
43 You also took up the tabernacle
of Moloch, And the star of your god
Remphan, Images which you made
to worship; And I will carry you away
beyond Babylon.’
44 "Our fathers had the tabernacle
of witness in the wilderness, as He
appointed, instructing Moses to make
it according to the pattern that he had
seen,
45 "which our fathers, having received
it in turn, also brought with Joshua into
the land possessed by the Gentiles,
whom God drove out before the face of
our fathers until the days of David,

46 "who found favor before God and
asked to find a dwelling for the God of
Jacob.
47 "But Solomon built Him a house.
48 "However, the Most High does not
dwell in temples made with hands, as
the prophet says:
49 ‘Heaven is My throne, And earth is
My footstool. What house will you build
for Me? says the LORD, Or what is the
place of My rest?
50 Has My hand not made all these
things?’
51 "You stiffnecked and uncircumcised
in heart and ears! You always resist the
Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do
you.
52 "Which of the prophets did your
fathers not persecute? And they killed
those who foretold the coming of
the Just One, of whom you now have
become the betrayers and murderers,

53 "who have received the law by the
direction of angels and have not kept it."
54 When they heard these things they
were cut to the heart, and they gnashed
at him with their teeth.
55 But he, being full of the Holy Spirit,
gazed into heaven and saw the glory
of God, and Jesus standing at the right
hand of God,
56 and said, "Look! I see the heavens
opened and the Son of Man standing at
the right hand of God!"
57 Then they cried out with a loud voice,
stopped their ears, and ran at him with
one accord;
58 and they cast him out of the city
and stoned him. And the witnesses laid
down their clothes at the feet of a young
man named Saul.
59 And they stoned Stephen as he was
calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus,
receive my spirit."

60 Then he knelt down and cried out
with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge
them with this sin." And when he had
said this, he fell asleep.

8 1 Now Saul was consenting to
his death. At that time a great
persecution arose against the church
which was at Jerusalem; and they were
all scattered throughout the regions of
Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.
2 And devout men carried Stephen to
his burial, and made great lamentation
over him.
3 As for Saul, he made havoc of
the church, entering every house,
and dragging off men and women,
committing them to prison.
4 Therefore those who were scattered
went everywhere preaching the word.
5 Then Philip went down to the city of
Samaria and preached Christ to them.

6 And the multitudes with one accord
heeded the things spoken by Philip,
hearing and seeing the miracles which
he did.
7 For unclean spirits, crying with a
loud voice, came out of many who
were possessed; and many who were
paralyzed and lame were healed.
8 And there was great joy in that city.
9 But there was a certain man called
Simon, who previously practiced sorcery
in the city and astonished the people of
Samaria, claiming that he was someone
great,
10 to whom they all gave heed, from the
least to the greatest, saying, "This man is
the great power of God."
11 And they heeded him because he
had astonished them with his sorceries
for a long time.
12 But when they believed Philip as
he preached the things concerning the

kingdom of God and the name of Jesus
Christ, both men and women were
baptized.
13 Then Simon himself also believed;
and when he was baptized he continued
with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the
miracles and signs which were done.
14 Now when the apostles who were
at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had
received the word of God, they sent
Peter and John to them,
15 who, when they had come down,
prayed for them that they might receive
the Holy Spirit.
16 For as yet He had fallen upon none of
them. They had only been baptized in
the name of the Lord Jesus.
17 Then they laid hands on them, and
they received the Holy Spirit.
18 And when Simon saw that through
the laying on of the apostles' hands the

Holy Spirit was given, he offered them
money,
19 saying, "Give me this power also,
that anyone on whom I lay hands may
receive the Holy Spirit."
20 But Peter said to him, "Your money
perish with you, because you thought
that the gift of God could be purchased
with money!
21 "You have neither part nor portion in
this matter, for your heart is not right in
the sight of God.
22 "Repent therefore of this your
wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the
thought of your heart may be forgiven
you.
23 "For I see that you are poisoned by
bitterness and bound by iniquity."
24 Then Simon answered and said, "Pray
to the Lord for me, that none of the
things which you have spoken may come
upon me."

25 So when they had testified and
preached the word of the Lord, they
returned to Jerusalem, preaching
the gospel in many villages of the
Samaritans.
26 Now an angel of the Lord spoke to
Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the
south along the road which goes down
from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert.
27 So he arose and went. And behold,
a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great
authority under Candace the queen of
the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her
treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to
worship,
28 was returning. And sitting in his
chariot, he was reading Isaiah the
prophet.
29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go
near and overtake this chariot."

30 So Philip ran to him, and heard him
reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do
you understand what you are reading?"
31 And he said, "How can I, unless
someone guides me?" And he asked
Philip to come up and sit with him.
32 The place in the Scripture which he
read was this: "He was led as a sheep to
the slaughter; And as a lamb before its
shearer is silent, So He opened not His
mouth.
33 In His humiliation His justice was
taken away, And who will declare His
generation? For His life is taken from the
earth."
34 So the eunuch answered Philip and
said, "I ask you, of whom does the
prophet say this, of himself or of some
other man?"
35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and
beginning at this Scripture, preached
Jesus to him.

36 Now as they went down the road,
they came to some water. And the
eunuch said, "See, here is water. What
hinders me from being baptized?"
37 Then Philip said, "If you believe
with all your heart, you may." And he
answered and said, "I believe that Jesus
Christ is the Son of God."
38 So he commanded the chariot to
stand still. And both Philip and the
eunuch went down into the water, and
he baptized him.
39 Now when they came up out of the
water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip
away, so that the eunuch saw him no
more; and he went on his way rejoicing.
40 But Philip was found at Azotus. And
passing through, he preached in all the
cities till he came to Caesarea.

9 1 Then Saul, still breathing threats
and murder against the disciples of
the Lord, went to the high priest

2 and asked letters from him to the
synagogues of Damascus, so that if
he found any who were of the Way,
whether men or women, he might bring
them bound to Jerusalem.
3 As he journeyed he came near
Damascus, and suddenly a light shone
around him from heaven.
4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard
a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why
are you persecuting Me?"
5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?"
Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom
you are persecuting. It is hard for you to
kick against the goads."
6 So he, trembling and astonished, said,
"Lord, what do You want me to do?"
Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go
into the city, and you will be told what
you must do."

7 And the men who journeyed with him
stood speechless, hearing a voice but
seeing no one.
8 Then Saul arose from the ground, and
when his eyes were opened he saw no
one. But they led him by the hand and
brought him into Damascus.
9 And he was three days without sight,
and neither ate nor drank.
10 Now there was a certain disciple at
Damascus named Ananias; and to him
the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And
he said, "Here I am, Lord."
11 So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go
to the street called Straight, and inquire
at the house of Judas for one called Saul
of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying.
12 "And in a vision he has seen a man
named Ananias coming in and putting
his hand on him, so that he might receive
his sight."

13 Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have
heard from many about this man, how
much harm he has done to Your saints in
Jerusalem.
14 "And here he has authority from the
chief priests to bind all who call on Your
name."
15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he
is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My
name before Gentiles, kings, and the
children of Israel.
16 "For I will show him how many things
he must suffer for My name’s sake."
17 And Ananias went his way and
entered the house; and laying his hands
on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord
Jesus, who appeared to you on the road
as you came, has sent me that you may
receive your sight and be filled with the
Holy Spirit."
18 Immediately there fell from his eyes
something like scales, and he received

his sight at once; and he arose and was
baptized.
19 So when he had received food, he
was strengthened. Then Saul spent some
days with the disciples at Damascus.
20 Immediately he preached the Christ
in the synagogues, that He is the Son of
God.
21 Then all who heard were amazed,
and said, "Is this not he who destroyed
those who called on this name in
Jerusalem, and has come here for that
purpose, so that he might bring them
bound to the chief priests?"
22 But Saul increased all the more in
strength, and confounded the Jews who
dwelt in Damascus, proving that this
Jesus is the Christ.
23 Now after many days were past, the
Jews plotted to kill him.

24 But their plot became known to Saul.
And they watched the gates day and
night, to kill him.
25 Then the disciples took him by night
and let him down through the wall in a
large basket.
26 And when Saul had come to
Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples;
but they were all afraid of him, and did
not believe that he was a disciple.
27 But Barnabas took him and brought
him to the apostles. And he declared
to them how he had seen the Lord on
the road, and that He had spoken to
him, and how he had preached boldly at
Damascus in the name of Jesus.
28 So he was with them at Jerusalem,
coming in and going out.
29 And he spoke boldly in the name of
the Lord Jesus and disputed against the
Hellenists, but they attempted to kill
him.

30 When the brethren found out, they
brought him down to Caesarea and sent
him out to Tarsus.
31 Then the churches throughout all
Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace
and were edified. And walking in the
fear of the Lord and in the comfort of
the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.
32 Now it came to pass, as Peter went
through all parts of the country, that he
also came down to the saints who dwelt
in Lydda.
33 There he found a certain man named
Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight
years and was paralyzed.
34 And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus
the Christ heals you. Arise and make
your bed." Then he arose immediately.
35 So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon
saw him and turned to the Lord.
36 At Joppa there was a certain disciple
named Tabitha, which is translated

Dorcas. This woman was full of good
works and charitable deeds which she
did.
37 But it happened in those days that
she became sick and died. When they
had washed her, they laid her in an
upper room.
38 And since Lydda was near Joppa,
and the disciples had heard that Peter
was there, they sent two men to him,
imploring him not to delay in coming to
them.
39 Then Peter arose and went with
them. When he had come, they brought
him to the upper room. And all the
widows stood by him weeping, showing
the tunics and garments which Dorcas
had made while she was with them.
40 But Peter put them all out, and knelt
down and prayed. And turning to the
body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she

opened her eyes, and when she saw
Peter she sat up.
41 Then he gave her his hand and lifted
her up; and when he had called the
saints and widows, he presented her
alive.
42 And it became known throughout all
Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.
43 So it was that he stayed many days in
Joppa with Simon, a tanner.
10 1 There was a certain man in
Caesarea called Cornelius, a
centurion of what was called the Italian
Regiment,
2 a devout man and one who feared
God with all his household, who gave
alms generously to the people, and
prayed to God always.
3 About the ninth hour of the day he
saw clearly in a vision an angel of God
coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!"

4 And when he observed him, he was
afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?" So he
said to him, "Your prayers and your alms
have come up for a memorial before
God.
5 "Now send men to Joppa, and send
for Simon whose surname is Peter.
6 "He is lodging with Simon, a tanner,
whose house is by the sea. He will tell
you what you must do."
7 And when the angel who spoke to him
had departed, Cornelius called two of his
household servants and a devout soldier
from among those who waited on him
continually.
8 So when he had explained all these
things to them, he sent them to Joppa.
9 The next day, as they went on their
journey and drew near the city, Peter
went up on the housetop to pray, about
the sixth hour.

10 Then he became very hungry and
wanted to eat; but while they made
ready, he fell into a trance
11 and saw heaven opened and an
object like a great sheet bound at the
four corners, descending to him and let
down to the earth.
12 In it were all kinds of four–footed
animals of the earth, wild beasts,
creeping things, and birds of the air.
13 And a voice came to him, "Rise,
Peter; kill and eat."
14 But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I
have never eaten anything common or
unclean."
15 And a voice spoke to him again the
second time, "What God has cleansed
you must not call common."
16 This was done three times. And the
object was taken up into heaven again.
17 Now while Peter wondered within
himself what this vision which he had

seen meant, behold, the men who had
been sent from Cornelius had made
inquiry for Simon’s house, and stood
before the gate.
18 And they called and asked whether
Simon, whose surname was Peter, was
lodging there.
19 While Peter thought about the vision,
the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three
men are seeking you.
20 "Arise therefore, go down and go
with them, doubting nothing; for I have
sent them."
21 Then Peter went down to the
men who had been sent to him from
Cornelius, and said, "Yes, I am he whom
you seek. For what reason have you
come?"
22 And they said, "Cornelius the
centurion, a just man, one who fears
God and has a good reputation among
all the nation of the Jews, was divinely

instructed by a holy angel to summon
you to his house, and to hear words from
you."
23 Then he invited them in and lodged
them. On the next day Peter went away
with them, and some brethren from
Joppa accompanied him.
24 And the following day they entered
Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting
for them, and had called together his
relatives and close friends.
25 As Peter was coming in, Cornelius
met him and fell down at his feet and
worshiped him.
26 But Peter lifted him up, saying,
"Stand up; I myself am also a man."
27 And as he talked with him, he went in
and found many who had come together.
28 Then he said to them, "You know
how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to
keep company with or go to one of
another nation. But God has shown me

that I should not call any man common
or unclean.
29 "Therefore I came without objection
as soon as I was sent for. I ask, then, for
what reason have you sent for me?"
30 So Cornelius said, "Four days ago I
was fasting until this hour; and at the
ninth hour I prayed in my house, and
behold, a man stood before me in bright
clothing,
31 "and said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer
has been heard, and your alms are
remembered in the sight of God.
32 ‘Send therefore to Joppa and call
Simon here, whose surname is Peter.
He is lodging in the house of Simon, a
tanner, by the sea. When he comes, he
will speak to you.’
33 "So I sent to you immediately, and
you have done well to come. Now
therefore, we are all present before God,

to hear all the things commanded you
by God."
34 Then Peter opened his mouth and
said: "In truth I perceive that God shows
no partiality.
35 "But in every nation whoever fears
Him and works righteousness is accepted
by Him.
36 "The word which God sent to the
children of Israel, preaching peace
through Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all—
37 "that word you know, which was
proclaimed throughout all Judea, and
began from Galilee after the baptism
which John preached:
38 "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth
with the Holy Spirit and with power, who
went about doing good and healing all
who were oppressed by the devil, for
God was with Him.
39 "And we are witnesses of all things
which He did both in the land of the

Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed
by hanging on a tree.
40 "Him God raised up on the third day,
and showed Him openly,
41 "not to all the people, but to
witnesses chosen before by God, even
to us who ate and drank with Him after
He arose from the dead.
42 "And He commanded us to preach
to the people, and to testify that it is He
who was ordained by God to be Judge of
the living and the dead.
43 "To Him all the prophets witness that,
through His name, whoever believes in
Him will receive remission of sins."
44 While Peter was still speaking these
words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those
who heard the word.
45 And those of the circumcision who
believed were astonished, as many as
came with Peter, because the gift of the

Holy Spirit had been poured out on the
Gentiles also.
46 For they heard them speak with
tongues and magnify God. Then Peter
answered,
47 "Can anyone forbid water, that
these should not be baptized who have
received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"
48 And he commanded them to be
baptized in the name of the Lord. Then
they asked him to stay a few days.

11 1 Now the apostles and brethren
who were in Judea heard that the
Gentiles had also received the word of
God.
2 And when Peter came up to Jerusalem,
those of the circumcision contended
with him,
3 saying, "You went in to uncircumcised
men and ate with them!"
4 But Peter explained it to them in order
from the beginning, saying:

5 "I was in the city of Joppa praying;
and in a trance I saw a vision, an object
descending like a great sheet, let down
from heaven by four corners; and it
came to me.
6 "When I observed it intently and
considered, I saw four–footed animals of
the earth, wild beasts, creeping things,
and birds of the air.
7 "And I heard a voice saying to me,
‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’
8 "But I said, ‘Not so, Lord! For nothing
common or unclean has at any time
entered my mouth.’
9 "But the voice answered me again
from heaven, ‘What God has cleansed
you must not call common.’
10 "Now this was done three times, and
all were drawn up again into heaven.
11 "At that very moment, three men
stood before the house where I was,
having been sent to me from Caesarea.

12 "Then the Spirit told me to go with
them, doubting nothing. Moreover
these six brethren accompanied me, and
we entered the man's house.
13 "And he told us how he had seen an
angel standing in his house, who said to
him, 'Send men to Joppa, and call for
Simon whose surname is Peter,
14 'who will tell you words by which you
and all your household will be saved.'
15 "And as I began to speak, the Holy
Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the
beginning.
16 "Then I remembered the word of the
Lord, how He said, 'John indeed baptized
with water, but you shall be baptized
with the Holy Spirit.'
17 "If therefore God gave them the same
gift as He gave us when we believed on
the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I
could withstand God?"

18 When they heard these things they
became silent; and they glorified God,
saying, "Then God has also granted to
the Gentiles repentance to life."
19 Now those who were scattered after
the persecution that arose over Stephen
traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and
Antioch, preaching the word to no one
but the Jews only.
20 But some of them were men from
Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had
come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists,
preaching the Lord Jesus.
21 And the hand of the Lord was with
them, and a great number believed and
turned to the Lord.
22 Then news of these things came to
the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and
they sent out Barnabas to go as far as
Antioch.
23 When he came and had seen
the grace of God, he was glad, and

encouraged them all that with purpose
of heart they should continue with the
Lord.
24 For he was a good man, full of the
Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many
people were added to the Lord.
25 Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus
to seek Saul.
26 And when he had found him, he
brought him to Antioch. So it was that
for a whole year they assembled with
the church and taught a great many
people. And the disciples were first
called Christians in Antioch.
27 And in these days prophets came
from Jerusalem to Antioch.
28 Then one of them, named Agabus,
stood up and showed by the Spirit that
there was going to be a great famine
throughout all the world, which also
happened in the days of Claudius Caesar.

29 Then the disciples, each according to
his ability, determined to send relief to
the brethren dwelling in Judea.
30 This they also did, and sent it to the
elders by the hands of Barnabas and
Saul.

12 1 Now about that time Herod the
king stretched out his hand to
harass some from the church.
2 Then he killed James the brother of
John with the sword.
3 And because he saw that it pleased
the Jews, he proceeded further to seize
Peter also. Now it was during the Days of
Unleavened Bread.
4 So when he had arrested him, he put
him in prison, and delivered him to four
squads of soldiers to keep him, intending
to bring him before the people after
Passover.

5 Peter was therefore kept in prison,
but constant prayer was offered to God
for him by the church.
6 And when Herod was about to bring
him out, that night Peter was sleeping,
bound with two chains between two
soldiers; and the guards before the door
were keeping the prison.
7 Now behold, an angel of the Lord
stood by him, and a light shone in
the prison; and he struck Peter on the
side and raised him up, saying, "Arise
quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands.
8 Then the angel said to him, "Gird
yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so
he did. And he said to him, "Put on your
garment and follow me."
9 So he went out and followed him, and
did not know that what was done by
the angel was real, but thought he was
seeing a vision.

10 When they were past the first and
the second guard posts, they came to
the iron gate that leads to the city, which
opened to them of its own accord;
and they went out and went down
one street, and immediately the angel
departed from him.
11 And when Peter had come to himself,
he said, "Now I know for certain that
the Lord has sent His angel, and has
delivered me from the hand of Herod
and from all the expectation of the
Jewish people."
12 So, when he had considered this, he
came to the house of Mary, the mother
of John whose surname was Mark,
where many were gathered together
praying.
13 And as Peter knocked at the door of
the gate, a girl named Rhoda came to
answer.

14 When she recognized Peter's voice,
because of her gladness she did not
open the gate, but ran in and announced
that Peter stood before the gate.
15 But they said to her, "You are beside
yourself!" Yet she kept insisting that it
was so. So they said, "It is his angel."
16 Now Peter continued knocking; and
when they opened the door and saw
him, they were astonished.
17 But motioning to them with his hand
to keep silent, he declared to them how
the Lord had brought him out of the
prison. And he said, "Go, tell these things
to James and to the brethren." And he
departed and went to another place.
18 Then, as soon as it was day, there was
no small stir among the soldiers about
what had become of Peter.
19 But when Herod had searched for
him and not found him, he examined
the guards and commanded that they

should be put to death. And he went
down from Judea to Caesarea, and
stayed there.
20 Now Herod had been very angry
with the people of Tyre and Sidon; but
they came to him with one accord, and
having made Blastus the king's personal
aide their friend, they asked for peace,
because their country was supplied with
food by the king's country.
21 So on a set day Herod, arrayed in
royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave
an oration to them.
22 And the people kept shouting, "The
voice of a god and not of a man!"
23 Then immediately an angel of the
Lord struck him, because he did not
give glory to God. And he was eaten by
worms and died.
24 But the word of God grew and
multiplied.

25 And Barnabas and Saul returned
from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled
their ministry, and they also took with
them John whose surname was Mark.

13 1 Now in the church that was
at Antioch there were certain
prophets and teachers: Barnabas,
Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of
Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought
up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
2 As they ministered to the Lord and
fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now
separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for
the work to which I have called them."
3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and
laid hands on them, they sent them
away.
4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit,
they went down to Seleucia, and from
there they sailed to Cyprus.
5 And when they arrived in Salamis,
they preached the word of God in the

synagogues of the Jews. They also had
John as their assistant.
6 Now when they had gone through the
island to Paphos, they found a certain
sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose
name was Bar–Jesus,
7 who was with the proconsul, Sergius
Paulus, an intelligent man. This man
called for Barnabas and Saul and sought
to hear the word of God.
8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his
name is translated) withstood them,
seeking to turn the proconsul away from
the faith.
9 Then Saul, who also is called Paul,
filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently
at him
10 and said, "O full of all deceit and all
fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy
of all righteousness, will you not cease
perverting the straight ways of the Lord?

11 "And now, indeed, the hand of the
Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind,
not seeing the sun for a time." And
immediately a dark mist fell on him, and
he went around seeking someone to
lead him by the hand.
12 Then the proconsul believed, when
he saw what had been done, being
astonished at the teaching of the Lord.
13 Now when Paul and his party set
sail from Paphos, they came to Perga
in Pamphylia; and John, departing from
them, returned to Jerusalem.
14 But when they departed from Perga,
they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and
went into the synagogue on the Sabbath
day and sat down.
15 And after the reading of the Law
and the Prophets, the rulers of the
synagogue sent to them, saying, "Men
and brethren, if you have any word of
exhortation for the people, say on."

16 Then Paul stood up, and motioning
with his hand said, "Men of Israel, and
you who fear God, listen:
17 "The God of this people Israel chose
our fathers, and exalted the people
when they dwelt as strangers in the land
of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm He
brought them out of it.
18 "Now for a time of about forty
years He put up with their ways in the
wilderness.
19 "And when He had destroyed
seven nations in the land of Canaan,
He distributed their land to them by
allotment.
20 "After that He gave them judges for
about four hundred and fifty years, until
Samuel the prophet.
21 "And afterward they asked for a king;
so God gave them Saul the son of Kish,
a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty
years.

22 "And when He had removed him,
He raised up for them David as king, to
whom also He gave testimony and said,
‘I have found David the son of Jesse, a
man after My own heart, who will do all
My will.’
23 "From this man’s seed, according to
the promise, God raised up for Israel a
Savior—Jesus—
24 "after John had first preached, before
His coming, the baptism of repentance
to all the people of Israel.
25 "And as John was finishing his course,
he said, ‘Who do you think I am? I am
not He. But behold, there comes One
after me, the sandals of whose feet I am
not worthy to loose.’
26 "Men and brethren, sons of the
family of Abraham, and those among
you who fear God, to you the word of
this salvation has been sent.

27 "For those who dwell in Jerusalem,
and their rulers, because they did not
know Him, nor even the voices of the
Prophets which are read every Sabbath,
have fulfilled them in condemning Him.
28 "And though they found no cause for
death in Him, they asked Pilate that He
should be put to death.
29 "Now when they had fulfilled all that
was written concerning Him, they took
Him down from the tree and laid Him in
a tomb.
30 "But God raised Him from the dead.
31 "He was seen for many days by those
who came up with Him from Galilee to
Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the
people.
32 "And we declare to you glad tidings–
–that promise which was made to the
fathers.
33 "God has fulfilled this for us their
children, in that He has raised up Jesus.

As it is also written in the second Psalm:
'You are My Son, Today I have begotten
You.'
34 "And that He raised Him from the
dead, no more to return to corruption,
He has spoken thus: 'I will give you the
sure mercies of David.'
35 "Therefore He also says in another
Psalm: 'You will not allow Your Holy One
to see corruption.'
36 "For David, after he had served his
own generation by the will of God, fell
asleep, was buried with his fathers, and
saw corruption;
37 "but He whom God raised up saw no
corruption.
38 "Therefore let it be known to you,
brethren, that through this Man is
preached to you the forgiveness of sins;
39 "and by Him everyone who believes
is justified from all things from which

you could not be justified by the law of
Moses.
40 "Beware therefore, lest what has
been spoken in the prophets come upon
you:
41 "Behold, you despisers, Marvel and
perish! For I work a work in your days,
A work which you will by no means
believe, Though one were to declare it
to you.'"
42 So when the Jews went out of the
synagogue, the Gentiles begged that
these words might be preached to them
the next Sabbath.
43 Now when the congregation had
broken up, many of the Jews and devout
proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas,
who, speaking to them, persuaded them
to continue in the grace of God.
44 On the next Sabbath almost the
whole city came together to hear the
word of God.

45 But when the Jews saw the
multitudes, they were filled with envy;
and contradicting and blaspheming, they
opposed the things spoken by Paul.
46 Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold
and said, "It was necessary that the word
of God should be spoken to you first; but
since you reject it, and judge yourselves
unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we
turn to the Gentiles.
47 "For so the Lord has commanded us:
'I have set you as a light to the Gentiles,
That you should be for salvation to the
ends of the earth.'"
48 Now when the Gentiles heard this,
they were glad and glorified the word
of the Lord. And as many as had been
appointed to eternal life believed.
49 And the word of the Lord was being
spread throughout all the region.
50 But the Jews stirred up the devout
and prominent women and the chief

men of the city, raised up persecution
against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled
them from their region.
51 But they shook off the dust from
their feet against them, and came to
Iconium.
52 And the disciples were filled with joy
and with the Holy Spirit.

14 1 Now it happened in Iconium
that they went together to the
synagogue of the Jews, and so spoke
that a great multitude both of the Jews
and of the Greeks believed.
2 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up
the Gentiles and poisoned their minds
against the brethren.
3 Therefore they stayed there a long
time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who
was bearing witness to the word of His
grace, granting signs and wonders to be
done by their hands.

4 But the multitude of the city was
divided: part sided with the Jews, and
part with the apostles.
5 And when a violent attempt was made
by both the Gentiles and Jews, with their
rulers, to abuse and stone them,
6 they became aware of it and fled to
Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and
to the surrounding region.
7 And they were preaching the gospel
there.
8 And in Lystra a certain man without
strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple
from his mother’s womb, who had never
walked.
9 This man heard Paul speaking. Paul,
observing him intently and seeing that
he had faith to be healed,
10 said with a loud voice, "Stand up
straight on your feet!" And he leaped
and walked.

11 Now when the people saw what Paul
had done, they raised their voices, saying
in the Lycaonian language, "The gods
have come down to us in the likeness of
men!"
12 And Barnabas they called Zeus, and
Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief
speaker.
13 Then the priest of Zeus, whose
temple was in front of their city, brought
oxen and garlands to the gates, intending
to sacrifice with the multitudes.
14 But when the apostles Barnabas and
Paul heard this, they tore their clothes
and ran in among the multitude, crying
out
15 and saying, "Men, why are you doing
these things? We also are men with the
same nature as you, and preach to you
that you should turn from these useless
things to the living God, who made the

heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things
that are in them,
16 "who in bygone generations allowed
all nations to walk in their own ways.
17 "Nevertheless He did not leave
Himself without witness, in that He did
good, gave us rain from heaven and
fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with
food and gladness."
18 And with these sayings they could
scarcely restrain the multitudes from
sacrificing to them.
19 Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium
came there; and having persuaded
the multitudes, they stoned Paul and
dragged him out of the city, supposing
him to be dead.
20 However, when the disciples
gathered around him, he rose up and
went into the city. And the next day he
departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

21 And when they had preached the
gospel to that city and made many
disciples, they returned to Lystra,
Iconium, and Antioch,
22 strengthening the souls of the
disciples, exhorting them to continue in
the faith, and saying, "We must through
many tribulations enter the kingdom of
God."
23 So when they had appointed elders
in every church, and prayed with fasting,
they commended them to the Lord in
whom they had believed.
24 And after they had passed through
Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.
25 Now when they had preached the
word in Perga, they went down to
Attalia.
26 From there they sailed to Antioch,
where they had been commended to
the grace of God for the work which they
had completed.

27 Now when they had come and
gathered the church together, they
reported all that God had done with
them, and that He had opened the door
of faith to the Gentiles.
28 So they stayed there a long time with
the disciples.
15 1 And certain men came down
from Judea and taught the
brethren, "Unless you are circumcised
according to the custom of Moses, you
cannot be saved."
2 Therefore, when Paul and Barnabas
had no small dissension and dispute
with them, they determined that Paul
and Barnabas and certain others of
them should go up to Jerusalem, to the
apostles and elders, about this question.
3 So, being sent on their way by the
church, they passed through Phoenicia
and Samaria, describing the conversion

of the Gentiles; and they caused great
joy to all the brethren.
4 And when they had come to
Jerusalem, they were received by the
church and the apostles and the elders;
and they reported all things that God
had done with them.
5 But some of the sect of the Pharisees
who believed rose up, saying, "It is
necessary to circumcise them, and to
command them to keep the law of
Moses."
6 Now the apostles and elders came
together to consider this matter.
7 And when there had been much
dispute, Peter rose up and said to them:
"Men and brethren, you know that a
good while ago God chose among us,
that by my mouth the Gentiles should
hear the word of the gospel and believe.

8 "So God, who knows the heart,
acknowledged them by giving them the
Holy Spirit, just as He did to us,
9 "and made no distinction between us
and them, purifying their hearts by faith.
10 "Now therefore, why do you test God
by putting a yoke on the neck of the
disciples which neither our fathers nor
we were able to bear?
11 "But we believe that through the
grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be
saved in the same manner as they."
12 Then all the multitude kept silent and
listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring
how many miracles and wonders God
had worked through them among the
Gentiles.
13 And after they had become silent,
James answered, saying, "Men and
brethren, listen to me:

14 "Simon has declared how God at the
first visited the Gentiles to take out of
them a people for His name.
15 "And with this the words of the
prophets agree, just as it is written:
16 'After this I will return And will rebuild
the tabernacle of David, which has fallen
down; I will rebuild its ruins, And I will
set it up;
17 So that the rest of mankind may seek
the LORD, Even all the Gentiles who are
called by My name, Says the LORD who
does all these things.'
18 "Known to God from eternity are all
His works.
19 "Therefore I judge that we should not
trouble those from among the Gentiles
who are turning to God,
20 "but that we write to them to abstain
from things polluted by idols, from
sexual immorality, from things strangled,
and from blood.

21 "For Moses has had throughout
many generations those who preach
him in every city, being read in the
synagogues every Sabbath."
22 Then it pleased the apostles and
elders, with the whole church, to send
chosen men of their own company
to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas,
namely, Judas who was also named
Barsabas, and Silas, leading men among
the brethren.
23 They wrote this letter by them: The
apostles, the elders, and the brethren,
To the brethren who are of the Gentiles
in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia: Greetings.
24 Since we have heard that some who
went out from us have troubled you with
words, unsettling your souls, saying,
"You must be circumcised and keep
the law" —to whom we gave no such
commandment—

25 it seemed good to us, being
assembled with one accord, to send
chosen men to you with our beloved
Barnabas and Paul,
26 men who have risked their lives for
the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
27 We have therefore sent Judas and
Silas, who will also report the same
things by word of mouth.
28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit,
and to us, to lay upon you no greater
burden than these necessary things:
29 that you abstain from things offered
to idols, from blood, from things
strangled, and from sexual immorality. If
you keep yourselves from these, you will
do well. Farewell.
30 So when they were sent off, they
came to Antioch; and when they had
gathered the multitude together, they
delivered the letter.

31 When they had read it, they rejoiced
over its encouragement.
32 Now Judas and Silas, themselves
being prophets also, exhorted and
strengthened the brethren with many
words.
33 And after they had stayed there for a
time, they were sent back with greetings
from the brethren to the apostles.
34 However, it seemed good to Silas to
remain there.
35 Paul and Barnabas also remained
in Antioch, teaching and preaching the
word of the Lord, with many others also.
36 Then after some days Paul said to
Barnabas, "Let us now go back and visit
our brethren in every city where we
have preached the word of the Lord, and
see how they are doing."
37 Now Barnabas was determined to
take with them John called Mark.

38 But Paul insisted that they should
not take with them the one who had
departed from them in Pamphylia, and
had not gone with them to the work.
39 Then the contention became so
sharp that they parted from one another.
And so Barnabas took Mark and sailed
to Cyprus;
40 but Paul chose Silas and departed,
being commended by the brethren to
the grace of God.
41 And he went through Syria and
Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

16 1 Then he came to Derbe and
Lystra. And behold, a certain
disciple was there, named Timothy, the
son of a certain Jewish woman who
believed, but his father was Greek.
2 He was well spoken of by the brethren
who were at Lystra and Iconium.
3 Paul wanted to have him go on with
him. And he took him and circumcised

him because of the Jews who were in
that region, for they all knew that his
father was Greek.
4 And as they went through the cities,
they delivered to them the decrees to
keep, which were determined by the
apostles and elders at Jerusalem.
5 So the churches were strengthened in
the faith, and increased in number daily.
6 Now when they had gone through
Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they
were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to
preach the word in Asia.
7 After they had come to Mysia, they
tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit
did not permit them.
8 So passing by Mysia, they came down
to Troas.
9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the
night. A man of Macedonia stood and
pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to
Macedonia and help us."

10 Now after he had seen the vision,
immediately we sought to go to
Macedonia, concluding that the Lord
had called us to preach the gospel to
them.
11 Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran
a straight course to Samothrace, and the
next day came to Neapolis,
12 and from there to Philippi, which
is the foremost city of that part of
Macedonia, a colony. And we were
staying in that city for some days.
13 And on the Sabbath day we went out
of the city to the riverside, where prayer
was customarily made; and we sat down
and spoke to the women who met there.
14 Now a certain woman named Lydia
heard us. She was a seller of purple from
the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God.
The Lord opened her heart to heed the
things spoken by Paul.

15 And when she and her household
were baptized, she begged us, saying, "If
you have judged me to be faithful to the
Lord, come to my house and stay." So
she persuaded us.
16 Now it happened, as we went to
prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed
with a spirit of divination met us, who
brought her masters much profit by
fortune–telling.
17 This girl followed Paul and us, and
cried out, saying, "These men are the
servants of the Most High God, who
proclaim to us the way of salvation."
18 And this she did for many days. But
Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to
the spirit, "I command you in the name
of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And
he came out that very hour.
19 But when her masters saw that their
hope of profit was gone, they seized

Paul and Silas and dragged them into the
marketplace to the authorities.
20 And they brought them to the
magistrates, and said, "These men, being
Jews, exceedingly trouble our city;
21 "and they teach customs which are
not lawful for us, being Romans, to
receive or observe."
22 Then the multitude rose up together
against them; and the magistrates tore
off their clothes and commanded them
to be beaten with rods.
23 And when they had laid many stripes
on them, they threw them into prison,
commanding the jailer to keep them
securely.
24 Having received such a charge, he put
them into the inner prison and fastened
their feet in the stocks.
25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were
praying and singing hymns to God, and
the prisoners were listening to them.

26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were loosed.
27 And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself.
28 But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here."
29 Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.
30 And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"
31 So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord
to him and to all who were in his house.
33 And he took them the same hour of
the night and washed their stripes. And
immediately he and all his family were
baptized.
34 Now when he had brought them into
his house, he set food before them; and
he rejoiced, having believed in God with
all his household.
35 And when it was day, the magistrates
sent the officers, saying, "Let those men
go."
36 So the keeper of the prison reported
these words to Paul, saying, "The
magistrates have sent to let you go. Now
therefore depart, and go in peace."
37 But Paul said to them, "They have
beaten us openly, uncondemned
Romans, and have thrown us into prison.
And now do they put us out secretly? No

indeed! Let them come themselves and
get us out."
38 And the officers told these words
to the magistrates, and they were
afraid when they heard that they were
Romans.
39 Then they came and pleaded with
them and brought them out, and asked
them to depart from the city.
40 So they went out of the prison
and entered the house of Lydia; and
when they had seen the brethren, they
encouraged them and departed.

17 1 Now when they had passed
through Amphipolis and
Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica,
where there was a synagogue of the
Jews.
2 Then Paul, as his custom was, went
in to them, and for three Sabbaths
reasoned with them from the Scriptures,

3 explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ."

4 And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas.

5 But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious, took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

6 But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.

7 "Jason has harbored them, and these are all acting contrary to the decrees

of Caesar, saying there is another
king—Jesus."
8 And they troubled the crowd and the
rulers of the city when they heard these
things.
9 So when they had taken security from
Jason and the rest, they let them go.
10 Then the brethren immediately sent
Paul and Silas away by night to Berea.
When they arrived, they went into the
synagogue of the Jews.
11 These were more fair–minded than
those in Thessalonica, in that they
received the word with all readiness,
and searched the Scriptures daily to find
out whether these things were so.
12 Therefore many of them believed,
and also not a few of the Greeks,
prominent women as well as men.
13 But when the Jews from Thessalonica
learned that the word of God was

preached by Paul at Berea, they came
there also and stirred up the crowds.
14 Then immediately the brethren sent
Paul away, to go to the sea; but both
Silas and Timothy remained there.
15 So those who conducted Paul
brought him to Athens; and receiving a
command for Silas and Timothy to come
to him with all speed, they departed.
16 Now while Paul waited for them at
Athens, his spirit was provoked within
him when he saw that the city was given
over to idols.
17 Therefore he reasoned in the
synagogue with the Jews and with
the Gentile worshipers, and in the
marketplace daily with those who
happened to be there.
18 Then certain Epicurean and Stoic
philosophers encountered him. And
some said, "What does this babbler
want to say?" Others said, "He seems

to be a proclaimer of foreign gods,"
because he preached to them Jesus and
the resurrection.
19 And they took him and brought him
to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know
what this new doctrine is of which you
speak?
20 "For you are bringing some strange
things to our ears. Therefore we want to
know what these things mean."
21 For all the Athenians and the
foreigners who were there spent their
time in nothing else but either to tell or
to hear some new thing.
22 Then Paul stood in the midst of the
Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I
perceive that in all things you are very
religious;
23 "for as I was passing through and
considering the objects of your worship, I
even found an altar with this inscription:
TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore,

the One whom you worship without
knowing, Him I proclaim to you:
24 "God, who made the world and
everything in it, since He is Lord of
heaven and earth, does not dwell in
temples made with hands.
25 "Nor is He worshiped with men’s
hands, as though He needed anything,
since He gives to all life, breath, and all
things.
26 "And He has made from one blood
every nation of men to dwell on all the
face of the earth, and has determined
their preappointed times and the
boundaries of their dwellings,
27 "so that they should seek the Lord, in
the hope that they might grope for Him
and find Him, though He is not far from
each one of us;
28 "for in Him we live and move and
have our being, as also some of your

own poets have said, ‘For we are also His
offspring.’
29 "Therefore, since we are the offspring
of God, we ought not to think that the
Divine Nature is like gold or silver or
stone, something shaped by art and
man’s devising.
30 "Truly, these times of ignorance God
overlooked, but now commands all men
everywhere to repent,
31 "because He has appointed a day
on which He will judge the world in
righteousness by the Man whom He has
ordained. He has given assurance of this
to all by raising Him from the dead."
32 And when they heard of the
resurrection of the dead, some mocked,
while others said, "We will hear you
again on this matter."
33 So Paul departed from among them.
34 However, some men joined him and
believed, among them Dionysius the

Areopagite, a woman named Damaris,
and others with them.

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1 After these things Paul departed
from Athens and went to Corinth.
2 And he found a certain Jew named
Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently
come from Italy with his wife Priscilla
(because Claudius had commanded all
the Jews to depart from Rome); and he
came to them.
3 So, because he was of the same trade,
he stayed with them and worked; for by
occupation they were tentmakers.
4 And he reasoned in the synagogue
every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews
and Greeks.
5 When Silas and Timothy had come
from Macedonia, Paul was compelled by
the Spirit, and testified to the Jews that
Jesus is the Christ.
6 But when they opposed him and
blasphemed, he shook his garments and

said to them, "Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."

7 And he departed from there and entered the house of a certain man named Justus, one who worshiped God, whose house was next door to the synagogue.

8 Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized.

9 Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent;

10 "for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city."

11 And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

12 When Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him to the judgment seat,

13 saying, "This fellow persuades men to worship God contrary to the law."

14 And when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, "If it were a matter of wrongdoing or wicked crimes, O Jews, there would be reason why I should bear with you.

15 "But if it is a question of words and names and your own law, look to it yourselves; for I do not want to be a judge of such matters."

16 And he drove them from the judgment seat.

17 Then all the Greeks took Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the judgment seat. But Gallio took no notice of these things.

18 So Paul still remained a good while.
Then he took leave of the brethren and
sailed for Syria, and Priscilla and Aquila
were with him. He had his hair cut off at
Cenchrea, for he had taken a vow.
19 And he came to Ephesus, and left
them there; but he himself entered the
synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.
20 When they asked him to stay a longer
time with them, he did not consent,
21 but took leave of them, saying, "I
must by all means keep this coming feast
in Jerusalem; but I will return again to
you, God willing." And he sailed from
Ephesus.
22 And when he had landed at Caesarea,
and gone up and greeted the church, he
went down to Antioch.
23 After he had spent some time
there, he departed and went over the
region of Galatia and Phrygia in order,
strengthening all the disciples.

24 Now a certain Jew named Apollos,
born at Alexandria, an eloquent man
and mighty in the Scriptures, came to
Ephesus.
25 This man had been instructed in the
way of the Lord; and being fervent in
spirit, he spoke and taught accurately
the things of the Lord, though he knew
only the baptism of John.
26 So he began to speak boldly in the
synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla
heard him, they took him aside and
explained to him the way of God more
accurately.
27 And when he desired to cross to
Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting
the disciples to receive him; and when
he arrived, he greatly helped those who
had believed through grace;
28 for he vigorously refuted the Jews
publicly, showing from the Scriptures
that Jesus is the Christ.

19 1 And it happened, while Apollos
was at Corinth, that Paul, having
passed through the upper regions, came
to Ephesus. And finding some disciples
2 he said to them, "Did you receive the
Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they
said to him, "We have not so much as
heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."
3 And he said to them, "Into what then
were you baptized?" So they said, "Into
John's baptism."
4 Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized
with a baptism of repentance, saying to
the people that they should believe on
Him who would come after him, that is,
on Christ Jesus."
5 When they heard this, they were
baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
6 And when Paul had laid hands on
them, the Holy Spirit came upon them,
and they spoke with tongues and
prophesied.

7 Now the men were about twelve in
all.
8 And he went into the synagogue and
spoke boldly for three months, reasoning
and persuading concerning the things of
the kingdom of God.
9 But when some were hardened and
did not believe, but spoke evil of the
Way before the multitude, he departed
from them and withdrew the disciples,
reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.
10 And this continued for two years, so
that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word
of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.
11 Now God worked unusual miracles
by the hands of Paul,
12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons
were brought from his body to the sick,
and the diseases left them and the evil
spirits went out of them.
13 Then some of the itinerant Jewish
exorcists took it upon themselves to call

the name of the Lord Jesus over those
who had evil spirits, saying, "We exorcise
you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches."
14 Also there were seven sons of Sceva,
a Jewish chief priest, who did so.
15 And the evil spirit answered and said,
"Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who
are you?"
16 Then the man in whom the evil
spirit was leaped on them, overpowered
them, and prevailed against them, so
that they fled out of that house naked
and wounded.
17 This became known both to all Jews
and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear
fell on them all, and the name of the
Lord Jesus was magnified.
18 And many who had believed came
confessing and telling their deeds.
19 Also, many of those who had
practiced magic brought their books
together and burned them in the sight

of all. And they counted up the value
of them, and it totaled fifty thousand
pieces of silver.
20 So the word of the Lord grew mightily
and prevailed.
21 When these things were
accomplished, Paul purposed in
the Spirit, when he had passed through
Macedonia and Achaia, to go to
Jerusalem, saying, "After I have been
there, I must also see Rome."
22 So he sent into Macedonia two of
those who ministered to him, Timothy
and Erastus, but he himself stayed in
Asia for a time.
23 And about that time there arose a
great commotion about the Way.
24 For a certain man named Demetrius,
a silversmith, who made silver shrines
of Diana, brought no small profit to the
craftsmen.

25 He called them together with the
workers of similar occupation, and
said: "Men, you know that we have our
prosperity by this trade.
26 "Moreover you see and hear that not
only at Ephesus, but throughout almost
all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and
turned away many people, saying that
they are not gods which are made with
hands.
27 "So not only is this trade of ours in
danger of falling into disrepute, but also
the temple of the great goddess Diana
may be despised and her magnificence
destroyed, whom all Asia and the world
worship."
28 Now when they heard this, they
were full of wrath and cried out, saying,
"Great is Diana of the Ephesians!"
29 So the whole city was filled with
confusion, and rushed into the theater
with one accord, having seized Gaius and

Aristarchus, Macedonians, Paul’s travel
companions.
30 And when Paul wanted to go in to the
people, the disciples would not allow
him.
31 Then some of the officials of Asia,
who were his friends, sent to him
pleading that he would not venture into
the theater.
32 Some therefore cried one thing and
some another, for the assembly was
confused, and most of them did not
know why they had come together.
33 And they drew Alexander out of the
multitude, the Jews putting him forward.
And Alexander motioned with his hand,
and wanted to make his defense to the
people.
34 But when they found out that he was
a Jew, all with one voice cried out for
about two hours, "Great is Diana of the
Ephesians!"

35 And when the city clerk had quieted
the crowd, he said: "Men of Ephesus,
what man is there who does not know
that the city of the Ephesians is temple
guardian of the great goddess Diana,
and of the image which fell down from
Zeus?
36 "Therefore, since these things cannot
be denied, you ought to be quiet and do
nothing rashly.
37 "For you have brought these men
here who are neither robbers of temples
nor blasphemers of your goddess.
38 "Therefore, if Demetrius and his
fellow craftsmen have a case against
anyone, the courts are open and there
are proconsuls. Let them bring charges
against one another.
39 "But if you have any other inquiry
to make, it shall be determined in the
lawful assembly.

40 "For we are in danger of being called in question for today's uproar, there being no reason which we may give to account for this disorderly gathering."
41 And when he had said these things, he dismissed the assembly.

20 1 After the uproar had ceased, Paul called the disciples to himself, embraced them, and departed to go to Macedonia.
2 Now when he had gone over that region and encouraged them with many words, he came to Greece
3 and stayed three months. And when the Jews plotted against him as he was about to sail to Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia.
4 And Sopater of Berea accompanied him to Asia—also Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia.

5 These men, going ahead, waited for
us at Troas.
6 But we sailed away from Philippi after
the Days of Unleavened Bread, and in
five days joined them at Troas, where we
stayed seven days.
7 Now on the first day of the week,
when the disciples came together to
break bread, Paul, ready to depart the
next day, spoke to them and continued
his message until midnight.
8 There were many lamps in the
upper room where they were gathered
together.
9 And in a window sat a certain young
man named Eutychus, who was sinking
into a deep sleep. He was overcome by
sleep; and as Paul continued speaking,
he fell down from the third story and
was taken up dead.

10 But Paul went down, fell on him, and
embracing him said, "Do not trouble
yourselves, for his life is in him."
11 Now when he had come up, had
broken bread and eaten, and talked
a long while, even till daybreak, he
departed.
12 And they brought the young man
in alive, and they were not a little
comforted.
13 Then we went ahead to the ship
and sailed to Assos, there intending to
take Paul on board; for so he had given
orders, intending himself to go on foot.
14 And when he met us at Assos,
we took him on board and came to
Mitylene.
15 We sailed from there, and the next
day came opposite Chios. The following
day we arrived at Samos and stayed at
Trogyllium. The next day we came to
Miletus.

16 For Paul had decided to sail past
Ephesus, so that he would not have to
spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying
to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the
Day of Pentecost.
17 From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and
called for the elders of the church.
18 And when they had come to him, he
said to them: "You know, from the first
day that I came to Asia, in what manner
I always lived among you,
19 "serving the Lord with all humility,
with many tears and trials which
happened to me by the plotting of the
Jews;
20 "how I kept back nothing that was
helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and
taught you publicly and from house to
house,
21 "testifying to Jews, and also to
Greeks, repentance toward God and
faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

22 "And see, now I go bound in the spirit
to Jerusalem, not knowing the things
that will happen to me there,
23 "except that the Holy Spirit testifies
in every city, saying that chains and
tribulations await me.
24 "But none of these things move me;
nor do I count my life dear to myself, so
that I may finish my race with joy, and
the ministry which I received from the
Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the
grace of God.
25 "And indeed, now I know that you
all, among whom I have gone preaching
the kingdom of God, will see my face no
more.
26 "Therefore I testify to you this day
that I am innocent of the blood of all
men.
27 "For I have not shunned to declare to
you the whole counsel of God.

28 "Therefore take heed to yourselves
and to all the flock, among which the
Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to
shepherd the church of God which He
purchased with His own blood.
29 "For I know this, that after my
departure savage wolves will come in
among you, not sparing the flock.
30 "Also from among yourselves
men will rise up, speaking perverse
things, to draw away the disciples after
themselves.
31 "Therefore watch, and remember
that for three years I did not cease to
warn everyone night and day with tears.
32 "So now, brethren, I commend you to
God and to the word of His grace, which
is able to build you up and give you an
inheritance among all those who are
sanctified.
33 "I have coveted no one’s silver or
gold or apparel.

34 "Yes, you yourselves know that these
hands have provided for my necessities,
and for those who were with me.
35 "I have shown you in every way, by
laboring like this, that you must support
the weak. And remember the words of
the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more
blessed to give than to receive.’"
36 And when he had said these things,
he knelt down and prayed with them all.
37 Then they all wept freely, and fell on
Paul’s neck and kissed him,
38 sorrowing most of all for the words
which he spoke, that they would see his
face no more. And they accompanied
him to the ship.

21 1 Now it came to pass, that when
we had departed from them
and set sail, running a straight course
we came to Cos, the following day to
Rhodes, and from there to Patara.

2 And finding a ship sailing over to
Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail.
3 When we had sighted Cyprus, we
passed it on the left, sailed to Syria, and
landed at Tyre; for there the ship was to
unload her cargo.
4 And finding disciples, we stayed there
seven days. They told Paul through the
Spirit not to go up to Jerusalem.
5 When we had come to the end of
those days, we departed and went on
our way; and they all accompanied us,
with wives and children, till we were out
of the city. And we knelt down on the
shore and prayed.
6 When we had taken our leave of one
another, we boarded the ship, and they
returned home.
7 And when we had finished our voyage
from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais,
greeted the brethren, and stayed with
them one day.

8 On the next day we who were Paul’s
companions departed and came to
Caesarea, and entered the house of
Philip the evangelist, who was one of the
seven, and stayed with him.
9 Now this man had four virgin
daughters who prophesied.
10 And as we stayed many days, a
certain prophet named Agabus came
down from Judea.
11 When he had come to us, he took
Paul’s belt, bound his own hands and
feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit,
‘So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the
man who owns this belt, and deliver him
into the hands of the Gentiles.’"
12 Now when we heard these things,
both we and those from that place
pleaded with him not to go up to
Jerusalem.
13 Then Paul answered, "What do you
mean by weeping and breaking my

heart? For I am ready not only to be
bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for
the name of the Lord Jesus."
14 So when he would not be persuaded,
we ceased, saying, "The will of the Lord
be done."
15 And after those days we packed and
went up to Jerusalem.
16 Also some of the disciples from
Caesarea went with us and brought with
them a certain Mnason of Cyprus, an
early disciple, with whom we were to
lodge.
17 And when we had come to Jerusalem,
the brethren received us gladly.
18 On the following day Paul went in
with us to James, and all the elders were
present.
19 When he had greeted them, he told
in detail those things which God had
done among the Gentiles through his
ministry.

20 And when they heard it, they
glorified the Lord. And they said to him,
"You see, brother, how many myriads of
Jews there are who have believed, and
they are all zealous for the law;
21 "but they have been informed about
you that you teach all the Jews who are
among the Gentiles to forsake Moses,
saying that they ought not to circumcise
their children nor to walk according to
the customs.
22 "What then? The assembly must
certainly meet, for they will hear that
you have come.
23 "Therefore do what we tell you: We
have four men who have taken a vow.
24 "Take them and be purified with
them, and pay their expenses so that
they may shave their heads, and that all
may know that those things of which
they were informed concerning you are

nothing, but that you yourself also walk
orderly and keep the law.
25 "But concerning the Gentiles who
believe, we have written and decided
that they should observe no such thing,
except that they should keep themselves
from things offered to idols, from blood,
from things strangled, and from sexual
immorality."
26 Then Paul took the men, and the next
day, having been purified with them,
entered the temple to announce the
expiration of the days of purification, at
which time an offering should be made
for each one of them.
27 Now when the seven days were
almost ended, the Jews from Asia, seeing
him in the temple, stirred up the whole
crowd and laid hands on him,
28 crying out, "Men of Israel, help!
This is the man who teaches all men
everywhere against the people, the law,

and this place; and furthermore he also
brought Greeks into the temple and has
defiled this holy place."
29 (For they had previously seen
Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the
city, whom they supposed that Paul had
brought into the temple.)
30 And all the city was disturbed; and
the people ran together, seized Paul,
and dragged him out of the temple; and
immediately the doors were shut.
31 Now as they were seeking to kill him,
news came to the commander of the
garrison that all Jerusalem was in an
uproar.
32 He immediately took soldiers and
centurions, and ran down to them. And
when they saw the commander and the
soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.
33 Then the commander came near and
took him, and commanded him to be

bound with two chains; and he asked
who he was and what he had done.
34 And some among the multitude cried
one thing and some another. So when
he could not ascertain the truth because
of the tumult, he commanded him to be
taken into the barracks.
35 When he reached the stairs, he had
to be carried by the soldiers because of
the violence of the mob.
36 For the multitude of the people
followed after, crying out, "Away with
him!"
37 Then as Paul was about to be led into
the barracks, he said to the commander,
"May I speak to you?" He replied, "Can
you speak Greek?
38 "Are you not the Egyptian who some
time ago stirred up a rebellion and led
the four thousand assassins out into the
wilderness?"

39 But Paul said, "I am a Jew from
Tarsus, in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean
city; and I implore you, permit me to
speak to the people."
40 So when he had given him
permission, Paul stood on the stairs and
motioned with his hand to the people.
And when there was a great silence, he
spoke to them in the Hebrew language,
saying,

22 1 "Brethren and fathers, hear my
defense before you now."
2 And when they heard that he spoke to
them in the Hebrew language, they kept
all the more silent. Then he said:
3 "I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of
Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the
feet of Gamaliel, taught according to the
strictness of our fathers’ law, and was
zealous toward God as you all are today.

4 "I persecuted this Way to the death,
binding and delivering into prisons both
men and women,
5 "as also the high priest bears me
witness, and all the council of the elders,
from whom I also received letters to
the brethren, and went to Damascus to
bring in chains even those who were
there to Jerusalem to be punished.
6 "Now it happened, as I journeyed and
came near Damascus at about noon,
suddenly a great light from heaven
shone around me.
7 "And I fell to the ground and heard a
voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are
you persecuting Me?’
8 "So I answered, ‘Who are You, Lord?’
And He said to me, ‘I am Jesus of
Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.’
9 "And those who were with me indeed
saw the light and were afraid, but they

did not hear the voice of Him who spoke
to me.
10 "So I said, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’
And the Lord said to me, ‘Arise and go
into Damascus, and there you will be
told all things which are appointed for
you to do.’
11 "And since I could not see for the
glory of that light, being led by the hand
of those who were with me, I came into
Damascus.
12 "Then a certain Ananias, a devout
man according to the law, having a good
testimony with all the Jews who dwelt
there,
13 "came to me; and he stood and said
to me, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight.’
And at that same hour I looked up at
him.
14 "Then he said, ‘The God of our
fathers has chosen you that you should

know His will, and see the Just One, and
hear the voice of His mouth.
15 ‘For you will be His witness to all men
of what you have seen and heard.
16 ‘And now why are you waiting? Arise
and be baptized, and wash away your
sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’
17 "Now it happened, when I returned
to Jerusalem and was praying in the
temple, that I was in a trance
18 "and saw Him saying to me, ‘Make
haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly,
for they will not receive your testimony
concerning Me.’
19 "So I said, ‘Lord, they know that in
every synagogue I imprisoned and beat
those who believe on You.
20 ‘And when the blood of Your martyr
Stephen was shed, I also was standing
by consenting to his death, and guarding
the clothes of those who were killing
him.’

21 "Then He said to me, 'Depart, for
I will send you far from here to the
Gentiles.'"
22 And they listened to him until this
word, and then they raised their voices
and said, "Away with such a fellow from
the earth, for he is not fit to live!"
23 Then, as they cried out and tore off
their clothes and threw dust into the air,
24 the commander ordered him to be
brought into the barracks, and said that
he should be examined under scourging,
so that he might know why they shouted
so against him.
25 And as they bound him with thongs,
Paul said to the centurion who stood by,
"Is it lawful for you to scourge a man
who is a Roman, and uncondemned?"
26 When the centurion heard that, he
went and told the commander, saying,
"Take care what you do, for this man is a
Roman."

27 Then the commander came and said
to him, "Tell me, are you a Roman?" He
said, "Yes."
28 The commander answered, "With a
large sum I obtained this citizenship."
And Paul said, "But I was born a citizen."
29 Then immediately those who were
about to examine him withdrew from
him; and the commander was also afraid
after he found out that he was a Roman,
and because he had bound him.
30 The next day, because he wanted to
know for certain why he was accused
by the Jews, he released him from his
bonds, and commanded the chief priests
and all their council to appear, and
brought Paul down and set him before
them.

23 1 Then Paul, looking earnestly
at the council, said, "Men and
brethren, I have lived in all good
conscience before God until this day."

2 And the high priest Ananias
commanded those who stood by him to
strike him on the mouth.
3 Then Paul said to him, "God will strike
you, you whitewashed wall! For you sit
to judge me according to the law, and do
you command me to be struck contrary
to the law?"
4 And those who stood by said, "Do you
revile God's high priest?"
5 Then Paul said, "I did not know,
brethren, that he was the high priest; for
it is written, 'You shall not speak evil of a
ruler of your people.'"
6 But when Paul perceived that one
part were Sadducees and the other
Pharisees, he cried out in the council,
"Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the
son of a Pharisee; concerning the hope
and resurrection of the dead I am being
judged!"

7 And when he had said this, a
dissension arose between the Pharisees
and the Sadducees; and the assembly
was divided.
8 For Sadducees say that there is no
resurrection—and no angel or spirit; but
the Pharisees confess both.
9 Then there arose a loud outcry. And
the scribes of the Pharisees' party arose
and protested, saying, "We find no evil
in this man; but if a spirit or an angel has
spoken to him, let us not fight against
God."
10 Now when there arose a great
dissension, the commander, fearing lest
Paul might be pulled to pieces by them,
commanded the soldiers to go down and
take him by force from among them, and
bring him into the barracks.
11 But the following night the Lord
stood by him and said, "Be of good
cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for

Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome."

12 And when it was day, some of the Jews banded together and bound themselves under an oath, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul.

13 Now there were more than forty who had formed this conspiracy.

14 They came to the chief priests and elders, and said, "We have bound ourselves under a great oath that we will eat nothing until we have killed Paul.

15 "Now you, therefore, together with the council, suggest to the commander that he be brought down to you tomorrow, as though you were going to make further inquiries concerning him; but we are ready to kill him before he comes near."

16 So when Paul’s sister’s son heard of
their ambush, he went and entered the
barracks and told Paul.
17 Then Paul called one of the
centurions to him and said, "Take this
young man to the commander, for he
has something to tell him."
18 So he took him and brought him
to the commander and said, "Paul the
prisoner called me to him and asked me
to bring this young man to you. He has
something to say to you."
19 Then the commander took him by
the hand, went aside and asked privately,
"What is it that you have to tell me?"
20 And he said, "The Jews have agreed
to ask that you bring Paul down to the
council tomorrow, as though they were
going to inquire more fully about him.
21 "But do not yield to them, for more
than forty of them lie in wait for him,
men who have bound themselves by an

oath that they will neither eat nor drink
till they have killed him; and now they
are ready, waiting for the promise from
you."
22 So the commander let the young
man depart, and commanded him, "Tell
no one that you have revealed these
things to me."
23 And he called for two centurions,
saying, "Prepare two hundred soldiers,
seventy horsemen, and two hundred
spearmen to go to Caesarea at the third
hour of the night;
24 "and provide mounts to set Paul
on, and bring him safely to Felix the
governor."
25 He wrote a letter in the following
manner:
26 Claudius Lysias, to the most excellent
governor Felix: Greetings.
27 This man was seized by the Jews and
was about to be killed by them. Coming

with the troops I rescued him, having
learned that he was a Roman.
28 And when I wanted to know the
reason they accused him, I brought him
before their council.
29 I found out that he was accused
concerning questions of their law,
but had nothing charged against him
deserving of death or chains.
30 And when it was told me that the
Jews lay in wait for the man, I sent
him immediately to you, and also
commanded his accusers to state before
you the charges against him. Farewell.
31 Then the soldiers, as they were
commanded, took Paul and brought him
by night to Antipatris.
32 The next day they left the horsemen
to go on with him, and returned to the
barracks.

33 When they came to Caesarea and
had delivered the letter to the governor,
they also presented Paul to him.
34 And when the governor had read it,
he asked what province he was from.
And when he understood that he was
from Cilicia,
35 he said, "I will hear you when your
accusers also have come." And he
commanded him to be kept in Herod’s
Praetorium.

24 1 Now after five days Ananias
the high priest came down with
the elders and a certain orator named
Tertullus. These gave evidence to the
governor against Paul.
2 And when he was called upon,
Tertullus began his accusation, saying:
"Seeing that through you we enjoy great
peace, and prosperity is being brought
to this nation by your foresight,

3 "we accept it always and in all places,
most noble Felix, with all thankfulness.
4 "Nevertheless, not to be tedious to
you any further, I beg you to hear, by
your courtesy, a few words from us.
5 "For we have found this man a plague,
a creator of dissension among all the
Jews throughout the world, and a
ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes.
6 "He even tried to profane the temple,
and we seized him, and wanted to judge
him according to our law.
7 "But the commander Lysias came by
and with great violence took him out of
our hands,
8 "commanding his accusers to come to
you. By examining him yourself you may
ascertain all these things of which we
accuse him."
9 And the Jews also assented,
maintaining that these things were so.

10 Then Paul, after the governor had
nodded to him to speak, answered:
"Inasmuch as I know that you have been
for many years a judge of this nation, I do
the more cheerfully answer for myself,
11 "because you may ascertain that it is
no more than twelve days since I went
up to Jerusalem to worship.
12 "And they neither found me in
the temple disputing with anyone
nor inciting the crowd, either in the
synagogues or in the city.
13 "Nor can they prove the things of
which they now accuse me.
14 "But this I confess to you, that
according to the Way which they call a
sect, so I worship the God of my fathers,
believing all things which are written in
the Law and in the Prophets.
15 "I have hope in God, which they
themselves also accept, that there will

be a resurrection of the dead, both of
the just and the unjust.
16 "This being so, I myself always strive
to have a conscience without offense
toward God and men.
17 "Now after many years I came to
bring alms and offerings to my nation,
18 "in the midst of which some Jews
from Asia found me purified in the
temple, neither with a mob nor with
tumult.
19 "They ought to have been here
before you to object if they had anything
against me.
20 "Or else let those who are here
themselves say if they found any
wrongdoing in me while I stood before
the council,
21 "unless it is for this one statement
which I cried out, standing among them,
'Concerning the resurrection of the dead
I am being judged by you this day.'"

22 But when Felix heard these things, having more accurate knowledge of the Way, he adjourned the proceedings and said, "When Lysias the commander comes down, I will make a decision on your case."
23 So he commanded the centurion to keep Paul and to let him have liberty, and told him not to forbid any of his friends to provide for or visit him.
24 And after some days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, he sent for Paul and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.
25 Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self–control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you."
26 Meanwhile he also hoped that money would be given him by Paul, that

he might release him. Therefore he sent
for him more often and conversed with
him.
27 But after two years Porcius Festus
succeeded Felix; and Felix, wanting to do
the Jews a favor, left Paul bound.

25 1 Now when Festus had come to
the province, after three days he
went up from Caesarea to Jerusalem.
2 Then the high priest and the chief
men of the Jews informed him against
Paul; and they petitioned him,
3 asking a favor against him, that he
would summon him to Jerusalem—while
they lay in ambush along the road to kill
him.
4 But Festus answered that Paul should
be kept at Caesarea, and that he himself
was going there shortly.
5 "Therefore," he said, "let those who
have authority among you go down with

me and accuse this man, to see if there is any fault in him."

6 And when he had remained among them more than ten days, he went down to Caesarea. And the next day, sitting on the judgment seat, he commanded Paul to be brought.

7 When he had come, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood about and laid many serious complaints against Paul, which they could not prove,

8 while he answered for himself, "Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I offended in anything at all."

9 But Festus, wanting to do the Jews a favor, answered Paul and said, "Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and there be judged before me concerning these things?"

10 So Paul said, "I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be

judged. To the Jews I have done no
wrong, as you very well know.
11 "For if I am an offender, or have
committed anything deserving of death,
I do not object to dying; but if there is
nothing in these things of which these
men accuse me, no one can deliver me
to them. I appeal to Caesar."
12 Then Festus, when he had conferred
with the council, answered, "You have
appealed to Caesar? To Caesar you shall
go!"
13 And after some days King Agrippa
and Bernice came to Caesarea to greet
Festus.
14 When they had been there many
days, Festus laid Paul's case before the
king, saying: "There is a certain man left
a prisoner by Felix,
15 "about whom the chief priests and
the elders of the Jews informed me,

when I was in Jerusalem, asking for a
judgment against him.
16 "To them I answered, 'It is not the
custom of the Romans to deliver any
man to destruction before the accused
meets the accusers face to face, and
has opportunity to answer for himself
concerning the charge against him.'
17 "Therefore when they had come
together, without any delay, the next
day I sat on the judgment seat and
commanded the man to be brought in.
18 "When the accusers stood up, they
brought no accusation against him of
such things as I supposed,
19 "but had some questions against him
about their own religion and about a
certain Jesus, who had died, whom Paul
affirmed to be alive.
20 "And because I was uncertain of
such questions, I asked whether he was

willing to go to Jerusalem and there be judged concerning these matters.

21 "But when Paul appealed to be reserved for the decision of Augustus, I commanded him to be kept till I could send him to Caesar."

22 Then Agrippa said to Festus, "I also would like to hear the man myself." "Tomorrow, " he said, "you shall hear him."

23 So the next day, when Agrippa and Bernice had come with great pomp, and had entered the auditorium with the commanders and the prominent men of the city, at Festus’ command Paul was brought in.

24 And Festus said: "King Agrippa and all the men who are here present with us, you see this man about whom the whole assembly of the Jews petitioned me, both at Jerusalem and here, crying out that he was not fit to live any longer.

25 "But when I found that he had
committed nothing deserving of death,
and that he himself had appealed to
Augustus, I decided to send him.
26 "I have nothing certain to write to
my lord concerning him. Therefore I
have brought him out before you, and
especially before you, King Agrippa, so
that after the examination has taken
place I may have something to write.
27 "For it seems to me unreasonable to
send a prisoner and not to specify the
charges against him."

26 1 Then Agrippa said to Paul,
"You are permitted to speak for
yourself." So Paul stretched out his hand
and answered for himself:
2 "I think myself happy, King Agrippa,
because today I shall answer for myself
before you concerning all the things of
which I am accused by the Jews,

3 "especially because you are expert in
all customs and questions which have to
do with the Jews. Therefore I beg you to
hear me patiently.
4 "My manner of life from my youth,
which was spent from the beginning
among my own nation at Jerusalem, all
the Jews know.
5 "They knew me from the first, if they
were willing to testify, that according to
the strictest sect of our religion I lived a
Pharisee.
6 "And now I stand and am judged for
the hope of the promise made by God to
our fathers.
7 "To this promise our twelve tribes,
earnestly serving God night and day,
hope to attain. For this hope's sake, King
Agrippa, I am accused by the Jews.
8 "Why should it be thought incredible
by you that God raises the dead?

9 "Indeed, I myself thought I must do
many things contrary to the name of
Jesus of Nazareth.
10 "This I also did in Jerusalem, and
many of the saints I shut up in prison,
having received authority from the chief
priests; and when they were put to
death, I cast my vote against them.
11 "And I punished them often in
every synagogue and compelled them
to blaspheme; and being exceedingly
enraged against them, I persecuted
them even to foreign cities.
12 "While thus occupied, as I journeyed
to Damascus with authority and
commission from the chief priests,
13 "at midday, O king, along the road I
saw a light from heaven, brighter than
the sun, shining around me and those
who journeyed with me.
14 "And when we all had fallen to the
ground, I heard a voice speaking to me

and saying in the Hebrew language,
‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting
Me? It is hard for you to kick against the
goads.’
15 "So I said, ‘Who are You, Lord?’ And
He said, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are
persecuting.
16 ‘But rise and stand on your feet; for I
have appeared to you for this purpose,
to make you a minister and a witness
both of the things which you have seen
and of the things which I will yet reveal
to you.
17 ‘I will deliver you from the Jewish
people, as well as from the Gentiles, to
whom I now send you,
18 ‘to open their eyes, in order to turn
them from darkness to light, and from
the power of Satan to God, that they
may receive forgiveness of sins and
an inheritance among those who are
sanctified by faith in Me.’

19 "Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not
disobedient to the heavenly vision,
20 "but declared first to those in
Damascus and in Jerusalem, and
throughout all the region of Judea, and
then to the Gentiles, that they should
repent, turn to God, and do works
befitting repentance.
21 "For these reasons the Jews seized
me in the temple and tried to kill me.
22 "Therefore, having obtained help
from God, to this day I stand, witnessing
both to small and great, saying no other
things than those which the prophets
and Moses said would come—
23 "that the Christ would suffer, that He
would be the first to rise from the dead,
and would proclaim light to the Jewish
people and to the Gentiles."
24 Now as he thus made his defense,
Festus said with a loud voice, "Paul, you

are beside yourself! Much learning is
driving you mad!"
25 But he said, "I am not mad, most
noble Festus, but speak the words of
truth and reason.
26 "For the king, before whom I also
speak freely, knows these things; for I
am convinced that none of these things
escapes his attention, since this thing
was not done in a corner.
27 "King Agrippa, do you believe the
prophets? I know that you do believe."
28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You
almost persuade me to become a
Christian."
29 And Paul said, "I would to God that
not only you, but also all who hear me
today, might become both almost and
altogether such as I am, except for these
chains."
30 When he had said these things, the
king stood up, as well as the governor

and Bernice and those who sat with
them;
31 and when they had gone aside, they
talked among themselves, saying, "This
man is doing nothing deserving of death
or chains."
32 Then Agrippa said to Festus, "This
man might have been set free if he had
not appealed to Caesar."

27 1 And when it was decided that
we should sail to Italy, they
delivered Paul and some other prisoners
to one named Julius, a centurion of the
Augustan Regiment.
2 So, entering a ship of Adramyttium,
we put to sea, meaning to sail along
the coasts of Asia. Aristarchus, a
Macedonian of Thessalonica, was with
us.
3 And the next day we landed at Sidon.
And Julius treated Paul kindly and gave

him liberty to go to his friends and
receive care.
4 When we had put to sea from there,
we sailed under the shelter of Cyprus,
because the winds were contrary.
5 And when we had sailed over the sea
which is off Cilicia and Pamphylia, we
came to Myra, a city of Lycia.
6 There the centurion found an
Alexandrian ship sailing to Italy, and he
put us on board.
7 When we had sailed slowly many
days, and arrived with difficulty off
Cnidus, the wind not permitting us to
proceed, we sailed under the shelter of
Crete off Salmone.
8 Passing it with difficulty, we came to a
place called Fair Havens, near the city of
Lasea.
9 Now when much time had been
spent, and sailing was now dangerous

because the Fast was already over, Paul
advised them,
10 saying, "Men, I perceive that this
voyage will end with disaster and much
loss, not only of the cargo and ship, but
also our lives."
11 Nevertheless the centurion was
more persuaded by the helmsman and
the owner of the ship than by the things
spoken by Paul.
12 And because the harbor was not
suitable to winter in, the majority
advised to set sail from there also, if by
any means they could reach Phoenix,
a harbor of Crete opening toward the
southwest and northwest, and winter
there.
13 When the south wind blew softly,
supposing that they had obtained their
desire, putting out to sea, they sailed
close by Crete.

14 But not long after, a tempestuous
head wind arose, called Euroclydon.
15 So when the ship was caught, and
could not head into the wind, we let her
drive.
16 And running under the shelter of an
island called Clauda, we secured the skiff
with difficulty.
17 When they had taken it on board,
they used cables to undergird the ship;
and fearing lest they should run aground
on the Syrtis Sands, they struck sail and
so were driven.
18 And because we were exceedingly
tempest–tossed, the next day they
lightened the ship.
19 On the third day we threw the ship's
tackle overboard with our own hands.
20 Now when neither sun nor stars
appeared for many days, and no small
tempest beat on us, all hope that we
would be saved was finally given up.

21 But after long abstinence from food,
then Paul stood in the midst of them and
said, "Men, you should have listened to
me, and not have sailed from Crete and
incurred this disaster and loss.
22 "And now I urge you to take heart,
for there will be no loss of life among
you, but only of the ship.
23 "For there stood by me this night an
angel of the God to whom I belong and
whom I serve,
24 "saying, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul; you
must be brought before Caesar; and
indeed God has granted you all those
who sail with you.’
25 "Therefore take heart, men, for I
believe God that it will be just as it was
told me.
26 "However, we must run aground on a
certain island."
27 Now when the fourteenth night had
come, as we were driven up and down

in the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the
sailors sensed that they were drawing
near some land.
28 And they took soundings and found
it to be twenty fathoms; and when
they had gone a little farther, they took
soundings again and found it to be
fifteen fathoms.
29 Then, fearing lest we should run
aground on the rocks, they dropped four
anchors from the stern, and prayed for
day to come.
30 And as the sailors were seeking to
escape from the ship, when they had
let down the skiff into the sea, under
pretense of putting out anchors from the
prow,
31 Paul said to the centurion and the
soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the
ship, you cannot be saved."
32 Then the soldiers cut away the ropes
of the skiff and let it fall off.

33 And as day was about to dawn, Paul
implored them all to take food, saying,
"Today is the fourteenth day you have
waited and continued without food, and
eaten nothing.
34 "Therefore I urge you to take
nourishment, for this is for your survival,
since not a hair will fall from the head of
any of you."
35 And when he had said these things,
he took bread and gave thanks to God in
the presence of them all; and when he
had broken it he began to eat.
36 Then they were all encouraged, and
also took food themselves.
37 And in all we were two hundred and
seventy–six persons on the ship.
38 So when they had eaten enough,
they lightened the ship and threw out
the wheat into the sea.
39 When it was day, they did not
recognize the land; but they observed

a bay with a beach, onto which they
planned to run the ship if possible.
40 And they let go the anchors and left
them in the sea, meanwhile loosing
the rudder ropes; and they hoisted the
mainsail to the wind and made for shore.
41 But striking a place where two
seas met, they ran the ship aground;
and the prow stuck fast and remained
immovable, but the stern was being
broken up by the violence of the waves.
42 And the soldiers' plan was to kill the
prisoners, lest any of them should swim
away and escape.
43 But the centurion, wanting to save
Paul, kept them from their purpose, and
commanded that those who could swim
should jump overboard first and get to
land,
44 and the rest, some on boards and
some on parts of the ship. And so it was
that they all escaped safely to land.

28 1 Now when they had escaped,
they then found out that the
island was called Malta.
2 And the natives showed us unusual
kindness; for they kindled a fire and
made us all welcome, because of the
rain that was falling and because of the
cold.
3 But when Paul had gathered a bundle
of sticks and laid them on the fire, a
viper came out because of the heat, and
fastened on his hand.
4 So when the natives saw the creature
hanging from his hand, they said to
one another, "No doubt this man is a
murderer, whom, though he has escaped
the sea, yet justice does not allow to
live."
5 But he shook off the creature into the
fire and suffered no harm.
6 However, they were expecting that he
would swell up or suddenly fall down

dead. But after they had looked for a
long time and saw no harm come to him,
they changed their minds and said that
he was a god.
7 In that region there was an estate of
the leading citizen of the island, whose
name was Publius, who received us and
entertained us courteously for three
days.
8 And it happened that the father of
Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery.
Paul went in to him and prayed, and he
laid his hands on him and healed him.
9 So when this was done, the rest of
those on the island who had diseases
also came and were healed.
10 They also honored us in many ways;
and when we departed, they provided
such things as were necessary.
11 After three months we sailed in an
Alexandrian ship whose figurehead was

the Twin Brothers, which had wintered
at the island.
12 And landing at Syracuse, we stayed
three days.
13 From there we circled round and
reached Rhegium. And after one day the
south wind blew; and the next day we
came to Puteoli,
14 where we found brethren, and were
invited to stay with them seven days.
And so we went toward Rome.
15 And from there, when the brethren
heard about us, they came to meet us
as far as Appii Forum and Three Inns.
When Paul saw them, he thanked God
and took courage.
16 Now when we came to Rome, the
centurion delivered the prisoners to
the captain of the guard; but Paul was
permitted to dwell by himself with the
soldier who guarded him.

17 And it came to pass after three
days that Paul called the leaders of the
Jews together. So when they had come
together, he said to them: "Men and
brethren, though I have done nothing
against our people or the customs of our
fathers, yet I was delivered as a prisoner
from Jerusalem into the hands of the
Romans,
18 "who, when they had examined me,
wanted to let me go, because there was
no cause for putting me to death.
19 "But when the Jews spoke against it,
I was compelled to appeal to Caesar, not
that I had anything of which to accuse
my nation.
20 "For this reason therefore I have
called for you, to see you and speak with
you, because for the hope of Israel I am
bound with this chain."
21 Then they said to him, "We neither
received letters from Judea concerning

you, nor have any of the brethren who
came reported or spoken any evil of you.
22 "But we desire to hear from you
what you think; for concerning this
sect, we know that it is spoken against
everywhere."
23 So when they had appointed him a
day, many came to him at his lodging,
to whom he explained and solemnly
testified of the kingdom of God,
persuading them concerning Jesus from
both the Law of Moses and the Prophets,
from morning till evening.
24 And some were persuaded by the
things which were spoken, and some
disbelieved.
25 So when they did not agree among
themselves, they departed after Paul
had said one word: "The Holy Spirit
spoke rightly through Isaiah the prophet
to our fathers,

26 "saying, ‘Go to this people and say:
"Hearing you will hear, and shall not
understand; And seeing you will see, and
not perceive;
27 For the hearts of this people have
grown dull. Their ears are hard of
hearing, And their eyes they have closed,
Lest they should see with their eyes and
hear with their ears, Lest they should
understand with their hearts and turn,
So that I should heal them."’
28 "Therefore let it be known to you
that the salvation of God has been sent
to the Gentiles, and they will hear it!"
29 And when he had said these words,
the Jews departed and had a great
dispute among themselves.
30 Then Paul dwelt two whole years in
his own rented house, and received all
who came to him,
31 preaching the kingdom of God and
teaching the things which concern the

Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.

Romans

1 1 Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ,
called to be an apostle, separated to
the gospel of God
2 which He promised before through
His prophets in the Holy Scriptures,
3 concerning His Son Jesus Christ our
Lord, who was born of the seed of David
according to the flesh,
4 and declared to be the Son of God
with power according to the Spirit of
holiness, by the resurrection from the
dead.
5 Through Him we have received grace
and apostleship for obedience to the
faith among all nations for His name,
6 among whom you also are the called
of Jesus Christ;

7 To all who are in Rome, beloved of
God, called to be saints: Grace to you
and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.
8 First, I thank my God through Jesus
Christ for you all, that your faith is
spoken of throughout the whole world.
9 For God is my witness, whom I serve
with my spirit in the gospel of His Son,
that without ceasing I make mention of
you always in my prayers,
10 making request if, by some means,
now at last I may find a way in the will of
God to come to you.
11 For I long to see you, that I may
impart to you some spiritual gift, so that
you may be established—
12 that is, that I may be encouraged
together with you by the mutual faith
both of you and me.
13 Now I do not want you to be
unaware, brethren, that I often planned

to come to you (but was hindered until
now), that I might have some fruit
among you also, just as among the other
Gentiles.
14 I am a debtor both to Greeks and to
barbarians, both to wise and to unwise.
15 So, as much as is in me, I am ready
to preach the gospel to you who are in
Rome also.
16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel
of Christ, for it is the power of God to
salvation for everyone who believes, for
the Jew first and also for the Greek.
17 For in it the righteousness of God
is revealed from faith to faith; as it is
written, "The just shall live by faith."
18 For the wrath of God is revealed
from heaven against all ungodliness and
unrighteousness of men, who suppress
the truth in unrighteousness,

19 because what may be known of God
is manifest in them, for God has shown
it to them.
20 For since the creation of the world
His invisible attributes are clearly seen,
being understood by the things that
are made, even His eternal power and
Godhead, so that they are without
excuse,
21 because, although they knew God,
they did not glorify Him as God, nor
were thankful, but became futile in their
thoughts, and their foolish hearts were
darkened.
22 Professing to be wise, they became
fools,
23 and changed the glory of the
incorruptible God into an image made
like corruptible man—and birds and
four–footed animals and creeping
things.

24 Therefore God also gave them up
to uncleanness, in the lusts of their
hearts, to dishonor their bodies among
themselves,
25 who exchanged the truth of God for
the lie, and worshiped and served the
creature rather than the Creator, who is
blessed forever. Amen.
26 For this reason God gave them up
to vile passions. For even their women
exchanged the natural use for what is
against nature.
27 Likewise also the men, leaving the
natural use of the woman, burned in
their lust for one another, men with
men committing what is shameful, and
receiving in themselves the penalty of
their error which was due.
28 And even as they did not like to retain
God in their knowledge, God gave them
over to a debased mind, to do those
things which are not fitting;

29 being filled with all unrighteousness,
sexual immorality, wickedness,
covetousness, maliciousness; full of
envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil–
mindedness; they are whisperers,
30 backbiters, haters of God, violent,
proud, boasters, inventors of evil things,
disobedient to parents,
31 undiscerning, untrustworthy,
unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;
32 who, knowing the righteous
judgment of God, that those who
practice such things are deserving of
death, not only do the same but also
approve of those who practice them.

2 1 Therefore you are inexcusable, O
man, whoever you are who judge,
for in whatever you judge another you
condemn yourself; for you who judge
practice the same things.

2 But we know that the judgment of
God is according to truth against those
who practice such things.
3 And do you think this, O man, you
who judge those practicing such things,
and doing the same, that you will escape
the judgment of God?
4 Or do you despise the riches of
His goodness, forbearance, and
longsuffering, not knowing that
the goodness of God leads you to
repentance?
5 But in accordance with your hardness
and your impenitent heart you are
treasuring up for yourself wrath in
the day of wrath and revelation of the
righteous judgment of God,
6 who "will render to each one
according to his deeds":
7 eternal life to those who by patient
continuance in doing good seek for glory,
honor, and immortality;

8 but to those who are self–seeking
and do not obey the truth, but obey
unrighteousness—indignation and
wrath,
9 tribulation and anguish, on every soul
of man who does evil, of the Jew first
and also of the Greek;
10 but glory, honor, and peace to
everyone who works what is good, to
the Jew first and also to the Greek.
11 For there is no partiality with God.
12 For as many as have sinned without
law will also perish without law, and as
many as have sinned in the law will be
judged by the law
13 (for not the hearers of the law are
just in the sight of God, but the doers of
the law will be justified;
14 for when Gentiles, who do not have
the law, by nature do the things in the
law, these, although not having the law,
are a law to themselves,

15 who show the work of the law
written in their hearts, their conscience
also bearing witness, and between
themselves their thoughts accusing or
else excusing them)
16 in the day when God will judge the
secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according
to my gospel.
17 Indeed you are called a Jew, and rest
on the law, and make your boast in God,
18 and know His will, and approve
the things that are excellent, being
instructed out of the law,
19 and are confident that you yourself
are a guide to the blind, a light to those
who are in darkness,
20 an instructor of the foolish, a teacher
of babes, having the form of knowledge
and truth in the law.
21 You, therefore, who teach another,
do you not teach yourself? You who

preach that a man should not steal, do
you steal?
22 You who say, "Do not commit
adultery," do you commit adultery? You
who abhor idols, do you rob temples?
23 You who make your boast in the law,
do you dishonor God through breaking
the law?
24 For "the name of God is blasphemed
among the Gentiles because of you," as
it is written.
25 For circumcision is indeed profitable
if you keep the law; but if you are a
breaker of the law, your circumcision has
become uncircumcision.
26 Therefore, if an uncircumcised man
keeps the righteous requirements of
the law, will not his uncircumcision be
counted as circumcision?
27 And will not the physically
uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, judge
you who, even with your written code

and circumcision, are a transgressor of
the law?
28 For he is not a Jew who is one
outwardly, nor is circumcision that which
is outward in the flesh;
29 but he is a Jew who is one inwardly;
and circumcision is that of the heart, in
the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise
is not from men but from God.

3 1 What advantage then has the Jew,
or what is the profit of circumcision?
2 Much in every way! Chiefly because
to them were committed the oracles of
God.
3 For what if some did not believe? Will
their unbelief make the faithfulness of
God without effect?
4 Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true
but every man a liar. As it is written:
"That You may be justified in Your
words, And may overcome when You are
judged."

5 But if our unrighteousness
demonstrates the righteousness of
God, what shall we say? Is God unjust
who inflicts wrath? (I speak as a man.)
6 Certainly not! For then how will God
judge the world?
7 For if the truth of God has increased
through my lie to His glory, why am I also
still judged as a sinner?
8 And why not say, "Let us do evil
that good may come"? —as we are
slanderously reported and as some
affirm that we say. Their condemnation
is just.
9 What then? Are we better than
they? Not at all. For we have previously
charged both Jews and Greeks that they
are all under sin.
10 As it is written: "There is none
righteous, no, not one;
11 There is none who understands;
There is none who seeks after God.

12 They have all turned aside; They have
together become unprofitable; There is
none who does good, no, not one."
13 "Their throat is an open tomb;
With their tongues they have practiced
deceit"; "The poison of asps is under
their lips";
14 "Whose mouth is full of cursing and
bitterness."
15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood;
16 Destruction and misery are in their
ways;
17 And the way of peace they have not
known."
18 "There is no fear of God before their
eyes."
19 Now we know that whatever the law
says, it says to those who are under the
law, that every mouth may be stopped,
and all the world may become guilty
before God.

20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no
flesh will be justified in His sight, for by
the law is the knowledge of sin.
21 But now the righteousness of God
apart from the law is revealed, being
witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,
22 even the righteousness of God,
through faith in Jesus Christ, to all
and on all who believe. For there is no
difference;
23 for all have sinned and fall short of
the glory of God,
24 being justified freely by His grace
through the redemption that is in Christ
Jesus,
25 whom God set forth as a propitiation
by His blood, through faith, to
demonstrate His righteousness, because
in His forbearance God had passed over
the sins that were previously committed,
26 to demonstrate at the present time
His righteousness, that He might be just

and the justifier of the one who has faith
in Jesus.
27 Where is boasting then? It is
excluded. By what law? Of works? No,
but by the law of faith.
28 Therefore we conclude that a man is
justified by faith apart from the deeds of
the law.
29 Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is
He not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes,
of the Gentiles also,
30 since there is one God who will
justify the circumcised by faith and the
uncircumcised through faith.
31 Do we then make void the law
through faith? Certainly not! On the
contrary, we establish the law.

4 1 What then shall we say that
Abraham our father has found
according to the flesh?

2 For if Abraham was justified by works,
he has something to boast about, but
not before God.
3 For what does the Scripture say?
"Abraham believed God, and it was
accounted to him for righteousness."
4 Now to him who works, the wages are
not counted as grace but as debt.
5 But to him who does not work
but believes on Him who justifies the
ungodly, his faith is accounted for
righteousness,
6 just as David also describes the
blessedness of the man to whom God
imputes righteousness apart from works:
7 "Blessed are those whose lawless
deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are
covered;
8 Blessed is the man to whom the LORD
shall not impute sin."
9 Does this blessedness then come
upon the circumcised only, or upon the

uncircumcised also? For we say that
faith was accounted to Abraham for
righteousness.
10 How then was it accounted? While
he was circumcised, or uncircumcised?
Not while circumcised, but while
uncircumcised.
11 And he received the sign of
circumcision, a seal of the righteousness
of the faith which he had while still
uncircumcised, that he might be
the father of all those who believe,
though they are uncircumcised, that
righteousness might be imputed to them
also,
12 and the father of circumcision
to those who not only are of the
circumcision, but who also walk in
the steps of the faith which our father
Abraham had while still uncircumcised.
13 For the promise that he would be the
heir of the world was not to Abraham or

to his seed through the law, but through
the righteousness of faith.
14 For if those who are of the law are
heirs, faith is made void and the promise
made of no effect,
15 because the law brings about wrath;
for where there is no law there is no
transgression.
16 Therefore it is of faith that it might be
according to grace, so that the promise
might be sure to all the seed, not only
to those who are of the law, but also to
those who are of the faith of Abraham,
who is the father of us all
17 (as it is written, "I have made you a
father of many nations") in the presence
of Him whom he believed—God, who
gives life to the dead and calls those
things which do not exist as though they
did;
18 who, contrary to hope, in hope
believed, so that he became the father

of many nations, according to what was
spoken, "So shall your descendants be."
19 And not being weak in faith, he did
not consider his own body, already dead
(since he was about a hundred years
old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.
20 He did not waver at the promise
of God through unbelief, but was
strengthened in faith, giving glory to
God,
21 and being fully convinced that what
He had promised He was also able to
perform.
22 And therefore "it was accounted to
him for righteousness."
23 Now it was not written for his sake
alone that it was imputed to him,
24 but also for us. It shall be imputed
to us who believe in Him who raised up
Jesus our Lord from the dead,

25 who was delivered up because of our
offenses, and was raised because of our
justification.

5 1 Therefore, having been justified
by faith, we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
2 through whom also we have access by
faith into this grace in which we stand,
and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
3 And not only that, but we also glory
in tribulations, knowing that tribulation
produces perseverance;
4 and perseverance, character; and
character, hope.
5 Now hope does not disappoint,
because the love of God has been
poured out in our hearts by the Holy
Spirit who was given to us.
6 For when we were still without
strength, in due time Christ died for the
ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will
one die; yet perhaps for a good man
someone would even dare to die.
8 But God demonstrates His own love
toward us, in that while we were still
sinners, Christ died for us.
9 Much more then, having now been
justified by His blood, we shall be saved
from wrath through Him.
10 For if when we were enemies we
were reconciled to God through the
death of His Son, much more, having
been reconciled, we shall be saved by
His life.
11 And not only that, but we also rejoice
in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have now received
the reconciliation.
12 Therefore, just as through one
man sin entered the world, and death
through sin, and thus death spread to all
men, because all sinned—

13 (For until the law sin was in the
world, but sin is not imputed when there
is no law.
14 Nevertheless death reigned from
Adam to Moses, even over those who
had not sinned according to the likeness
of the transgression of Adam, who is a
type of Him who was to come.
15 But the free gift is not like the
offense. For if by the one man’s offense
many died, much more the grace of God
and the gift by the grace of the one Man,
Jesus Christ, abounded to many.
16 And the gift is not like that which
came through the one who sinned. For
the judgment which came from one
offense resulted in condemnation, but
the free gift which came from many
offenses resulted in justification.
17 For if by the one man’s offense death
reigned through the one, much more
those who receive abundance of grace

and of the gift of righteousness will reign
in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)
18 Therefore, as through one man's
offense judgment came to all men,
resulting in condemnation, even so
through one Man's righteous act the
free gift came to all men, resulting in
justification of life.
19 For as by one man's disobedience
many were made sinners, so also by one
Man's obedience many will be made
righteous.
20 Moreover the law entered that the
offense might abound. But where sin
abounded, grace abounded much more,
21 so that as sin reigned in death,
even so grace might reign through
righteousness to eternal life through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

6 1 What shall we say then? Shall
we continue in sin that grace may
abound?

2 Certainly not! How shall we who died
to sin live any longer in it?
3 Or do you not know that as many of us
as were baptized into Christ Jesus were
baptized into His death?
4 Therefore we were buried with Him
through baptism into death, that just
as Christ was raised from the dead by
the glory of the Father, even so we also
should walk in newness of life.
5 For if we have been united together
in the likeness of His death, certainly
we also shall be in the likeness of His
resurrection,
6 knowing this, that our old man was
crucified with Him, that the body of
sin might be done away with, that we
should no longer be slaves of sin.
7 For he who has died has been freed
from sin.
8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe
that we shall also live with Him,

9 knowing that Christ, having been
raised from the dead, dies no more.
Death no longer has dominion over Him.
10 For the death that He died, He died
to sin once for all; but the life that He
lives, He lives to God.
11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves
to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to
God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your
mortal body, that you should obey it in
its lusts.
13 And do not present your members as
instruments of unrighteousness to sin,
but present yourselves to God as being
alive from the dead, and your members
as instruments of righteousness to God.
14 For sin shall not have dominion over
you, for you are not under law but under
grace.

15 What then? Shall we sin because
we are not under law but under grace?
Certainly not!
16 Do you not know that to whom you
present yourselves slaves to obey, you
are that one’s slaves whom you obey,
whether of sin leading to death, or of
obedience leading to righteousness?
17 But God be thanked that though you
were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from
the heart that form of doctrine to which
you were delivered.
18 And having been set free from sin,
you became slaves of righteousness.
19 I speak in human terms because of
the weakness of your flesh. For just as
you presented your members as slaves
of uncleanness, and of lawlessness
leading to more lawlessness, so now
present your members as slaves of
righteousness for holiness.

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you
were free in regard to righteousness.
21 What fruit did you have then in the
things of which you are now ashamed?
For the end of those things is death.
22 But now having been set free from
sin, and having become slaves of God,
you have your fruit to holiness, and the
end, everlasting life.
23 For the wages of sin is death, but the
gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus
our Lord.
7 1 Or do you not know, brethren (for
I speak to those who know the law),
that the law has dominion over a man as
long as he lives?
2 For the woman who has a husband is
bound by the law to her husband as long
as he lives. But if the husband dies, she
is released from the law of her husband.
3 So then if, while her husband lives, she
marries another man, she will be called

an adulteress; but if her husband dies,
she is free from that law, so that she is
no adulteress, though she has married
another man.
4 Therefore, my brethren, you also have
become dead to the law through the
body of Christ, that you may be married
to another—to Him who was raised
from the dead, that we should bear fruit
to God.
5 For when we were in the flesh, the
sinful passions which were aroused by
the law were at work in our members to
bear fruit to death.
6 But now we have been delivered from
the law, having died to what we were
held by, so that we should serve in the
newness of the Spirit and not in the
oldness of the letter.
7 What shall we say then? Is the law
sin? Certainly not! On the contrary,
I would not have known sin except

through the law. For I would not have
known covetousness unless the law had
said, "You shall not covet."
8 But sin, taking opportunity by the
commandment, produced in me all
manner of evil desire. For apart from the
law sin was dead.
9 I was alive once without the law, but
when the commandment came, sin
revived and I died.
10 And the commandment, which was
to bring life, I found to bring death.
11 For sin, taking occasion by the
commandment, deceived me, and by it
killed me.
12 Therefore the law is holy, and the
commandment holy and just and good.
13 Has then what is good become death
to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it
might appear sin, was producing death
in me through what is good, so that

sin through the commandment might
become exceedingly sinful.
14 For we know that the law is spiritual,
but I am carnal, sold under sin.
15 For what I am doing, I do not
understand. For what I will to do, that I
do not practice; but what I hate, that I
do.
16 If, then, I do what I will not to do, I
agree with the law that it is good.
17 But now, it is no longer I who do it,
but sin that dwells in me.
18 For I know that in me (that is, in my
flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is
present with me, but how to perform
what is good I do not find.
19 For the good that I will to do, I do not
do; but the evil I will not to do, that I
practice.
20 Now if I do what I will not to do, it is
no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells
in me.

21 I find then a law, that evil is present
with me, the one who wills to do good.
22 For I delight in the law of God
according to the inward man.
23 But I see another law in my members,
warring against the law of my mind, and
bringing me into captivity to the law of
sin which is in my members.
24 O wretched man that I am! Who will
deliver me from this body of death?
25 I thank God—through Jesus Christ
our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself
serve the law of God, but with the flesh
the law of sin.

8 1 There is therefore now no
condemnation to those who are in
Christ Jesus, who do not walk according
to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.
2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ
Jesus has made me free from the law of
sin and death.

3 For what the law could not do in that
it was weak through the flesh, God did
by sending His own Son in the likeness
of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He
condemned sin in the flesh,
4 that the righteous requirement of the
law might be fulfilled in us who do not
walk according to the flesh but according
to the Spirit.
5 For those who live according to the
flesh set their minds on the things of the
flesh, but those who live according to
the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.
6 For to be carnally minded is death, but
to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
7 Because the carnal mind is enmity
against God; for it is not subject to the
law of God, nor indeed can be.
8 So then, those who are in the flesh
cannot please God.
9 But you are not in the flesh but in the
Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells

in you. Now if anyone does not have the
Spirit of Christ, he is not His.
10 And if Christ is in you, the body is
dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life
because of righteousness.
11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised
Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He
who raised Christ from the dead will also
give life to your mortal bodies through
His Spirit who dwells in you.
12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors–
–not to the flesh, to live according to the
flesh.
13 For if you live according to the flesh
you will die; but if by the Spirit you put
to death the deeds of the body, you will
live.
14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of
God, these are sons of God.
15 For you did not receive the spirit of
bondage again to fear, but you received

the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry
out, "Abba, Father."
16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with
our spirit that we are children of God,
17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of
God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed
we suffer with Him, that we may also be
glorified together.
18 For I consider that the sufferings of
this present time are not worthy to be
compared with the glory which shall be
revealed in us.
19 For the earnest expectation of the
creation eagerly waits for the revealing
of the sons of God.
20 For the creation was subjected to
futility, not willingly, but because of Him
who subjected it in hope;
21 because the creation itself also
will be delivered from the bondage of
corruption into the glorious liberty of
the children of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation
groans and labors with birth pangs
together until now.
23 Not only that, but we also who
have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even
we ourselves groan within ourselves,
eagerly waiting for the adoption, the
redemption of our body.
24 For we were saved in this hope, but
hope that is seen is not hope; for why
does one still hope for what he sees?
25 But if we hope for what we do
not see, we eagerly wait for it with
perseverance.
26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our
weaknesses. For we do not know what
we should pray for as we ought, but the
Spirit Himself makes intercession for us
with groanings which cannot be uttered.
27 Now He who searches the hearts
knows what the mind of the Spirit is,

because He makes intercession for the
saints according to the will of God.
28 And we know that all things work
together for good to those who love God,
to those who are the called according to
His purpose.
29 For whom He foreknew, He also
predestined to be conformed to the
image of His Son, that He might be the
firstborn among many brethren.
30 Moreover whom He predestined,
these He also called; whom He called,
these He also justified; and whom He
justified, these He also glorified.
31 What then shall we say to these
things? If God is for us, who can be
against us?
32 He who did not spare His own Son,
but delivered Him up for us all, how shall
He not with Him also freely give us all
things?

33 Who shall bring a charge against
God's elect? It is God who justifies.
34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ
who died, and furthermore is also risen,
who is even at the right hand of God,
who also makes intercession for us.
35 Who shall separate us from the love
of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or
persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or
peril, or sword?
36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are
killed all day long; We are accounted as
sheep for the slaughter."
37 Yet in all these things we are more
than conquerors through Him who loved
us.
38 For I am persuaded that neither death
nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor
powers, nor things present nor things to
come,
39 nor height nor depth, nor any other
created thing, shall be able to separate

us from the love of God which is in Christ
Jesus our Lord.

9 1 I tell the truth in Christ, I am not
lying, my conscience also bearing me
witness in the Holy Spirit,
2 that I have great sorrow and continual
grief in my heart.
3 For I could wish that I myself were
accursed from Christ for my brethren,
my countrymen according to the flesh,
4 who are Israelites, to whom pertain
the adoption, the glory, the covenants,
the giving of the law, the service of God,
and the promises;
5 of whom are the fathers and from
whom, according to the flesh, Christ
came, who is over all, the eternally
blessed God. Amen.
6 But it is not that the word of God has
taken no effect. For they are not all Israel
who are of Israel,

7 nor are they all children because they
are the seed of Abraham; but, "In Isaac
your seed shall be called."
8 That is, those who are the children of
the flesh, these are not the children of
God; but the children of the promise are
counted as the seed.
9 For this is the word of promise: "At
this time I will come and Sarah shall have
a son."
10 And not only this, but when Rebecca
also had conceived by one man, even by
our father Isaac
11 (for the children not yet being born,
nor having done any good or evil, that
the purpose of God according to election
might stand, not of works but of Him
who calls),
12 it was said to her, "The older shall
serve the younger."
13 As it is written, "Jacob I have loved,
but Esau I have hated."

14 What shall we say then? Is there
unrighteousness with God? Certainly
not!
15 For He says to Moses, "I will have
mercy on whomever I will have mercy,
and I will have compassion on whomever
I will have compassion."
16 So then it is not of him who wills, nor
of him who runs, but of God who shows
mercy.
17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh,
"For this very purpose I have raised you
up, that I may show My power in you,
and that My name may be declared in all
the earth."
18 Therefore He has mercy on whom He
wills, and whom He wills He hardens.
19 You will say to me then, "Why does
He still find fault? For who has resisted
His will?"
20 But indeed, O man, who are you to
reply against God? Will the thing formed

say to him who formed it, "Why have
you made me like this?"
21 Does not the potter have power over
the clay, from the same lump to make
one vessel for honor and another for
dishonor?
22 What if God, wanting to show His
wrath and to make His power known,
endured with much longsuffering
the vessels of wrath prepared for
destruction,
23 and that He might make known
the riches of His glory on the vessels
of mercy, which He had prepared
beforehand for glory,
24 even us whom He called, not of the
Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?
25 As He says also in Hosea: "I will call
them My people, who were not My
people, And her beloved, who was not
beloved."

26 "And it shall come to pass in the
place where it was said to them, 'You
are not My people,' There they shall be
called sons of the living God."
27 Isaiah also cries out concerning
Israel: "Though the number of the
children of Israel be as the sand of the
sea, The remnant will be saved.
28 For He will finish the work and cut
it short in righteousness, Because the
LORD will make a short work upon the
earth."
29 And as Isaiah said before: "Unless the
LORD of Sabaoth had left us a seed, We
would have become like Sodom, And we
would have been made like Gomorrah."
30 What shall we say then? That
Gentiles, who did not pursue
righteousness, have attained to
righteousness, even the righteousness
of faith;

31 but Israel, pursuing the law of
righteousness, has not attained to the
law of righteousness.
32 Why? Because they did not seek it by
faith, but as it were, by the works of the
law. For they stumbled at that stumbling
stone.
33 As it is written: "Behold, I lay in Zion
a stumbling stone and rock of offense,
And whoever believes on Him will not be
put to shame."
10 1 Brethren, my heart's desire and
prayer to God for Israel is that
they may be saved.
2 For I bear them witness that they
have a zeal for God, but not according to
knowledge.
3 For they being ignorant of God's
righteousness, and seeking to establish
their own righteousness, have not
submitted to the righteousness of God.

4 For Christ is the end of the law for
righteousness to everyone who believes.
5 For Moses writes about the
righteousness which is of the law, "The
man who does those things shall live by
them."
6 But the righteousness of faith speaks
in this way, "Do not say in your heart,
‘Who will ascend into heaven?’" (that is,
to bring Christ down from above)
7 or, "‘Who will descend into the
abyss?’" (that is, to bring Christ up from
the dead).
8 But what does it say? "The word is
near you, in your mouth and in your
heart" (that is, the word of faith which
we preach):
9 that if you confess with your mouth
the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart
that God has raised Him from the dead,
you will be saved.

10 For with the heart one believes unto
righteousness, and with the mouth
confession is made unto salvation.
11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever
believes on Him will not be put to
shame."
12 For there is no distinction between
Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over
all is rich to all who call upon Him.
13 For "whoever calls on the name of
the LORD shall be saved."
14 How then shall they call on Him in
whom they have not believed? And how
shall they believe in Him of whom they
have not heard? And how shall they hear
without a preacher?
15 And how shall they preach unless
they are sent? As it is written: "How
beautiful are the feet of those who
preach the gospel of peace, Who bring
glad tidings of good things!"

16 But they have not all obeyed the
gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has
believed our report?"
17 So then faith comes by hearing, and
hearing by the word of God.
18 But I say, have they not heard? Yes
indeed: "Their sound has gone out to all
the earth, And their words to the ends
of the world."
19 But I say, did Israel not know? First
Moses says: "I will provoke you to
jealousy by those who are not a nation,
I will move you to anger by a foolish
nation."
20 But Isaiah is very bold and says: "I
was found by those who did not seek
Me; I was made manifest to those who
did not ask for Me."
21 But to Israel he says: "All day long
I have stretched out My hands To a
disobedient and contrary people."

11 [1] I say then, has God cast away His
people? Certainly not! For I also
am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham,
of the tribe of Benjamin.
[2] God has not cast away His people
whom He foreknew. Or do you not know
what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he
pleads with God against Israel, saying,
[3] "LORD, they have killed Your prophets
and torn down Your altars, and I alone
am left, and they seek my life"?
[4] But what does the divine response
say to him? "I have reserved for Myself
seven thousand men who have not
bowed the knee to Baal."
[5] Even so then, at this present time
there is a remnant according to the
election of grace.
[6] And if by grace, then it is no longer
of works; otherwise grace is no longer
grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer
grace; otherwise work is no longer work.

7 What then? Israel has not obtained
what it seeks; but the elect have
obtained it, and the rest were blinded.
8 Just as it is written: "God has given
them a spirit of stupor, Eyes that they
should not see And ears that they should
not hear, To this very day."
9 And David says: "Let their table
become a snare and a trap, A stumbling
block and a recompense to them.
10 Let their eyes be darkened, so that
they do not see, and bow down their
back always."
11 I say then, have they stumbled that
they should fall? Certainly not! But
through their fall, to provoke them
to jealousy, salvation has come to the
Gentiles.
12 Now if their fall is riches for the
world, and their failure riches for the
Gentiles, how much more their fullness!

13 For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch
as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I
magnify my ministry,
14 if by any means I may provoke to
jealousy those who are my flesh and
save some of them.
15 For if their being cast away is the
reconciling of the world, what will their
acceptance be but life from the dead?
16 For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is
also holy; and if the root is holy, so are
the branches.
17 And if some of the branches were
broken off, and you, being a wild olive
tree, were grafted in among them, and
with them became a partaker of the root
and fatness of the olive tree,
18 do not boast against the branches.
But if you do boast, remember that you
do not support the root, but the root
supports you.

19 You will say then, "Branches were
broken off that I might be grafted in."
20 Well said. Because of unbelief they
were broken off, and you stand by faith.
Do not be haughty, but fear.
21 For if God did not spare the natural
branches, He may not spare you either.
22 Therefore consider the goodness
and severity of God: on those who fell,
severity; but toward you, goodness, if
you continue in His goodness. Otherwise
you also will be cut off.
23 And they also, if they do not continue
in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is
able to graft them in again.
24 For if you were cut out of the
olive tree which is wild by nature, and
were grafted contrary to nature into a
cultivated olive tree, how much more
will these, who are natural branches, be
grafted into their own olive tree?

25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you
should be ignorant of this mystery, lest
you should be wise in your own opinion,
that blindness in part has happened to
Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles
has come in.
26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is
written: "The Deliverer will come out of
Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness
from Jacob;
27 For this is My covenant with them,
When I take away their sins."
28 Concerning the gospel they are
enemies for your sake, but concerning
the election they are beloved for the
sake of the fathers.
29 For the gifts and the calling of God
are irrevocable.
30 For as you were once disobedient
to God, yet have now obtained mercy
through their disobedience,

31 even so these also have now been
disobedient, that through the mercy
shown you they also may obtain mercy.
32 For God has committed them all to
disobedience, that He might have mercy
on all.
33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of
the wisdom and knowledge of God! How
unsearchable are His judgments and His
ways past finding out!
34 "For who has known the mind of
the LORD? Or who has become His
counselor?"
35 "Or who has first given to Him And it
shall be repaid to him?"
36 For of Him and through Him and to
Him are all things, to whom be glory
forever. Amen.

12 1 I beseech you therefore,
brethren, by the mercies of God,
that you present your bodies a living

sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which
is your reasonable service.
2 And do not be conformed to this
world, but be transformed by the
renewing of your mind, that you may
prove what is that good and acceptable
and perfect will of God.
3 For I say, through the grace given to
me, to everyone who is among you, not
to think of himself more highly than he
ought to think, but to think soberly, as
God has dealt to each one a measure of
faith.
4 For as we have many members in one
body, but all the members do not have
the same function,
5 so we, being many, are one body in
Christ, and individually members of one
another.
6 Having then gifts differing according
to the grace that is given to us, let us

use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;
7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching;
8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.
9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.
10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;
11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;
12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;
13 distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.
14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and
weep with those who weep.
16 Be of the same mind toward one
another. Do not set your mind on high
things, but associate with the humble.
Do not be wise in your own opinion.
17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have
regard for good things in the sight of all
men.
18 If it is possible, as much as depends
on you, live peaceably with all men.
19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves,
but rather give place to wrath; for it
is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will
repay," says the Lord.
20 Therefore "If your enemy is hungry,
feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink;
For in so doing you will heap coals of fire
on his head."
21 Do not be overcome by evil, but
overcome evil with good.

13 1 Let every soul be subject to the
governing authorities. For there
is no authority except from God, and the
authorities that exist are appointed by
God.
2 Therefore whoever resists the
authority resists the ordinance of God,
and those who resist will bring judgment
on themselves.
3 For rulers are not a terror to good
works, but to evil. Do you want to be
unafraid of the authority? Do what is
good, and you will have praise from the
same.
4 For he is God's minister to you for
good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he
does not bear the sword in vain; for he
is God's minister, an avenger to execute
wrath on him who practices evil.
5 Therefore you must be subject, not
only because of wrath but also for
conscience' sake.

6 For because of this you also pay taxes,
for they are God’s ministers attending
continually to this very thing.
7 Render therefore to all their due:
taxes to whom taxes are due, customs
to whom customs, fear to whom fear,
honor to whom honor.
8 Owe no one anything except to love
one another, for he who loves another
has fulfilled the law.
9 For the commandments, "You shall
not commit adultery," "You shall not
murder," "You shall not steal," "You
shall not bear false witness," "You shall
not covet," and if there is any other
commandment, are all summed up in
this saying, namely, "You shall love your
neighbor as yourself."
10 Love does no harm to a neighbor;
therefore love is the fulfillment of the
law.

11 And do this, knowing the time, that
now it is high time to awake out of sleep;
for now our salvation is nearer than
when we first believed.
12 The night is far spent, the day is at
hand. Therefore let us cast off the works
of darkness, and let us put on the armor
of light.
13 Let us walk properly, as in the day,
not in revelry and drunkenness, not in
lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.
14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and
make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill
its lusts.

14

1 Receive one who is weak in the
faith, but not to disputes over
doubtful things.
2 For one believes he may eat all things,
but he who is weak eats only vegetables.
3 Let not him who eats despise him who
does not eat, and let not him who does

not eat judge him who eats; for God has
received him.
4 Who are you to judge another's
servant? To his own master he stands or
falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand,
for God is able to make him stand.
5 One person esteems one day above
another; another esteems every day
alike. Let each be fully convinced in his
own mind.
6 He who observes the day, observes
it to the Lord; and he who does not
observe the day, to the Lord he does
not observe it. He who eats, eats to the
Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he
who does not eat, to the Lord he does
not eat, and gives God thanks.
7 For none of us lives to himself, and no
one dies to himself.
8 For if we live, we live to the Lord; and
if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore,
whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

9 For to this end Christ died and rose
and lived again, that He might be Lord of
both the dead and the living.
10 But why do you judge your brother?
Or why do you show contempt for your
brother? For we shall all stand before
the judgment seat of Christ.
11 For it is written: "As I live, says the
LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And
every tongue shall confess to God."
12 So then each of us shall give account
of himself to God.
13 Therefore let us not judge one
another anymore, but rather resolve
this, not to put a stumbling block or a
cause to fall in our brother’s way.
14 I know and am convinced by the Lord
Jesus that there is nothing unclean of
itself; but to him who considers anything
to be unclean, to him it is unclean.
15 Yet if your brother is grieved because
of your food, you are no longer walking

in love. Do not destroy with your food
the one for whom Christ died.
16 Therefore do not let your good be
spoken of as evil;
17 for the kingdom of God is not eating
and drinking, but righteousness and
peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
18 For he who serves Christ in these
things is acceptable to God and approved
by men.
19 Therefore let us pursue the things
which make for peace and the things by
which one may edify another.
20 Do not destroy the work of God for
the sake of food. All things indeed are
pure, but it is evil for the man who eats
with offense.
21 It is good neither to eat meat nor
drink wine nor do anything by which
your brother stumbles or is offended or
is made weak.

22 Do you have faith? Have it to yourself
before God. Happy is he who does not
condemn himself in what he approves.
23 But he who doubts is condemned if
he eats, because he does not eat from
faith; for whatever is not from faith is
sin.

15 1 We then who are strong ought
to bear with the scruples of the
weak, and not to please ourselves.
2 Let each of us please his neighbor for
his good, leading to edification.
3 For even Christ did not please Himself;
but as it is written, "The reproaches of
those who reproached You fell on Me."
4 For whatever things were written
before were written for our learning,
that we through the patience and
comfort of the Scriptures might have
hope.
5 Now may the God of patience and
comfort grant you to be like–minded

toward one another, according to Christ
Jesus,
6 that you may with one mind and one
mouth glorify the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ.
7 Therefore receive one another, just as
Christ also received us, to the glory of
God.
8 Now I say that Jesus Christ has
become a servant to the circumcision
for the truth of God, to confirm the
promises made to the fathers,
9 and that the Gentiles might glorify
God for His mercy, as it is written: "For
this reason I will confess to You among
the Gentiles, And sing to Your name."
10 And again he says: "Rejoice, O
Gentiles, with His people!"
11 And again: "Praise the LORD, all you
Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!"
12 And again, Isaiah says: "There shall
be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise

to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the
Gentiles shall hope."
13 Now may the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace in believing, that
you may abound in hope by the power
of the Holy Spirit.
14 Now I myself am confident
concerning you, my brethren, that you
also are full of goodness, filled with all
knowledge, able also to admonish one
another.
15 Nevertheless, brethren, I have
written more boldly to you on some
points, as reminding you, because of the
grace given to me by God,
16 that I might be a minister of Jesus
Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the
gospel of God, that the offering of the
Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified
by the Holy Spirit.

17 Therefore I have reason to glory in
Christ Jesus in the things which pertain
to God.
18 For I will not dare to speak of any
of those things which Christ has not
accomplished through me, in word and
deed, to make the Gentiles obedient—
19 in mighty signs and wonders, by the
power of the Spirit of God, so that from
Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I
have fully preached the gospel of Christ.
20 And so I have made it my aim to
preach the gospel, not where Christ was
named, lest I should build on another
man's foundation,
21 but as it is written: "To whom He
was not announced, they shall see;
And those who have not heard shall
understand."
22 For this reason I also have been much
hindered from coming to you.

23 But now no longer having a place in
these parts, and having a great desire
these many years to come to you,
24 whenever I journey to Spain, I shall
come to you. For I hope to see you on
my journey, and to be helped on my way
there by you, if first I may enjoy your
company for a while.
25 But now I am going to Jerusalem to
minister to the saints.
26 For it pleased those from Macedonia
and Achaia to make a certain
contribution for the poor among
the saints who are in Jerusalem.
27 It pleased them indeed, and they are
their debtors. For if the Gentiles have
been partakers of their spiritual things,
their duty is also to minister to them in
material things.
28 Therefore, when I have performed
this and have sealed to them this fruit, I
shall go by way of you to Spain.

29 But I know that when I come to you, I
shall come in the fullness of the blessing
of the gospel of Christ.
30 Now I beg you, brethren, through the
Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love
of the Spirit, that you strive together
with me in prayers to God for me,
31 that I may be delivered from those in
Judea who do not believe, and that my
service for Jerusalem may be acceptable
to the saints,
32 that I may come to you with joy by
the will of God, and may be refreshed
together with you.
33 Now the God of peace be with you
all. Amen.

16 1 I commend to you Phoebe our
sister, who is a servant of the
church in Cenchrea,
2 that you may receive her in the Lord
in a manner worthy of the saints, and
assist her in whatever business she has

need of you; for indeed she has been a
helper of many and of myself also.
3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow
workers in Christ Jesus,
4 who risked their own necks for my life,
to whom not only I give thanks, but also
all the churches of the Gentiles.
5 Likewise greet the church that is
in their house. Greet my beloved
Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of
Achaia to Christ.
6 Greet Mary, who labored much for us.
7 Greet Andronicus and Junia, my
countrymen and my fellow prisoners,
who are of note among the apostles,
who also were in Christ before me.
8 Greet Amplias, my beloved in the
Lord.
9 Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in
Christ, and Stachys, my beloved.

10 Greet Apelles, approved in Christ.
Greet those who are of the household of
Aristobulus.
11 Greet Herodion, my countryman.
Greet those who are of the household of
Narcissus who are in the Lord.
12 Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, who
have labored in the Lord. Greet the
beloved Persis, who labored much in the
Lord.
13 Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and
his mother and mine.
14 Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas,
Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren who
are with them.
15 Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus
and his sister, and Olympas, and all the
saints who are with them.
16 Greet one another with a holy kiss.
The churches of Christ greet you.
17 Now I urge you, brethren, note
those who cause divisions and offenses,

contrary to the doctrine which you
learned, and avoid them.
18 For those who are such do not serve
our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly,
and by smooth words and flattering
speech deceive the hearts of the simple.
19 For your obedience has become
known to all. Therefore I am glad on your
behalf; but I want you to be wise in what
is good, and simple concerning evil.
20 And the God of peace will crush
Satan under your feet shortly. The grace
of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
Amen.
21 Timothy, my fellow worker, and
Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my
countrymen, greet you.
22 I, Tertius, who wrote this epistle,
greet you in the Lord.
23 Gaius, my host and the host of the
whole church, greets you. Erastus, the

treasurer of the city, greets you, and
Quartus, a brother.
24 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be
with you all. Amen.
25 Now to Him who is able to establish
you according to my gospel and the
preaching of Jesus Christ, according to
the revelation of the mystery kept secret
since the world began
26 but now made manifest, and by the
prophetic Scriptures made known to all
nations, according to the commandment
of the everlasting God, for obedience to
the faith—
27 to God, alone wise, be glory through
Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

1 Corinthians

1 [1] Paul, called to be an apostle of
Jesus Christ through the will of God,
and Sosthenes our brother,
[2] To the church of God which is at
Corinth, to those who are sanctified in
Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all
who in every place call on the name of
Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and
ours:
[3] Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
[4] I thank my God always concerning you
for the grace of God which was given to
you by Christ Jesus,
[5] that you were enriched in everything
by Him in all utterance and all knowledge,
[6] even as the testimony of Christ was
confirmed in you,

7 so that you come short in no gift,
eagerly waiting for the revelation of our
Lord Jesus Christ,
8 who will also confirm you to the end,
that you may be blameless in the day of
our Lord Jesus Christ.
9 God is faithful, by whom you were
called into the fellowship of His Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
10 Now I plead with you, brethren, by
the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that
you all speak the same thing, and that
there be no divisions among you, but
that you be perfectly joined together
in the same mind and in the same
judgment.
11 For it has been declared to me
concerning you, my brethren, by those
of Chloe’s household, that there are
contentions among you.

12 Now I say this, that each of you says,
"I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I
am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ."
13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified
for you? Or were you baptized in the
name of Paul?
14 I thank God that I baptized none of
you except Crispus and Gaius,
15 lest anyone should say that I had
baptized in my own name.
16 Yes, I also baptized the household
of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know
whether I baptized any other.
17 For Christ did not send me to baptize,
but to preach the gospel, not with
wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ
should be made of no effect.
18 For the message of the cross is
foolishness to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the
power of God.

19 For it is written: "I will destroy the
wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing
the understanding of the prudent."
20 Where is the wise? Where is the
scribe? Where is the disputer of this
age? Has not God made foolish the
wisdom of this world?
21 For since, in the wisdom of God,
the world through wisdom did not
know God, it pleased God through the
foolishness of the message preached to
save those who believe.
22 For Jews request a sign, and Greeks
seek after wisdom;
23 but we preach Christ crucified, to
the Jews a stumbling block and to the
Greeks foolishness,
24 but to those who are called, both
Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of
God and the wisdom of God.

25 Because the foolishness of God is
wiser than men, and the weakness of
God is stronger than men.
26 For you see your calling, brethren,
that not many wise according to the
flesh, not many mighty, not many noble,
are called.
27 But God has chosen the foolish things
of the world to put to shame the wise,
and God has chosen the weak things of
the world to put to shame the things
which are mighty;
28 and the base things of the world and
the things which are despised God has
chosen, and the things which are not, to
bring to nothing the things that are,
29 that no flesh should glory in His
presence.
30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus,
who became for us wisdom from God—
and righteousness and sanctification and
redemption—

31 that, as it is written, "He who glories,
let him glory in the LORD."

2 1 And I, brethren, when I came to
you, did not come with excellence
of speech or of wisdom declaring to you
the testimony of God.
2 For I determined not to know anything
among you except Jesus Christ and Him
crucified.
3 I was with you in weakness, in fear,
and in much trembling.
4 And my speech and my preaching
were not with persuasive words of
human wisdom, but in demonstration of
the Spirit and of power,
5 that your faith should not be in the
wisdom of men but in the power of God.
6 However, we speak wisdom among
those who are mature, yet not the
wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of
this age, who are coming to nothing.

7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a
mystery, the hidden wisdom which God
ordained before the ages for our glory,
8 which none of the rulers of this age
knew; for had they known, they would
not have crucified the Lord of glory.
9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen,
nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the
heart of man The things which God has
prepared for those who love Him."
10 But God has revealed them to us
through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches
all things, yes, the deep things of God.
11 For what man knows the things of a
man except the spirit of the man which
is in him? Even so no one knows the
things of God except the Spirit of God.
12 Now we have received, not the spirit
of the world, but the Spirit who is from
God, that we might know the things that
have been freely given to us by God.

13 These things we also speak, not in
words which man’s wisdom teaches but
which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing
spiritual things with spiritual.
14 But the natural man does not receive
the things of the Spirit of God, for
they are foolishness to him; nor can he
know them, because they are spiritually
discerned.
15 But he who is spiritual judges all
things, yet he himself is rightly judged by
no one.
16 For "who has known the mind of the
LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we
have the mind of Christ.

3 1 And I, brethren, could not speak to
you as to spiritual people but as to
carnal, as to babes in Christ.
2 I fed you with milk and not with solid
food; for until now you were not able to
receive it, and even now you are still not
able;

3 for you are still carnal. For where there
are envy, strife, and divisions among
you, are you not carnal and behaving like
mere men?
4 For when one says, "I am of Paul," and
another, "I am of Apollos," are you not
carnal?
5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos,
but ministers through whom you
believed, as the Lord gave to each one?
6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God
gave the increase.
7 So then neither he who plants is
anything, nor he who waters, but God
who gives the increase.
8 Now he who plants and he who waters
are one, and each one will receive his
own reward according to his own labor.
9 For we are God’s fellow workers; you
are God’s field, you are God’s building.
10 According to the grace of God which
was given to me, as a wise master

builder I have laid the foundation, and
another builds on it. But let each one
take heed how he builds on it.
11 For no other foundation can anyone
lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus
Christ.
12 Now if anyone builds on this
foundation with gold, silver, precious
stones, wood, hay, straw,
13 each one's work will become clear;
for the Day will declare it, because it will
be revealed by fire; and the fire will test
each one's work, of what sort it is.
14 If anyone's work which he has built
on it endures, he will receive a reward.
15 If anyone's work is burned, he will
suffer loss; but he himself will be saved,
yet so as through fire.
16 Do you not know that you are the
temple of God and that the Spirit of God
dwells in you?

17 If anyone defiles the temple of God,
God will destroy him. For the temple of
God is holy, which temple you are.
18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone
among you seems to be wise in this
age, let him become a fool that he may
become wise.
19 For the wisdom of this world is
foolishness with God. For it is written,
"He catches the wise in their own
craftiness";
20 and again, "The LORD knows the
thoughts of the wise, that they are
futile."
21 Therefore let no one boast in men.
For all things are yours:
22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas,
or the world or life or death, or things
present or things to come—all are yours.
23 And you are Christ’s, and Christ is
God’s.

4 [1] Let a man so consider us, as
servants of Christ and stewards of
the mysteries of God.
[2] Moreover it is required in stewards
that one be found faithful.
[3] But with me it is a very small thing
that I should be judged by you or by a
human court. In fact, I do not even judge
myself.
[4] For I know nothing against myself, yet
I am not justified by this; but He who
judges me is the Lord.
[5] Therefore judge nothing before the
time, until the Lord comes, who will
both bring to light the hidden things of
darkness and reveal the counsels of the
hearts. Then each one's praise will come
from God.
[6] Now these things, brethren, I have
figuratively transferred to myself and
Apollos for your sakes, that you may
learn in us not to think beyond what is

written, that none of you may be puffed
up on behalf of one against the other.
7 For who makes you differ from
another? And what do you have that you
did not receive? Now if you did indeed
receive it, why do you boast as if you had
not received it?
8 You are already full! You are already
rich! You have reigned as kings without
us—and indeed I could wish you did
reign, that we also might reign with you!
9 For I think that God has displayed us,
the apostles, last, as men condemned
to death; for we have been made a
spectacle to the world, both to angels
and to men.
10 We are fools for Christ's sake, but you
are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you
are strong! You are distinguished, but we
are dishonored!

11 To the present hour we both hunger
and thirst, and we are poorly clothed,
and beaten, and homeless.
12 And we labor, working with our own
hands. Being reviled, we bless; being
persecuted, we endure;
13 being defamed, we entreat. We have
been made as the filth of the world, the
offscouring of all things until now.
14 I do not write these things to shame
you, but as my beloved children I warn
you.
15 For though you might have ten
thousand instructors in Christ, yet you
do not have many fathers; for in Christ
Jesus I have begotten you through the
gospel.
16 Therefore I urge you, imitate me.
17 For this reason I have sent Timothy
to you, who is my beloved and faithful
son in the Lord, who will remind you of

my ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere
in every church.
18 Now some are puffed up, as though I
were not coming to you.
19 But I will come to you shortly, if the
Lord wills, and I will know, not the word
of those who are puffed up, but the
power.
20 For the kingdom of God is not in
word but in power.
21 What do you want? Shall I come to
you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of
gentleness?

5 1 It is actually reported that there is
sexual immorality among you, and
such sexual immorality as is not even
named among the Gentiles—that a man
has his father's wife!
2 And you are puffed up, and have not
rather mourned, that he who has done
this deed might be taken away from
among you.

3 For I indeed, as absent in body but
present in spirit, have already judged (as
though I were present) him who has so
done this deed.
4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
when you are gathered together, along
with my spirit, with the power of our
Lord Jesus Christ,
5 deliver such a one to Satan for the
destruction of the flesh, that his spirit
may be saved in the day of the Lord
Jesus.
6 Your glorying is not good. Do you not
know that a little leaven leavens the
whole lump?
7 Therefore purge out the old leaven,
that you may be a new lump, since you
truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ,
our Passover, was sacrificed for us.
8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not
with old leaven, nor with the leaven of

malice and wickedness, but with the
unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
9 I wrote to you in my epistle not to
keep company with sexually immoral
people.
10 Yet I certainly did not mean with the
sexually immoral people of this world,
or with the covetous, or extortioners, or
idolaters, since then you would need to
go out of the world.
11 But now I have written to you not
to keep company with anyone named
a brother, who is sexually immoral, or
covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or
a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even
to eat with such a person.
12 For what have I to do with judging
those also who are outside? Do you not
judge those who are inside?
13 But those who are outside God
judges. Therefore "put away from
yourselves the evil person."

6 1 Dare any of you, having a matter
against another, go to law before the
unrighteous, and not before the saints?
2 Do you not know that the saints will
judge the world? And if the world will
be judged by you, are you unworthy to
judge the smallest matters?
3 Do you not know that we shall judge
angels? How much more, things that
pertain to this life?
4 If then you have judgments concerning
things pertaining to this life, do you
appoint those who are least esteemed
by the church to judge?
5 I say this to your shame. Is it so, that
there is not a wise man among you,
not even one, who will be able to judge
between his brethren?
6 But brother goes to law against
brother, and that before unbelievers!
7 Now therefore, it is already an utter
failure for you that you go to law against

one another. Why do you not rather
accept wrong? Why do you not rather
let yourselves be cheated?
8 No, you yourselves do wrong and
cheat, and you do these things to your
brethren!
9 Do you not know that the unrighteous
will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do
not be deceived. Neither fornicators,
nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor
homosexuals, nor sodomites,
10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor
drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners
will inherit the kingdom of God.
11 And such were some of you. But you
were washed, but you were sanctified,
but you were justified in the name of the
Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.
12 All things are lawful for me, but all
things are not helpful. All things are
lawful for me, but I will not be brought
under the power of any.

13 Foods for the stomach and the
stomach for foods, but God will destroy
both it and them. Now the body is not
for sexual immorality but for the Lord,
and the Lord for the body.
14 And God both raised up the Lord and
will also raise us up by His power.
15 Do you not know that your bodies
are members of Christ? Shall I then take
the members of Christ and make them
members of a harlot? Certainly not!
16 Or do you not know that he who is
joined to a harlot is one body with her?
For "the two," He says, "shall become
one flesh."
17 But he who is joined to the Lord is
one spirit with Him.
18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that
a man does is outside the body, but he
who commits sexual immorality sins
against his own body.

19 Or do you not know that your body
is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in
you, whom you have from God, and you
are not your own?
20 For you were bought at a price;
therefore glorify God in your body and in
your spirit, which are God's.

7 1 Now concerning the things of
which you wrote to me: It is good for
a man not to touch a woman.
2 Nevertheless, because of sexual
immorality, let each man have his own
wife, and let each woman have her own
husband.
3 Let the husband render to his wife the
affection due her, and likewise also the
wife to her husband.
4 The wife does not have authority over
her own body, but the husband does.
And likewise the husband does not have
authority over his own body, but the
wife does.

5 Do not deprive one another except
with consent for a time, that you may
give yourselves to fasting and prayer;
and come together again so that Satan
does not tempt you because of your lack
of self–control.
6 But I say this as a concession, not as a
commandment.
7 For I wish that all men were even
as I myself. But each one has his own
gift from God, one in this manner and
another in that.
8 But I say to the unmarried and to
the widows: It is good for them if they
remain even as I am;
9 but if they cannot exercise self–
control, let them marry. For it is better
to marry than to burn with passion.
10 Now to the married I command, yet
not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart
from her husband.

11 But even if she does depart, let her
remain unmarried or be reconciled to
her husband. And a husband is not to
divorce his wife.
12 But to the rest I, not the Lord, say:
If any brother has a wife who does not
believe, and she is willing to live with
him, let him not divorce her.
13 And a woman who has a husband
who does not believe, if he is willing to
live with her, let her not divorce him.
14 For the unbelieving husband
is sanctified by the wife, and the
unbelieving wife is sanctified by the
husband; otherwise your children would
be unclean, but now they are holy.
15 But if the unbeliever departs, let him
depart; a brother or a sister is not under
bondage in such cases. But God has
called us to peace.
16 For how do you know, O wife,
whether you will save your husband? Or

how do you know, O husband, whether
you will save your wife?
17 But as God has distributed to each
one, as the Lord has called each one, so
let him walk. And so I ordain in all the
churches.
18 Was anyone called while
circumcised? Let him not become
uncircumcised. Was anyone called
while uncircumcised? Let him not be
circumcised.
19 Circumcision is nothing and
uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping
the commandments of God is what
matters.
20 Let each one remain in the same
calling in which he was called.
21 Were you called while a slave? Do
not be concerned about it; but if you can
be made free, rather use it.
22 For he who is called in the Lord while
a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise

he who is called while free is Christ's
slave.
23 You were bought at a price; do not
become slaves of men.
24 Brethren, let each one remain with
God in that state in which he was called.
25 Now concerning virgins: I have no
commandment from the Lord; yet I give
judgment as one whom the Lord in His
mercy has made trustworthy.
26 I suppose therefore that this is good
because of the present distress—that it
is good for a man to remain as he is:
27 Are you bound to a wife? Do not
seek to be loosed. Are you loosed from a
wife? Do not seek a wife.
28 But even if you do marry, you have
not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she
has not sinned. Nevertheless such will
have trouble in the flesh, but I would
spare you.

29 But this I say, brethren, the time is
short, so that from now on even those
who have wives should be as though
they had none,
30 those who weep as though they did
not weep, those who rejoice as though
they did not rejoice, those who buy as
though they did not possess,
31 and those who use this world as not
misusing it. For the form of this world is
passing away.
32 But I want you to be without care. He
who is unmarried cares for the things of
the Lord—how he may please the Lord.
33 But he who is married cares about
the things of the world—how he may
please his wife.
34 There is a difference between a wife
and a virgin. The unmarried woman
cares about the things of the Lord, that
she may be holy both in body and in
spirit. But she who is married cares

about the things of the world—how she
may please her husband.
35 And this I say for your own profit, not
that I may put a leash on you, but for
what is proper, and that you may serve
the Lord without distraction.
36 But if any man thinks he is behaving
improperly toward his virgin, if she is
past the flower of youth, and thus it
must be, let him do what he wishes. He
does not sin; let them marry.
37 Nevertheless he who stands steadfast
in his heart, having no necessity, but
has power over his own will, and has so
determined in his heart that he will keep
his virgin, does well.
38 So then he who gives her in marriage
does well, but he who does not give her
in marriage does better.
39 A wife is bound by law as long as her
husband lives; but if her husband dies,

she is at liberty to be married to whom
she wishes, only in the Lord.
40 But she is happier if she remains as
she is, according to my judgment—and I
think I also have the Spirit of God.

8 1 Now concerning things offered
to idols: We know that we all have
knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but
love edifies.
2 And if anyone thinks that he knows
anything, he knows nothing yet as he
ought to know.
3 But if anyone loves God, this one is
known by Him.
4 Therefore concerning the eating of
things offered to idols, we know that an
idol is nothing in the world, and that
there is no other God but one.
5 For even if there are so–called gods,
whether in heaven or on earth (as there
are many gods and many lords),

6 yet for us there is one God, the Father,
of whom are all things, and we for
Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through
whom are all things, and through whom
we live.
7 However, there is not in everyone
that knowledge; for some, with
consciousness of the idol, until now eat
it as a thing offered to an idol; and their
conscience, being weak, is defiled.
8 But food does not commend us to
God; for neither if we eat are we the
better, nor if we do not eat are we the
worse.
9 But beware lest somehow this liberty
of yours become a stumbling block to
those who are weak.
10 For if anyone sees you who have
knowledge eating in an idol's temple,
will not the conscience of him who is
weak be emboldened to eat those things
offered to idols?

11 And because of your knowledge
shall the weak brother perish, for whom
Christ died?
12 But when you thus sin against
the brethren, and wound their weak
conscience, you sin against Christ.
13 Therefore, if food makes my brother
stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest
I make my brother stumble.

9 1 Am I not an apostle? Am I not free?
Have I not seen Jesus Christ our
Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord?
2 If I am not an apostle to others, yet
doubtless I am to you. For you are the
seal of my apostleship in the Lord.
3 My defense to those who examine me
is this:
4 Do we have no right to eat and drink?
5 Do we have no right to take along
a believing wife, as do also the other
apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and
Cephas?

6 Or is it only Barnabas and I who have
no right to refrain from working?
7 Who ever goes to war at his own
expense? Who plants a vineyard and
does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a
flock and does not drink of the milk of
the flock?
8 Do I say these things as a mere man?
Or does not the law say the same also?
9 For it is written in the law of Moses,
"You shall not muzzle an ox while it
treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is
concerned about?
10 Or does He say it altogether for our
sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is
written, that he who plows should plow
in hope, and he who threshes in hope
should be partaker of his hope.
11 If we have sown spiritual things for
you, is it a great thing if we reap your
material things?

12 If others are partakers of this right
over you, are we not even more?
Nevertheless we have not used this
right, but endure all things lest we hinder
the gospel of Christ.
13 Do you not know that those who
minister the holy things eat of the things
of the temple, and those who serve at
the altar partake of the offerings of the
altar?
14 Even so the Lord has commanded
that those who preach the gospel should
live from the gospel.
15 But I have used none of these things,
nor have I written these things that it
should be done so to me; for it would be
better for me to die than that anyone
should make my boasting void.
16 For if I preach the gospel, I have
nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid
upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not
preach the gospel!

17 For if I do this willingly, I have a
reward; but if against my will, I have
been entrusted with a stewardship.
18 What is my reward then? That when
I preach the gospel, I may present the
gospel of Christ without charge, that
I may not abuse my authority in the
gospel.
19 For though I am free from all men, I
have made myself a servant to all, that I
might win the more;
20 and to the Jews I became as a Jew,
that I might win Jews; to those who are
under the law, as under the law, that I
might win those who are under the law;
21 to those who are without law, as
without law (not being without law
toward God, but under law toward
Christ), that I might win those who are
without law;
22 to the weak I became as weak, that
I might win the weak. I have become

all things to all men, that I might by all
means save some.
23 Now this I do for the gospel's sake,
that I may be partaker of it with you.
24 Do you not know that those who run
in a race all run, but one receives the
prize? Run in such a way that you may
obtain it.
25 And everyone who competes for the
prize is temperate in all things. Now they
do it to obtain a perishable crown, but
we for an imperishable crown.
26 Therefore I run thus: not with
uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who
beats the air.
27 But I discipline my body and bring
it into subjection, lest, when I have
preached to others, I myself should
become disqualified.

10 1 Moreover, brethren, I do not
want you to be unaware that all

our fathers were under the cloud, all
passed through the sea,
2 all were baptized into Moses in the
cloud and in the sea,
3 all ate the same spiritual food,
4 and all drank the same spiritual drink.
For they drank of that spiritual Rock that
followed them, and that Rock was Christ.
5 But with most of them God was not
well pleased, for their bodies were
scattered in the wilderness.
6 Now these things became our
examples, to the intent that we should
not lust after evil things as they also
lusted.
7 And do not become idolaters as were
some of them. As it is written, "The
people sat down to eat and drink, and
rose up to play."
8 Nor let us commit sexual immorality,
as some of them did, and in one day
twenty–three thousand fell;

9 nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents;

10 nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

15 I speak as to wise men; judge for
yourselves what I say.
16 The cup of blessing which we bless,
is it not the communion of the blood
of Christ? The bread which we break,
is it not the communion of the body of
Christ?
17 For we, though many, are one bread
and one body; for we all partake of that
one bread.
18 Observe Israel after the flesh: Are not
those who eat of the sacrifices partakers
of the altar?
19 What am I saying then? That an idol
is anything, or what is offered to idols is
anything?
20 Rather, that the things which the
Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to
demons and not to God, and I do
not want you to have fellowship with
demons.

21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord
and the cup of demons; you cannot
partake of the Lord's table and of the
table of demons.
22 Or do we provoke the Lord to
jealousy? Are we stronger than He?
23 All things are lawful for me, but not
all things are helpful; all things are lawful
for me, but not all things edify.
24 Let no one seek his own, but each
one the other's well–being.
25 Eat whatever is sold in the meat
market, asking no questions for
conscience' sake;
26 for "the earth is the LORD'S, and all
its fullness."
27 If any of those who do not believe
invites you to dinner, and you desire
to go, eat whatever is set before you,
asking no question for conscience' sake.
28 But if anyone says to you, "This was
offered to idols," do not eat it for the

sake of the one who told you, and for
conscience’ sake; for "the earth is the
LORD’S, and all its fullness."
29 "Conscience, " I say, not your
own, but that of the other. For why is
my liberty judged by another man’s
conscience?
30 But if I partake with thanks, why am I
evil spoken of for the food over which I
give thanks?
31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink,
or whatever you do, do all to the glory of
God.
32 Give no offense, either to the Jews or
to the Greeks or to the church of God,
33 just as I also please all men in all
things, not seeking my own profit, but
the profit of many, that they may be
saved.

11 1 Imitate me, just as I also imitate
Christ.

2 Now I praise you, brethren, that you
remember me in all things and keep the
traditions just as I delivered them to you.
3 But I want you to know that the head
of every man is Christ, the head of
woman is man, and the head of Christ is
God.
4 Every man praying or prophesying,
having his head covered, dishonors his
head.
5 But every woman who prays or
prophesies with her head uncovered
dishonors her head, for that is one and
the same as if her head were shaved.
6 For if a woman is not covered, let her
also be shorn. But if it is shameful for a
woman to be shorn or shaved, let her be
covered.
7 For a man indeed ought not to cover
his head, since he is the image and glory
of God; but woman is the glory of man.

8 For man is not from woman, but
woman from man.
9 Nor was man created for the woman,
but woman for the man.
10 For this reason the woman ought to
have a symbol of authority on her head,
because of the angels.
11 Nevertheless, neither is man
independent of woman, nor woman
independent of man, in the Lord.
12 For as woman came from man, even
so man also comes through woman; but
all things are from God.
13 Judge among yourselves. Is it proper
for a woman to pray to God with her
head uncovered?
14 Does not even nature itself teach
you that if a man has long hair, it is a
dishonor to him?
15 But if a woman has long hair, it is a
glory to her; for her hair is given to her
for a covering.

16 But if anyone seems to be
contentious, we have no such custom,
nor do the churches of God.
17 Now in giving these instructions I do
not praise you, since you come together
not for the better but for the worse.
18 For first of all, when you come
together as a church, I hear that there
are divisions among you, and in part I
believe it.
19 For there must also be factions
among you, that those who are
approved may be recognized among
you.
20 Therefore when you come together
in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's
Supper.
21 For in eating, each one takes his
own supper ahead of others; and one is
hungry and another is drunk.
22 What! Do you not have houses to
eat and drink in? Or do you despise the

church of God and shame those who
have nothing? What shall I say to you?
Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise
you.
23 For I received from the Lord that
which I also delivered to you: that the
Lord Jesus on the same night in which
He was betrayed took bread;
24 and when He had given thanks, He
broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My
body which is broken for you; do this in
remembrance of Me."
25 In the same manner He also took the
cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the
new covenant in My blood. This do, as
often as you drink it, in remembrance of
Me."
26 For as often as you eat this bread and
drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's
death till He comes.
27 Therefore whoever eats this bread
or drinks this cup of the Lord in an

unworthy manner will be guilty of the
body and blood of the Lord.
28 But let a man examine himself, and
so let him eat of the bread and drink of
the cup.
29 For he who eats and drinks in an
unworthy manner eats and drinks
judgment to himself, not discerning the
Lord’s body.
30 For this reason many are weak and
sick among you, and many sleep.
31 For if we would judge ourselves, we
would not be judged.
32 But when we are judged, we are
chastened by the Lord, that we may not
be condemned with the world.
33 Therefore, my brethren, when you
come together to eat, wait for one
another.
34 But if anyone is hungry, let him eat
at home, lest you come together for

judgment. And the rest I will set in order
when I come.

12 1 Now concerning spiritual gifts,
brethren, I do not want you to be
ignorant:
2 You know that you were Gentiles,
carried away to these dumb idols,
however you were led.
3 Therefore I make known to you that
no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls
Jesus accursed, and no one can say that
Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.
4 There are diversities of gifts, but the
same Spirit.
5 There are differences of ministries,
but the same Lord.
6 And there are diversities of activities,
but it is the same God who works all in
all.
7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is
given to each one for the profit of all:

8 for to one is given the word of wisdom
through the Spirit, to another the word
of knowledge through the same Spirit,
9 to another faith by the same Spirit,
to another gifts of healings by the same
Spirit,
10 to another the working of miracles, to
another prophecy, to another discerning
of spirits, to another different kinds of
tongues, to another the interpretation
of tongues.
11 But one and the same Spirit works
all these things, distributing to each one
individually as He wills.
12 For as the body is one and has many
members, but all the members of that
one body, being many, are one body, so
also is Christ.
13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized
into one body—whether Jews or Greeks,
whether slaves or free—and have all
been made to drink into one Spirit.

14 For in fact the body is not one
member but many.
15 If the foot should say, "Because I am
not a hand, I am not of the body," is it
therefore not of the body?
16 And if the ear should say, "Because I
am not an eye, I am not of the body," is
it therefore not of the body?
17 If the whole body were an eye, where
would be the hearing? If the whole were
hearing, where would be the smelling?
18 But now God has set the members,
each one of them, in the body just as He
pleased.
19 And if they were all one member,
where would the body be?
20 But now indeed there are many
members, yet one body.
21 And the eye cannot say to the hand,
"I have no need of you"; nor again the
head to the feet, "I have no need of
you."

22 No, much rather, those members of
the body which seem to be weaker are
necessary.
23 And those members of the body
which we think to be less honorable,
on these we bestow greater honor; and
our unpresentable parts have greater
modesty,
24 but our presentable parts have no
need. But God composed the body,
having given greater honor to that part
which lacks it,
25 that there should be no schism in the
body, but that the members should have
the same care for one another.
26 And if one member suffers, all
the members suffer with it; or if one
member is honored, all the members
rejoice with it.
27 Now you are the body of Christ, and
members individually.

28 And God has appointed these in the
church: first apostles, second prophets,
third teachers, after that miracles, then
gifts of healings, helps, administrations,
varieties of tongues.
29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets?
Are all teachers? Are all workers of
miracles?
30 Do all have gifts of healings? Do all
speak with tongues? Do all interpret?
31 But earnestly desire the best gifts.
And yet I show you a more excellent way.

13 1 Though I speak with the tongues
of men and of angels, but have
not love, I have become sounding brass
or a clanging cymbal.
2 And though I have the gift of prophecy,
and understand all mysteries and all
knowledge, and though I have all faith,
so that I could remove mountains, but
have not love, I am nothing.

3 And though I bestow all my goods
to feed the poor, and though I give my
body to be burned, but have not love, it
profits me nothing.
4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does
not envy; love does not parade itself, is
not puffed up;
5 does not behave rudely, does not seek
its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;
6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but
rejoices in the truth;
7 bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.
8 Love never fails. But whether there
are prophecies, they will fail; whether
there are tongues, they will cease;
whether there is knowledge, it will
vanish away.
9 For we know in part and we prophesy
in part.

10 But when that which is perfect has
come, then that which is in part will be
done away.
11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child,
I understood as a child, I thought as a
child; but when I became a man, I put
away childish things.
12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but
then face to face. Now I know in part,
but then I shall know just as I also am
known.
13 And now abide faith, hope, love,
these three; but the greatest of these is
love.

14 1 Pursue love, and desire spiritual
gifts, but especially that you may
prophesy.
2 For he who speaks in a tongue does
not speak to men but to God, for no one
understands him; however, in the spirit
he speaks mysteries.

3 But he who prophesies speaks
edification and exhortation and comfort
to men.
4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies
himself, but he who prophesies edifies
the church.
5 I wish you all spoke with tongues, but
even more that you prophesied; for he
who prophesies is greater than he who
speaks with tongues, unless indeed he
interprets, that the church may receive
edification.
6 But now, brethren, if I come to you
speaking with tongues, what shall
I profit you unless I speak to you
either by revelation, by knowledge, by
prophesying, or by teaching?
7 Even things without life, whether flute
or harp, when they make a sound, unless
they make a distinction in the sounds,
how will it be known what is piped or
played?

8 For if the trumpet makes an uncertain
sound, who will prepare himself for
battle?
9 So likewise you, unless you utter by
the tongue words easy to understand,
how will it be known what is spoken?
For you will be speaking into the air.
10 There are, it may be, so many kinds
of languages in the world, and none of
them is without significance.
11 Therefore, if I do not know the
meaning of the language, I shall be a
foreigner to him who speaks, and he
who speaks will be a foreigner to me.
12 Even so you, since you are zealous for
spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification
of the church that you seek to excel.
13 Therefore let him who speaks in a
tongue pray that he may interpret.
14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit
prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

15 What is the conclusion then? I will
pray with the spirit, and I will also pray
with the understanding. I will sing with
the spirit, and I will also sing with the
understanding.
16 Otherwise, if you bless with the
spirit, how will he who occupies the
place of the uninformed say "Amen" at
your giving of thanks, since he does not
understand what you say?
17 For you indeed give thanks well, but
the other is not edified.
18 I thank my God I speak with tongues
more than you all;
19 yet in the church I would rather
speak five words with my understanding,
that I may teach others also, than ten
thousand words in a tongue.
20 Brethren, do not be children in
understanding; however, in malice be
babes, but in understanding be mature.

21 In the law it is written: "With men of
other tongues and other lips I will speak
to this people; And yet, for all that, they
will not hear Me," says the Lord.
22 Therefore tongues are for a sign, not
to those who believe but to unbelievers;
but prophesying is not for unbelievers
but for those who believe.
23 Therefore if the whole church comes
together in one place, and all speak with
tongues, and there come in those who
are uninformed or unbelievers, will they
not say that you are out of your mind?
24 But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever
or an uninformed person comes in, he is
convinced by all, he is convicted by all.
25 And thus the secrets of his heart are
revealed; and so, falling down on his
face, he will worship God and report that
God is truly among you.
26 How is it then, brethren? Whenever
you come together, each of you has a

psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has
a revelation, has an interpretation. Let
all things be done for edification.
27 If anyone speaks in a tongue, let
there be two or at the most three, each
in turn, and let one interpret.
28 But if there is no interpreter, let him
keep silent in church, and let him speak
to himself and to God.
29 Let two or three prophets speak, and
let the others judge.
30 But if anything is revealed to another
who sits by, let the first keep silent.
31 For you can all prophesy one by
one, that all may learn and all may be
encouraged.
32 And the spirits of the prophets are
subject to the prophets.
33 For God is not the author of confusion
but of peace, as in all the churches of
the saints.

34 Let your women keep silent in the
churches, for they are not permitted to
speak; but they are to be submissive, as
the law also says.
35 And if they want to learn something,
let them ask their own husbands at
home; for it is shameful for women to
speak in church.
36 Or did the word of God come
originally from you? Or was it you only
that it reached?
37 If anyone thinks himself to
be a prophet or spiritual, let him
acknowledge that the things which I
write to you are the commandments of
the Lord.
38 But if anyone is ignorant, let him be
ignorant.
39 Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly
to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak
with tongues.

40 Let all things be done decently and in
order.

15

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to
you the gospel which I preached
to you, which also you received and in
which you stand,
2 by which also you are saved, if you
hold fast that word which I preached to
you—unless you believed in vain.
3 For I delivered to you first of all that
which I also received: that Christ died for
our sins according to the Scriptures,
4 and that He was buried, and that He
rose again the third day according to the
Scriptures,
5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then
by the twelve.
6 After that He was seen by over five
hundred brethren at once, of whom the
greater part remain to the present, but
some have fallen asleep.

7 After that He was seen by James, then
by all the apostles.
8 Then last of all He was seen by me
also, as by one born out of due time.
9 For I am the least of the apostles, who
am not worthy to be called an apostle,
because I persecuted the church of God.
10 But by the grace of God I am what
I am, and His grace toward me was not
in vain; but I labored more abundantly
than they all, yet not I, but the grace of
God which was with me.
11 Therefore, whether it was I or they,
so we preach and so you believed.
12 Now if Christ is preached that He
has been raised from the dead, how do
some among you say that there is no
resurrection of the dead?
13 But if there is no resurrection of the
dead, then Christ is not risen.

14 And if Christ is not risen, then our
preaching is empty and your faith is also
empty.
15 Yes, and we are found false witnesses
of God, because we have testified of God
that He raised up Christ, whom He did
not raise up—if in fact the dead do not
rise.
16 For if the dead do not rise, then
Christ is not risen.
17 And if Christ is not risen, your faith is
futile; you are still in your sins!
18 Then also those who have fallen
asleep in Christ have perished.
19 If in this life only we have hope
in Christ, we are of all men the most
pitiable.
20 But now Christ is risen from the dead,
and has become the firstfruits of those
who have fallen asleep.

21 For since by man came death, by
Man also came the resurrection of the
dead.
22 For as in Adam all die, even so in
Christ all shall be made alive.
23 But each one in his own order: Christ
the firstfruits, afterward those who are
Christ's at His coming.
24 Then comes the end, when He
delivers the kingdom to God the Father,
when He puts an end to all rule and all
authority and power.
25 For He must reign till He has put all
enemies under His feet.
26 The last enemy that will be destroyed
is death.
27 For "He has put all things under His
feet." But when He says "all things are
put under Him," it is evident that He who
put all things under Him is excepted.
28 Now when all things are made
subject to Him, then the Son Himself will

also be subject to Him who put all things
under Him, that God may be all in all.
29 Otherwise, what will they do who are
baptized for the dead, if the dead do not
rise at all? Why then are they baptized
for the dead?
30 And why do we stand in jeopardy
every hour?
31 I affirm, by the boasting in you which
I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.
32 If, in the manner of men, I have
fought with beasts at Ephesus, what
advantage is it to me? If the dead do not
rise, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow
we die!"
33 Do not be deceived: "Evil company
corrupts good habits."
34 Awake to righteousness, and do not
sin; for some do not have the knowledge
of God. I speak this to your shame.

35 But someone will say, "How are the
dead raised up? And with what body do
they come?"
36 Foolish one, what you sow is not
made alive unless it dies.
37 And what you sow, you do not
sow that body that shall be, but mere
grain—perhaps wheat or some other
grain.
38 But God gives it a body as He pleases,
and to each seed its own body.
39 All flesh is not the same flesh, but
there is one kind of flesh of men, another
flesh of animals, another of fish, and
another of birds.
40 There are also celestial bodies and
terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the
celestial is one, and the glory of the
terrestrial is another.
41 There is one glory of the sun, another
glory of the moon, and another glory

of the stars; for one star differs from
another star in glory.
42 So also is the resurrection of the
dead. The body is sown in corruption, it
is raised in incorruption.
43 It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in
glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised
in power.
44 It is sown a natural body, it is raised
a spiritual body. There is a natural body,
and there is a spiritual body.
45 And so it is written, "The first man
Adam became a living being." The last
Adam became a life–giving spirit.
46 However, the spiritual is not first, but
the natural, and afterward the spiritual.
47 The first man was of the earth, made
of dust; the second Man is the Lord from
heaven.
48 As was the man of dust, so also are
those who are made of dust; and as is

the heavenly Man, so also are those who
are heavenly.
49 And as we have borne the image of
the man of dust, we shall also bear the
image of the heavenly Man.
50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh
and blood cannot inherit the kingdom
of God; nor does corruption inherit
incorruption.
51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We
shall not all sleep, but we shall all be
changed—
52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an
eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet
will sound, and the dead will be raised
incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
53 For this corruptible must put on
incorruption, and this mortal must put
on immortality.
54 So when this corruptible has put on
incorruption, and this mortal has put
on immortality, then shall be brought to

pass the saying that is written: "Death is
swallowed up in victory."
55 "O Death, where is your sting? O
Hades, where is your victory?"
56 The sting of death is sin, and the
strength of sin is the law.
57 But thanks be to God, who gives us
the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be
steadfast, immovable, always abounding
in the work of the Lord, knowing that
your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

16 1 Now concerning the collection
for the saints, as I have given
orders to the churches of Galatia, so you
must do also:
2 On the first day of the week let each
one of you lay something aside, storing
up as he may prosper, that there be no
collections when I come.

3 And when I come, whomever you
approve by your letters I will send to
bear your gift to Jerusalem.
4 But if it is fitting that I go also, they
will go with me.
5 Now I will come to you when I pass
through Macedonia (for I am passing
through Macedonia).
6 And it may be that I will remain, or
even spend the winter with you, that you
may send me on my journey, wherever I
go.
7 For I do not wish to see you now on
the way; but I hope to stay a while with
you, if the Lord permits.
8 But I will tarry in Ephesus until
Pentecost.
9 For a great and effective door has
opened to me, and there are many
adversaries.

10 Now if Timothy comes, see that he
may be with you without fear; for he
does the work of the Lord, as I also do.
11 Therefore let no one despise him. But
send him on his journey in peace, that
he may come to me; for I am waiting for
him with the brethren.
12 Now concerning our brother Apollos,
I strongly urged him to come to you with
the brethren, but he was quite unwilling
to come at this time; however, he will
come when he has a convenient time.
13 Watch, stand fast in the faith, be
brave, be strong.
14 Let all that you do be done with love.
15 I urge you, brethren—you know the
household of Stephanas, that it is the
firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have
devoted themselves to the ministry of
the saints—
16 that you also submit to such, and to
everyone who works and labors with us.

17 I am glad about the coming of
Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus,
for what was lacking on your part they
supplied.
18 For they refreshed my spirit and
yours. Therefore acknowledge such
men.
19 The churches of Asia greet you.
Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in
the Lord, with the church that is in their
house.
20 All the brethren greet you. Greet one
another with a holy kiss.
21 The salutation with my own
hand—Paul's.
22 If anyone does not love the Lord
Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord,
come!
23 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be
with you.
24 My love be with you all in Christ
Jesus. Amen.

2 Corinthians

1 [1] Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by
the will of God, and Timothy our
brother, To the church of God which is at
Corinth, with all the saints who are in all
Achaia:
[2] Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies
and God of all comfort,
[4] who comforts us in all our tribulation,
that we may be able to comfort those
who are in any trouble, with the comfort
with which we ourselves are comforted
by God.
[5] For as the sufferings of Christ abound
in us, so our consolation also abounds
through Christ.

6 Now if we are afflicted, it is for
your consolation and salvation, which
is effective for enduring the same
sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we
are comforted, it is for your consolation
and salvation.
7 And our hope for you is steadfast,
because we know that as you are
partakers of the sufferings, so also you
will partake of the consolation.
8 For we do not want you to be ignorant,
brethren, of our trouble which came
to us in Asia: that we were burdened
beyond measure, above strength, so
that we despaired even of life.
9 Yes, we had the sentence of death
in ourselves, that we should not trust
in ourselves but in God who raises the
dead,
10 who delivered us from so great a
death, and does deliver us; in whom we
trust that He will still deliver us,

11 you also helping together in prayer
for us, that thanks may be given by
many persons on our behalf for the gift
granted to us through many.
12 For our boasting is this: the testimony
of our conscience that we conducted
ourselves in the world in simplicity and
godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom
but by the grace of God, and more
abundantly toward you.
13 For we are not writing any other
things to you than what you read
or understand. Now I trust you will
understand, even to the end
14 (as also you have understood us in
part), that we are your boast as you also
are ours, in the day of the Lord Jesus.
15 And in this confidence I intended to
come to you before, that you might have
a second benefit—
16 to pass by way of you to Macedonia,
to come again from Macedonia to you,

and be helped by you on my way to
Judea.
17 Therefore, when I was planning this,
did I do it lightly? Or the things I plan, do
I plan according to the flesh, that with
me there should be Yes, Yes, and No,
No?
18 But as God is faithful, our word to
you was not Yes and No.
19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who
was preached among you by us—by me,
Silvanus, and Timothy—was not Yes and
No, but in Him was Yes.
20 For all the promises of God in Him
are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of
God through us.
21 Now He who establishes us with you
in Christ and has anointed us is God,
22 who also has sealed us and given us
the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

23 Moreover I call God as witness
against my soul, that to spare you I came
no more to Corinth.
24 Not that we have dominion over your
faith, but are fellow workers for your joy;
for by faith you stand.
2 1 But I determined this within myself,
that I would not come again to you
in sorrow.
2 For if I make you sorrowful, then who
is he who makes me glad but the one
who is made sorrowful by me?
3 And I wrote this very thing to you,
lest, when I came, I should have sorrow
over those from whom I ought to have
joy, having confidence in you all that my
joy is the joy of you all.
4 For out of much affliction and anguish
of heart I wrote to you, with many tears,
not that you should be grieved, but that
you might know the love which I have so
abundantly for you.

5 But if anyone has caused grief, he has
not grieved me, but all of you to some
extent—not to be too severe.
6 This punishment which was inflicted
by the majority is sufficient for such a
man,
7 so that, on the contrary, you ought
rather to forgive and comfort him, lest
perhaps such a one be swallowed up
with too much sorrow.
8 Therefore I urge you to reaffirm your
love to him.
9 For to this end I also wrote, that I
might put you to the test, whether you
are obedient in all things.
10 Now whom you forgive anything, I
also forgive. For if indeed I have forgiven
anything, I have forgiven that one for
your sakes in the presence of Christ,
11 lest Satan should take advantage of
us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

12 Furthermore, when I came to Troas
to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was
opened to me by the Lord,
13 I had no rest in my spirit, because
I did not find Titus my brother; but
taking my leave of them, I departed for
Macedonia.
14 Now thanks be to God who always
leads us in triumph in Christ, and
through us diffuses the fragrance of His
knowledge in every place.
15 For we are to God the fragrance of
Christ among those who are being saved
and among those who are perishing.
16 To the one we are the aroma of death
leading to death, and to the other the
aroma of life leading to life. And who is
sufficient for these things?
17 For we are not, as so many, peddling
the word of God; but as of sincerity, but
as from God, we speak in the sight of
God in Christ.

3 [1] Do we begin again to commend
ourselves? Or do we need, as some
others, epistles of commendation to you
or letters of commendation from you?
[2] You are our epistle written in our
hearts, known and read by all men;
[3] clearly you are an epistle of Christ,
ministered by us, written not with ink
but by the Spirit of the living God, not on
tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh,
that is, of the heart.
[4] And we have such trust through Christ
toward God.
[5] Not that we are sufficient of ourselves
to think of anything as being from
ourselves, but our sufficiency is from
God,
[6] who also made us sufficient as
ministers of the new covenant, not of
the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter
kills, but the Spirit gives life.

7 But if the ministry of death, written
and engraved on stones, was glorious, so
that the children of Israel could not look
steadily at the face of Moses because
of the glory of his countenance, which
glory was passing away,
8 how will the ministry of the Spirit not
be more glorious?
9 For if the ministry of condemnation
had glory, the ministry of righteousness
exceeds much more in glory.
10 For even what was made glorious
had no glory in this respect, because of
the glory that excels.
11 For if what is passing away was
glorious, what remains is much more
glorious.
12 Therefore, since we have such hope,
we use great boldness of speech—
13 unlike Moses, who put a veil over his
face so that the children of Israel could

not look steadily at the end of what was
passing away.
14 But their minds were blinded. For
until this day the same veil remains
unlifted in the reading of the Old
Testament, because the veil is taken
away in Christ.
15 But even to this day, when Moses is
read, a veil lies on their heart.
16 Nevertheless when one turns to the
Lord, the veil is taken away.
17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where
the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.
18 But we all, with unveiled face,
beholding as in a mirror the glory of the
Lord, are being transformed into the
same image from glory to glory, just as
by the Spirit of the Lord.

4 1 Therefore, since we have this
ministry, as we have received mercy,
we do not lose heart.

2 But we have renounced the hidden
things of shame, not walking in craftiness
nor handling the word of God deceitfully,
but by manifestation of the truth
commending ourselves to every man's
conscience in the sight of God.
3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is
veiled to those who are perishing,
4 whose minds the god of this age has
blinded, who do not believe, lest the
light of the gospel of the glory of Christ,
who is the image of God, should shine
on them.
5 For we do not preach ourselves, but
Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your
bondservants for Jesus' sake.
6 For it is the God who commanded
light to shine out of darkness, who has
shone in our hearts to give the light of
the knowledge of the glory of God in the
face of Jesus Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in earthen
vessels, that the excellence of the power
may be of God and not of us.
8 We are hard pressed on every side,
yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but
not in despair;
9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck
down, but not destroyed—
10 always carrying about in the body
the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life
of Jesus also may be manifested in our
body.
11 For we who live are always delivered
to death for Jesus' sake, that the life
of Jesus also may be manifested in our
mortal flesh.
12 So then death is working in us, but
life in you.
13 And since we have the same spirit
of faith, according to what is written, "I
believed and therefore I spoke," we also
believe and therefore speak,

14 knowing that He who raised up the
Lord Jesus will also raise us up with
Jesus, and will present us with you.
15 For all things are for your sakes, that
grace, having spread through the many,
may cause thanksgiving to abound to
the glory of God.
16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even
though our outward man is perishing,
yet the inward man is being renewed
day by day.
17 For our light affliction, which is but
for a moment, is working for us a far
more exceeding and eternal weight of
glory,
18 while we do not look at the things
which are seen, but at the things which
are not seen. For the things which are
seen are temporary, but the things which
are not seen are eternal.

5 1 For we know that if our earthly
house, this tent, is destroyed, we

have a building from God, a house
not made with hands, eternal in the
heavens.
2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring
to be clothed with our habitation which
is from heaven,
3 if indeed, having been clothed, we
shall not be found naked.
4 For we who are in this tent groan,
being burdened, not because we want to
be unclothed, but further clothed, that
mortality may be swallowed up by life.
5 Now He who has prepared us for this
very thing is God, who also has given us
the Spirit as a guarantee.
6 So we are always confident, knowing
that while we are at home in the body
we are absent from the Lord.
7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.
8 We are confident, yes, well pleased
rather to be absent from the body and
to be present with the Lord.

9 Therefore we make it our aim,
whether present or absent, to be well
pleasing to Him.
10 For we must all appear before the
judgment seat of Christ, that each one
may receive the things done in the body,
according to what he has done, whether
good or bad.
11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the
Lord, we persuade men; but we are well
known to God, and I also trust are well
known in your consciences.
12 For we do not commend ourselves
again to you, but give you opportunity
to boast on our behalf, that you may
have an answer for those who boast in
appearance and not in heart.
13 For if we are beside ourselves, it is
for God; or if we are of sound mind, it is
for you.

14 For the love of Christ compels us,
because we judge thus: that if One died
for all, then all died;
15 and He died for all, that those who
live should live no longer for themselves,
but for Him who died for them and rose
again.
16 Therefore, from now on, we regard
no one according to the flesh. Even
though we have known Christ according
to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus
no longer.
17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is
a new creation; old things have passed
away; behold, all things have become
new.
18 Now all things are of God, who has
reconciled us to Himself through Jesus
Christ, and has given us the ministry of
reconciliation,
19 that is, that God was in Christ
reconciling the world to Himself, not

imputing their trespasses to them,
and has committed to us the word of
reconciliation.
20 Now then, we are ambassadors for
Christ, as though God were pleading
through us: we implore you on Christ's
behalf, be reconciled to God.
21 For He made Him who knew no sin to
be sin for us, that we might become the
righteousness of God in Him.

6 1 We then, as workers together
with Him also plead with you not to
receive the grace of God in vain.
2 For He says: "In an acceptable time
I have heard you, And in the day of
salvation I have helped you." Behold,
now is the accepted time; behold, now
is the day of salvation.
3 We give no offense in anything, that
our ministry may not be blamed.
4 But in all things we commend
ourselves as ministers of God: in much

patience, in tribulations, in needs, in
distresses,
5 in stripes, in imprisonments, in
tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in
fastings;
6 by purity, by knowledge, by
longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy
Spirit, by sincere love,
7 by the word of truth, by the power of
God, by the armor of righteousness on
the right hand and on the left,
8 by honor and dishonor, by evil report
and good report; as deceivers, and yet
true;
9 as unknown, and yet well known; as
dying, and behold we live; as chastened,
and yet not killed;
10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as
poor, yet making many rich; as having
nothing, and yet possessing all things.
11 O Corinthians! We have spoken
openly to you, our heart is wide open.

12 You are not restricted by us, but you
are restricted by your own affections.
13 Now in return for the same (I speak
as to children), you also be open.
14 Do not be unequally yoked together
with unbelievers. For what fellowship
has righteousness with lawlessness?
And what communion has light with
darkness?
15 And what accord has Christ with
Belial? Or what part has a believer with
an unbeliever?
16 And what agreement has the temple
of God with idols? For you are the
temple of the living God. As God has
said: "I will dwell in them And walk
among them. I will be their God, And
they shall be My people."
17 Therefore "Come out from among
them And be separate, says the Lord.
Do not touch what is unclean, And I will
receive you."

18 "I will be a Father to you, And you
shall be My sons and daughters, Says the
LORD Almighty."

7

1 Therefore, having these promises,
beloved, let us cleanse ourselves
from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit,
perfecting holiness in the fear of God.
2 Open your hearts to us. We have
wronged no one, we have corrupted no
one, we have cheated no one.
3 I do not say this to condemn; for I have
said before that you are in our hearts, to
die together and to live together.
4 Great is my boldness of speech toward
you, great is my boasting on your behalf.
I am filled with comfort. I am exceedingly
joyful in all our tribulation.
5 For indeed, when we came to
Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but
we were troubled on every side. Outside
were conflicts, inside were fears.

6 Nevertheless God, who comforts the
downcast, comforted us by the coming
of Titus,
7 and not only by his coming, but also
by the consolation with which he was
comforted in you, when he told us of
your earnest desire, your mourning,
your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even
more.
8 For even if I made you sorry with my
letter, I do not regret it; though I did
regret it. For I perceive that the same
epistle made you sorry, though only for
a while.
9 Now I rejoice, not that you were
made sorry, but that your sorrow led to
repentance. For you were made sorry in
a godly manner, that you might suffer
loss from us in nothing.
10 For godly sorrow produces
repentance leading to salvation, not

to be regretted; but the sorrow of the
world produces death.
11 For observe this very thing, that
you sorrowed in a godly manner: What
diligence it produced in you, what
clearing of yourselves, what indignation,
what fear, what vehement desire, what
zeal, what vindication! In all things you
proved yourselves to be clear in this
matter.
12 Therefore, although I wrote to you, I
did not do it for the sake of him who had
done the wrong, nor for the sake of him
who suffered wrong, but that our care
for you in the sight of God might appear
to you.
13 Therefore we have been comforted
in your comfort. And we rejoiced
exceedingly more for the joy of Titus,
because his spirit has been refreshed by
you all.

14 For if in anything I have boasted to
him about you, I am not ashamed. But as
we spoke all things to you in truth, even
so our boasting to Titus was found true.
15 And his affections are greater for you
as he remembers the obedience of you
all, how with fear and trembling you
received him.
16 Therefore I rejoice that I have
confidence in you in everything.

8 1 Moreover, brethren, we make
known to you the grace of
God bestowed on the churches of
Macedonia:
2 that in a great trial of affliction the
abundance of their joy and their deep
poverty abounded in the riches of their
liberality.
3 For I bear witness that according
to their ability, yes, and beyond their
ability, they were freely willing,

4 imploring us with much urgency
that we would receive the gift and the
fellowship of the ministering to the
saints.
5 And not only as we had hoped, but
they first gave themselves to the Lord,
and then to us by the will of God.
6 So we urged Titus, that as he had
begun, so he would also complete this
grace in you as well.
7 But as you abound in everything—in
faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all
diligence, and in your love for us—see
that you abound in this grace also.
8 I speak not by commandment, but I
am testing the sincerity of your love by
the diligence of others.
9 For you know the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet
for your sakes He became poor, that you
through His poverty might become rich.

10 And in this I give advice: It is to your
advantage not only to be doing what you
began and were desiring to do a year
ago;
11 but now you also must complete the
doing of it; that as there was a readiness
to desire it, so there also may be a
completion out of what you have.
12 For if there is first a willing mind, it is
accepted according to what one has, and
not according to what he does not have.
13 For I do not mean that others should
be eased and you burdened;
14 but by an equality, that now at this
time your abundance may supply their
lack, that their abundance also may
supply your lack—that there may be
equality.
15 As it is written, "He who gathered
much had nothing left over, and he who
gathered little had no lack."

16 But thanks be to God who puts the
same earnest care for you into the heart
of Titus.
17 For he not only accepted the
exhortation, but being more diligent, he
went to you of his own accord.
18 And we have sent with him the
brother whose praise is in the gospel
throughout all the churches,
19 and not only that, but who was also
chosen by the churches to travel with us
with this gift, which is administered by
us to the glory of the Lord Himself and
to show your ready mind,
20 avoiding this: that anyone should
blame us in this lavish gift which is
administered by us—
21 providing honorable things, not only
in the sight of the Lord, but also in the
sight of men.
22 And we have sent with them our
brother whom we have often proved

diligent in many things, but now much
more diligent, because of the great
confidence which we have in you.
23 If anyone inquires about Titus,
he is my partner and fellow worker
concerning you. Or if our brethren are
inquired about, they are messengers of
the churches, the glory of Christ.
24 Therefore show to them, and before
the churches the proof of your love and
of our boasting on your behalf.

9 1 Now concerning the ministering to
the saints, it is superfluous for me to
write to you;
2 for I know your willingness, about
which I boast of you to the Macedonians,
that Achaia was ready a year ago; and
your zeal has stirred up the majority.
3 Yet I have sent the brethren, lest our
boasting of you should be in vain in
this respect, that, as I said, you may be
ready;

4 lest if some Macedonians come with
me and find you unprepared, we (not
to mention you!) should be ashamed of
this confident boasting.
5 Therefore I thought it necessary to
exhort the brethren to go to you ahead
of time, and prepare your generous gift
beforehand, which you had previously
promised, that it may be ready as
a matter of generosity and not as a
grudging obligation.
6 But this I say: He who sows sparingly
will also reap sparingly, and he who sows
bountifully will also reap bountifully.
7 So let each one give as he purposes in
his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity;
for God loves a cheerful giver.
8 And God is able to make all grace
abound toward you, that you, always
having all sufficiency in all things, may
have an abundance for every good work.

9 As it is written: "He has dispersed
abroad, He has given to the poor; His
righteousness endures forever."
10 Now may He who supplies seed to
the sower, and bread for food, supply
and multiply the seed you have sown and
increase the fruits of your righteousness,
11 while you are enriched in everything
for all liberality, which causes
thanksgiving through us to God.
12 For the administration of this service
not only supplies the needs of the saints,
but also is abounding through many
thanksgivings to God,
13 while, through the proof of this
ministry, they glorify God for the
obedience of your confession to the
gospel of Christ, and for your liberal
sharing with them and all men,
14 and by their prayer for you, who long
for you because of the exceeding grace
of God in you.

15 Thanks be to God for His
indescribable gift!

10 1 Now I, Paul, myself am pleading
with you by the meekness and
gentleness of Christ—who in presence
am lowly among you, but being absent
am bold toward you.
2 But I beg you that when I am present
I may not be bold with that confidence
by which I intend to be bold against
some, who think of us as if we walked
according to the flesh.
3 For though we walk in the flesh, we
do not war according to the flesh.
4 For the weapons of our warfare are
not carnal but mighty in God for pulling
down strongholds,
5 casting down arguments and every
high thing that exalts itself against
the knowledge of God, bringing every
thought into captivity to the obedience
of Christ,

6 and being ready to punish all
disobedience when your obedience is
fulfilled.
7 Do you look at things according to
the outward appearance? If anyone is
convinced in himself that he is Christ’s,
let him again consider this in himself,
that just as he is Christ’s, even so we are
Christ’s.
8 For even if I should boast somewhat
more about our authority, which the
Lord gave us for edification and not
for your destruction, I shall not be
ashamed—
9 lest I seem to terrify you by letters.
10 "For his letters," they say, "are
weighty and powerful, but his bodily
presence is weak, and his speech
contemptible."
11 Let such a person consider this, that
what we are in word by letters when we

are absent, such we will also be in deed
when we are present.
12 For we dare not class ourselves
or compare ourselves with those
who commend themselves. But they,
measuring themselves by themselves,
and comparing themselves among
themselves, are not wise.
13 We, however, will not boast beyond
measure, but within the limits of the
sphere which God appointed us—a
sphere which especially includes you.
14 For we are not overextending
ourselves (as though our authority did
not extend to you), for it was to you that
we came with the gospel of Christ;
15 not boasting of things beyond
measure, that is, in other men's labors,
but having hope, that as your faith is
increased, we shall be greatly enlarged
by you in our sphere,

16 to preach the gospel in the regions
beyond you, and not to boast in another
man's sphere of accomplishment.
17 But "he who glories, let him glory in
the LORD."
18 For not he who commends himself
is approved, but whom the Lord
commends.

11 1 Oh, that you would bear with
me in a little folly—and indeed
you do bear with me.
2 For I am jealous for you with godly
jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one
husband, that I may present you as a
chaste virgin to Christ.
3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the
serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness,
so your minds may be corrupted from
the simplicity that is in Christ.
4 For if he who comes preaches another
Jesus whom we have not preached, or if
you receive a different spirit which you

have not received, or a different gospel
which you have not accepted—you may
well put up with it!
5 For I consider that I am not at all
inferior to the most eminent apostles.
6 Even though I am untrained in speech,
yet I am not in knowledge. But we have
been thoroughly manifested among you
in all things.
7 Did I commit sin in humbling myself
that you might be exalted, because I
preached the gospel of God to you free
of charge?
8 I robbed other churches, taking wages
from them to minister to you.
9 And when I was present with you,
and in need, I was a burden to no one,
for what I lacked the brethren who
came from Macedonia supplied. And
in everything I kept myself from being
burdensome to you, and so I will keep
myself.

10 As the truth of Christ is in me, no one shall stop me from this boasting in the regions of Achaia.

11 Why? Because I do not love you? God knows!

12 But what I do, I will also continue to do, that I may cut off the opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the things of which they boast.

13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.

14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

16 I say again, let no one think me a fool. If otherwise, at least receive me as a fool, that I also may boast a little.

17 What I speak, I speak not according
to the Lord, but as it were, foolishly, in
this confidence of boasting.
18 Seeing that many boast according to
the flesh, I also will boast.
19 For you put up with fools gladly, since
you yourselves are wise!
20 For you put up with it if one brings
you into bondage, if one devours you, if
one takes from you, if one exalts himself,
if one strikes you on the face.
21 To our shame, I say that we were too
weak for that! But in whatever anyone is
bold—I speak foolishly—I am bold also.
22 Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they
Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of
Abraham? So am I.
23 Are they ministers of Christ? —I
speak as a fool—I am more: in labors
more abundant, in stripes above
measure, in prisons more frequently, in
deaths often.

24 From the Jews five times I received
forty stripes minus one.
25 Three times I was beaten with rods;
once I was stoned; three times I was
shipwrecked; a night and a day I have
been in the deep;
26 in journeys often, in perils of waters,
in perils of robbers, in perils of my own
countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles,
in perils in the city, in perils in the
wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils
among false brethren;
27 in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness
often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings
often, in cold and nakedness—
28 besides the other things, what comes
upon me daily: my deep concern for all
the churches.
29 Who is weak, and I am not weak?
Who is made to stumble, and I do not
burn with indignation?

30 If I must boast, I will boast in the
things which concern my infirmity.
31 The God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, who is blessed forever, knows
that I am not lying.
32 In Damascus the governor, under
Aretas the king, was guarding the city of
the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring
to arrest me;
33 but I was let down in a basket through
a window in the wall, and escaped from
his hands.

12 1 It is doubtless not profitable for
me to boast. I will come to visions
and revelations of the Lord:
2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen
years ago—whether in the body I do not
know, or whether out of the body I do
not know, God knows—such a one was
caught up to the third heaven.

3 And I know such a man—whether
in the body or out of the body I do not
know, God knows—
4 how he was caught up into Paradise
and heard inexpressible words, which it
is not lawful for a man to utter.
5 Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself
I will not boast, except in my infirmities.
6 For though I might desire to boast,
I will not be a fool; for I will speak the
truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should
think of me above what he sees me to
be or hears from me.
7 And lest I should be exalted above
measure by the abundance of the
revelations, a thorn in the flesh was
given to me, a messenger of Satan
to buffet me, lest I be exalted above
measure.
8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with
the Lord three times that it might depart
from me.

9 And He said to me, "My grace is
sufficient for you, for My strength is
made perfect in weakness." Therefore
most gladly I will rather boast in my
infirmities, that the power of Christ may
rest upon me.
10 Therefore I take pleasure in
infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in
persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s
sake. For when I am weak, then I am
strong.
11 I have become a fool in boasting; you
have compelled me. For I ought to have
been commended by you; for in nothing
was I behind the most eminent apostles,
though I am nothing.
12 Truly the signs of an apostle were
accomplished among you with all
perseverance, in signs and wonders and
mighty deeds.
13 For what is it in which you were
inferior to other churches, except that

I myself was not burdensome to you?
Forgive me this wrong!
14 Now for the third time I am ready
to come to you. And I will not be
burdensome to you; for I do not seek
yours, but you. For the children ought
not to lay up for the parents, but the
parents for the children.
15 And I will very gladly spend and be
spent for your souls; though the more
abundantly I love you, the less I am
loved.
16 But be that as it may, I did not burden
you. Nevertheless, being crafty, I caught
you by cunning!
17 Did I take advantage of you by any of
those whom I sent to you?
18 I urged Titus, and sent our brother
with him. Did Titus take advantage of
you? Did we not walk in the same spirit?
Did we not walk in the same steps?

19 Again, do you think that we excuse
ourselves to you? We speak before God
in Christ. But we do all things, beloved,
for your edification.
20 For I fear lest, when I come, I shall
not find you such as I wish, and that I
shall be found by you such as you do
not wish; lest there be contentions,
jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish
ambitions, backbitings, whisperings,
conceits, tumults;
21 lest, when I come again, my God
will humble me among you, and I shall
mourn for many who have sinned
before and have not repented of the
uncleanness, fornication, and lewdness
which they have practiced.

13 1 This will be the third time I am
coming to you. "By the mouth of
two or three witnesses every word shall
be established."

2 I have told you before, and foretell as
if I were present the second time, and
now being absent I write to those who
have sinned before, and to all the rest,
that if I come again I will not spare—
3 since you seek a proof of Christ
speaking in me, who is not weak toward
you, but mighty in you.
4 For though He was crucified in
weakness, yet He lives by the power of
God. For we also are weak in Him, but
we shall live with Him by the power of
God toward you.
5 Examine yourselves as to whether
you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do
you not know yourselves, that Jesus
Christ is in you? —unless indeed you are
disqualified.
6 But I trust that you will know that we
are not disqualified.
7 Now I pray to God that you do no evil,
not that we should appear approved, but

that you should do what is honorable,
though we may seem disqualified.
8 For we can do nothing against the
truth, but for the truth.
9 For we are glad when we are weak
and you are strong. And this also we
pray, that you may be made complete.
10 Therefore I write these things being
absent, lest being present I should use
sharpness, according to the authority
which the Lord has given me for
edification and not for destruction.
11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Become
complete. Be of good comfort, be of one
mind, live in peace; and the God of love
and peace will be with you.
12 Greet one another with a holy kiss.
13 All the saints greet you.
14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Galatians

1 1 Paul, an apostle (not from men
nor through man, but through Jesus
Christ and God the Father who raised
Him from the dead),
2 and all the brethren who are with me,
To the churches of Galatia:
3 Grace to you and peace from God the
Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,
4 who gave Himself for our sins, that He
might deliver us from this present evil
age, according to the will of our God and
Father,
5 to whom be glory forever and ever.
Amen.
6 I marvel that you are turning away so
soon from Him who called you in the
grace of Christ, to a different gospel,

7 which is not another; but there are
some who trouble you and want to
pervert the gospel of Christ.
8 But even if we, or an angel from
heaven, preach any other gospel to you
than what we have preached to you, let
him be accursed.
9 As we have said before, so now I say
again, if anyone preaches any other
gospel to you than what you have
received, let him be accursed.
10 For do I now persuade men, or
God? Or do I seek to please men? For
if I still pleased men, I would not be a
bondservant of Christ.
11 But I make known to you, brethren,
that the gospel which was preached by
me is not according to man.
12 For I neither received it from man,
nor was I taught it, but it came through
the revelation of Jesus Christ.

13 For you have heard of my former
conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted
the church of God beyond measure and
tried to destroy it.
14 And I advanced in Judaism beyond
many of my contemporaries in my own
nation, being more exceedingly zealous
for the traditions of my fathers.
15 But when it pleased God, who
separated me from my mother's womb
and called me through His grace,
16 to reveal His Son in me, that I might
preach Him among the Gentiles, I did
not immediately confer with flesh and
blood,
17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those
who were apostles before me; but I
went to Arabia, and returned again to
Damascus.
18 Then after three years I went up to
Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained
with him fifteen days.

[19] But I saw none of the other apostles
except James, the Lord’s brother.
[20] (Now concerning the things which I
write to you, indeed, before God, I do
not lie.)
[21] Afterward I went into the regions of
Syria and Cilicia.
[22] And I was unknown by face to the
churches of Judea which were in Christ.
[23] But they were hearing only, "He who
formerly persecuted us now preaches
the faith which he once tried to destroy."
[24] And they glorified God in me.
2 [1] Then after fourteen years I went up
again to Jerusalem with Barnabas,
and also took Titus with me.
[2] And I went up by revelation, and
communicated to them that gospel
which I preach among the Gentiles,
but privately to those who were of
reputation, lest by any means I might
run, or had run, in vain.

3 Yet not even Titus who was with me,
being a Greek, was compelled to be
circumcised.
4 And this occurred because of false
brethren secretly brought in (who came
in by stealth to spy out our liberty which
we have in Christ Jesus, that they might
bring us into bondage),
5 to whom we did not yield submission
even for an hour, that the truth of the
gospel might continue with you.
6 But from those who seemed to be
something—whatever they were, it
makes no difference to me; God shows
personal favoritism to no man—for
those who seemed to be something
added nothing to me.
7 But on the contrary, when they saw
that the gospel for the uncircumcised
had been committed to me, as the
gospel for the circumcised was to Peter

8 (for He who worked effectively
in Peter for the apostleship to the
circumcised also worked effectively in
me toward the Gentiles),
9 and when James, Cephas, and John,
who seemed to be pillars, perceived the
grace that had been given to me, they
gave me and Barnabas the right hand
of fellowship, that we should go to the
Gentiles and they to the circumcised.
10 They desired only that we should
remember the poor, the very thing
which I also was eager to do.
11 Now when Peter had come to
Antioch, I withstood him to his face,
because he was to be blamed;
12 for before certain men came from
James, he would eat with the Gentiles;
but when they came, he withdrew and
separated himself, fearing those who
were of the circumcision.

13 And the rest of the Jews also played
the hypocrite with him, so that even
Barnabas was carried away with their
hypocrisy.
14 But when I saw that they were not
straightforward about the truth of the
gospel, I said to Peter before them all,
"If you, being a Jew, live in the manner
of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do
you compel Gentiles to live as Jews?
15 "We who are Jews by nature, and not
sinners of the Gentiles,
16 "knowing that a man is not justified
by the works of the law but by faith in
Jesus Christ, even we have believed in
Christ Jesus, that we might be justified
by faith in Christ and not by the works of
the law; for by the works of the law no
flesh shall be justified.
17 "But if, while we seek to be justified
by Christ, we ourselves also are found

sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of
sin? Certainly not!
18 "For if I build again those things
which I destroyed, I make myself a
transgressor.
19 "For I through the law died to the law
that I might live to God.
20 "I have been crucified with Christ; it
is no longer I who live, but Christ lives
in me; and the life which I now live in
the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave Himself for me.
21 "I do not set aside the grace of God;
for if righteousness comes through the
law, then Christ died in vain."
3 1 O foolish Galatians! Who has
bewitched you that you should not
obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus
Christ was clearly portrayed among you
as crucified?

2 This only I want to learn from you: Did
you receive the Spirit by the works of
the law, or by the hearing of faith?
3 Are you so foolish? Having begun
in the Spirit, are you now being made
perfect by the flesh?
4 Have you suffered so many things in
vain—if indeed it was in vain?
5 Therefore He who supplies the Spirit
to you and works miracles among you,
does He do it by the works of the law, or
by the hearing of faith? —
6 just as Abraham "believed God,
and it was accounted to him for
righteousness."
7 Therefore know that only those who
are of faith are sons of Abraham.
8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that
God would justify the Gentiles by
faith, preached the gospel to Abraham
beforehand, saying, "In you all the
nations shall be blessed."

9 So then those who are of faith are
blessed with believing Abraham.
10 For as many as are of the works of
the law are under the curse; for it is
written, "Cursed is everyone who does
not continue in all things which are
written in the book of the law, to do
them."
11 But that no one is justified by the law
in the sight of God is evident, for "the
just shall live by faith."
12 Yet the law is not of faith, but "the
man who does them shall live by them."
13 Christ has redeemed us from the
curse of the law, having become a
curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is
everyone who hangs on a tree"),
14 that the blessing of Abraham might
come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus,
that we might receive the promise of the
Spirit through faith.

15 Brethren, I speak in the manner of
men: Though it is only a man’s covenant,
yet if it is confirmed, no one annuls or
adds to it.
16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were
the promises made. He does not say,
"And to seeds," as of many, but as of
one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.
17 And this I say, that the law, which
was four hundred and thirty years later,
cannot annul the covenant that was
confirmed before by God in Christ, that
it should make the promise of no effect.
18 For if the inheritance is of the law, it
is no longer of promise; but God gave it
to Abraham by promise.
19 What purpose then does the
law serve? It was added because of
transgressions, till the Seed should come
to whom the promise was made; and
it was appointed through angels by the
hand of a mediator.

20 Now a mediator does not mediate
for one only, but God is one.
21 Is the law then against the promises
of God? Certainly not! For if there had
been a law given which could have given
life, truly righteousness would have been
by the law.
22 But the Scripture has confined all
under sin, that the promise by faith in
Jesus Christ might be given to those who
believe.
23 But before faith came, we were kept
under guard by the law, kept for the faith
which would afterward be revealed.
24 Therefore the law was our tutor to
bring us to Christ, that we might be
justified by faith.
25 But after faith has come, we are no
longer under a tutor.
26 For you are all sons of God through
faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For as many of you as were baptized
into Christ have put on Christ.
28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there
is neither slave nor free, there is neither
male nor female; for you are all one in
Christ Jesus.
29 And if you are Christ's, then you are
Abraham's seed, and heirs according to
the promise.
4 1 Now I say that the heir, as long as
he is a child, does not differ at all
from a slave, though he is master of all,
2 but is under guardians and stewards
until the time appointed by the father.
3 Even so we, when we were children,
were in bondage under the elements of
the world.
4 But when the fullness of the time had
come, God sent forth His Son, born of a
woman, born under the law,

5 to redeem those who were under the
law, that we might receive the adoption
as sons.
6 And because you are sons, God has
sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your
hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"
7 Therefore you are no longer a slave
but a son, and if a son, then an heir of
God through Christ.
8 But then, indeed, when you did not
know God, you served those which by
nature are not gods.
9 But now after you have known God, or
rather are known by God, how is it that
you turn again to the weak and beggarly
elements, to which you desire again to
be in bondage?
10 You observe days and months and
seasons and years.
11 I am afraid for you, lest I have labored
for you in vain.

12 Brethren, I urge you to become like
me, for I became like you. You have not
injured me at all.
13 You know that because of physical
infirmity I preached the gospel to you at
the first.
14 And my trial which was in my flesh
you did not despise or reject, but you
received me as an angel of God, even as
Christ Jesus.
15 What then was the blessing you
enjoyed? For I bear you witness that, if
possible, you would have plucked out
your own eyes and given them to me.
16 Have I therefore become your enemy
because I tell you the truth?
17 They zealously court you, but for no
good; yes, they want to exclude you,
that you may be zealous for them.
18 But it is good to be zealous in a good
thing always, and not only when I am
present with you.

19 My little children, for whom I labor in
birth again until Christ is formed in you,
20 I would like to be present with you
now and to change my tone; for I have
doubts about you.
21 Tell me, you who desire to be under
the law, do you not hear the law?
22 For it is written that Abraham had
two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the
other by a freewoman.
23 But he who was of the bondwoman
was born according to the flesh, and he
of the freewoman through promise,
24 which things are symbolic. For
these are the two covenants: the one
from Mount Sinai which gives birth to
bondage, which is Hagar—
25 for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in
Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem
which now is, and is in bondage with her
children—

26 but the Jerusalem above is free,
which is the mother of us all.
27 For it is written: "Rejoice, O barren,
You who do not bear! Break forth and
shout, You who are not in labor! For the
desolate has many more children Than
she who has a husband."
28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are
children of promise.
29 But, as he who was born according to
the flesh then persecuted him who was
born according to the Spirit, even so it is
now.
30 Nevertheless what does the Scripture
say? "Cast out the bondwoman and
her son, for the son of the bondwoman
shall not be heir with the son of the
freewoman."
31 So then, brethren, we are not
children of the bondwoman but of the
free.

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1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty
by which Christ has made us free,
and do not be entangled again with a
yoke of bondage.
2 Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you
become circumcised, Christ will profit
you nothing.
3 And I testify again to every man who
becomes circumcised that he is a debtor
to keep the whole law.
4 You have become estranged from
Christ, you who attempt to be justified
by law; you have fallen from grace.
5 For we through the Spirit eagerly wait
for the hope of righteousness by faith.
6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision
nor uncircumcision avails anything, but
faith working through love.
7 You ran well. Who hindered you from
obeying the truth?
8 This persuasion does not come from
Him who calls you.

9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump.
10 I have confidence in you, in the
Lord, that you will have no other mind;
but he who troubles you shall bear his
judgment, whoever he is.
11 And I, brethren, if I still preach
circumcision, why do I still suffer
persecution? Then the offense of the
cross has ceased.
12 I could wish that those who trouble
you would even cut themselves off!
13 For you, brethren, have been called
to liberty; only do not use liberty as an
opportunity for the flesh, but through
love serve one another.
14 For all the law is fulfilled in one
word, even in this: "You shall love your
neighbor as yourself."
15 But if you bite and devour one
another, beware lest you be consumed
by one another!

16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you
shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.
17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit,
and the Spirit against the flesh; and
these are contrary to one another, so
that you do not do the things that you
wish.
18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you
are not under the law.
19 Now the works of the flesh are
evident, which are: adultery, fornication,
uncleanness, lewdness,
20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions,
jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish
ambitions, dissensions, heresies,
21 envy, murders, drunkenness,
revelries, and the like; of which I tell you
beforehand, just as I also told you in time
past, that those who practice such things
will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness,
23 gentleness, self–control. Against such
there is no law.
24 And those who are Christ's have
crucified the flesh with its passions and
desires.
25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk
in the Spirit.
26 Let us not become conceited,
provoking one another, envying one
another.

6 1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken
in any trespass, you who are
spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of
gentleness, considering yourself lest you
also be tempted.
2 Bear one another's burdens, and so
fulfill the law of Christ.

3 For if anyone thinks himself to be
something, when he is nothing, he
deceives himself.
4 But let each one examine his own
work, and then he will have rejoicing in
himself alone, and not in another.
5 For each one shall bear his own load.
6 Let him who is taught the word share
in all good things with him who teaches.
7 Do not be deceived, God is not
mocked; for whatever a man sows, that
he will also reap.
8 For he who sows to his flesh will of
the flesh reap corruption, but he who
sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap
everlasting life.
9 And let us not grow weary while doing
good, for in due season we shall reap if
we do not lose heart.
10 Therefore, as we have opportunity,
let us do good to all, especially to those
who are of the household of faith.

11 See with what large letters I have
written to you with my own hand!
12 As many as desire to make a good
showing in the flesh, these would
compel you to be circumcised, only that
they may not suffer persecution for the
cross of Christ.
13 For not even those who are
circumcised keep the law, but they
desire to have you circumcised that they
may boast in your flesh.
14 But God forbid that I should boast
except in the cross of our Lord Jesus
Christ, by whom the world has been
crucified to me, and I to the world.
15 For in Christ Jesus neither
circumcision nor uncircumcision
avails anything, but a new creation.
16 And as many as walk according to this
rule, peace and mercy be upon them,
and upon the Israel of God.

17 From now on let no one trouble me,
for I bear in my body the marks of the
Lord Jesus.
18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Ephesians

1 1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by
the will of God, To the saints who are
in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus:
2 Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
3 Blessed be the God and Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed
us with every spiritual blessing in the
heavenly places in Christ,
4 just as He chose us in Him before the
foundation of the world, that we should
be holy and without blame before Him
in love,
5 having predestined us to adoption as
sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according
to the good pleasure of His will,

6 to the praise of the glory of His grace,
by which He has made us accepted in
the Beloved.
7 In Him we have redemption through
His blood, the forgiveness of sins,
according to the riches of His grace
8 which He made to abound toward us
in all wisdom and prudence,
9 having made known to us the mystery
of His will, according to His good
pleasure which He purposed in Himself,
10 that in the dispensation of the
fullness of the times He might gather
together in one all things in Christ, both
which are in heaven and which are on
earth—in Him.
11 In Him also we have obtained an
inheritance, being predestined according
to the purpose of Him who works all
things according to the counsel of His
will,

12 that we who first trusted in Christ
should be to the praise of His glory.
13 In Him you also trusted, after you
heard the word of truth, the gospel of
your salvation; in whom also, having
believed, you were sealed with the Holy
Spirit of promise,
14 who is the guarantee of our
inheritance until the redemption of the
purchased possession, to the praise of
His glory.
15 Therefore I also, after I heard of your
faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for
all the saints,
16 do not cease to give thanks for you,
making mention of you in my prayers:
17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of glory, may give to you the
spirit of wisdom and revelation in the
knowledge of Him,
18 the eyes of your understanding being
enlightened; that you may know what

is the hope of His calling, what are the
riches of the glory of His inheritance in
the saints,
19 and what is the exceeding greatness
of His power toward us who believe,
according to the working of His mighty
power
20 which He worked in Christ when He
raised Him from the dead and seated
Him at His right hand in the heavenly
places,
21 far above all principality and power
and might and dominion, and every
name that is named, not only in this age
but also in that which is to come.
22 And He put all things under His feet,
and gave Him to be head over all things
to the church,
23 which is His body, the fullness of Him
who fills all in all.

2 1 And you He made alive, who were
dead in trespasses and sins,

2 in which you once walked according
to the course of this world, according
to the prince of the power of the air,
the spirit who now works in the sons of
disobedience,
3 among whom also we all once
conducted ourselves in the lusts of our
flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh
and of the mind, and were by nature
children of wrath, just as the others.
4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because
of His great love with which He loved us,
5 even when we were dead in
trespasses, made us alive together with
Christ (by grace you have been saved),
6 and raised us up together, and made
us sit together in the heavenly places in
Christ Jesus,
7 that in the ages to come He might
show the exceeding riches of His grace
in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

8 For by grace you have been saved
through faith, and that not of yourselves;
it is the gift of God,
9 not of works, lest anyone should
boast.
10 For we are His workmanship, created
in Christ Jesus for good works, which
God prepared beforehand that we
should walk in them.
11 Therefore remember that you, once
Gentiles in the flesh—who are called
Uncircumcision by what is called the
Circumcision made in the flesh by
hands—
12 that at that time you were
without Christ, being aliens from the
commonwealth of Israel and strangers
from the covenants of promise, having
no hope and without God in the world.
13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once
were far off have been brought near by
the blood of Christ.

14 For He Himself is our peace, who has
made both one, and has broken down
the middle wall of separation,
15 having abolished in His flesh
the enmity, that is, the law
of commandments contained in
ordinances, so as to create in Himself
one new man from the two, thus making
peace,
16 and that He might reconcile them
both to God in one body through the
cross, thereby putting to death the
enmity.
17 And He came and preached peace to
you who were afar off and to those who
were near.
18 For through Him we both have access
by one Spirit to the Father.
19 Now, therefore, you are no longer
strangers and foreigners, but fellow
citizens with the saints and members of
the household of God,

20 having been built on the foundation
of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ
Himself being the chief cornerstone,
21 in whom the whole building, being
joined together, grows into a holy temple
in the Lord,
22 in whom you also are being built
together for a dwelling place of God in
the Spirit.

3 1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner
of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles—
2 if indeed you have heard of the
dispensation of the grace of God which
was given to me for you,
3 how that by revelation He made
known to me the mystery (as I have
briefly written already,
4 by which, when you read, you may
understand my knowledge in the
mystery of Christ),
5 which in other ages was not made
known to the sons of men, as it has now

been revealed by the Spirit to His holy
apostles and prophets:
6 that the Gentiles should be fellow
heirs, of the same body, and partakers of
His promise in Christ through the gospel,
7 of which I became a minister according
to the gift of the grace of God given
to me by the effective working of His
power.
8 To me, who am less than the least of
all the saints, this grace was given, that
I should preach among the Gentiles the
unsearchable riches of Christ,
9 and to make all see what is the
fellowship of the mystery, which from
the beginning of the ages has been
hidden in God who created all things
through Jesus Christ;
10 to the intent that now the manifold
wisdom of God might be made known
by the church to the principalities and
powers in the heavenly places,

11 according to the eternal purpose
which He accomplished in Christ Jesus
our Lord,
12 in whom we have boldness and
access with confidence through faith in
Him.
13 Therefore I ask that you do not lose
heart at my tribulations for you, which is
your glory.
14 For this reason I bow my knees to the
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
15 from whom the whole family in
heaven and earth is named,
16 that He would grant you, according
to the riches of His glory, to be
strengthened with might through His
Spirit in the inner man,
17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts
through faith; that you, being rooted
and grounded in love,

18 may be able to comprehend with all
the saints what is the width and length
and depth and height—
19 to know the love of Christ which
passes knowledge; that you may be filled
with all the fullness of God.
20 Now to Him who is able to do
exceedingly abundantly above all that
we ask or think, according to the power
that works in us,
21 to Him be glory in the church by
Christ Jesus to all generations, forever
and ever. Amen.

4 1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the
Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of
the calling with which you were called,
2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with
longsuffering, bearing with one another
in love,
3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the
Spirit in the bond of peace.

4 There is one body and one Spirit, just
as you were called in one hope of your
calling;
5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
6 one God and Father of all, who is
above all, and through all, and in you all.
7 But to each one of us grace was given
according to the measure of Christ’s gift.
8 Therefore He says: "When He
ascended on high, He led captivity
captive, And gave gifts to men."
9 (Now this, "He ascended" —what
does it mean but that He also first
descended into the lower parts of the
earth?
10 He who descended is also the One
who ascended far above all the heavens,
that He might fill all things.)
11 And He Himself gave some to
be apostles, some prophets, some
evangelists, and some pastors and
teachers,

12 for the equipping of the saints for the
work of ministry, for the edifying of the
body of Christ,
13 till we all come to the unity of the
faith and of the knowledge of the Son of
God, to a perfect man, to the measure of
the stature of the fullness of Christ;
14 that we should no longer be children,
tossed to and fro and carried about with
every wind of doctrine, by the trickery
of men, in the cunning craftiness of
deceitful plotting,
15 but, speaking the truth in love, may
grow up in all things into Him who is the
head—Christ—
16 from whom the whole body, joined
and knit together by what every joint
supplies, according to the effective
working by which every part does its
share, causes growth of the body for the
edifying of itself in love.

17 This I say, therefore, and testify in
the Lord, that you should no longer walk
as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the
futility of their mind,
18 having their understanding darkened,
being alienated from the life of God,
because of the ignorance that is in them,
because of the blindness of their heart;
19 who, being past feeling, have given
themselves over to lewdness, to work all
uncleanness with greediness.
20 But you have not so learned Christ,
21 if indeed you have heard Him and
have been taught by Him, as the truth is
in Jesus:
22 that you put off, concerning your
former conduct, the old man which
grows corrupt according to the deceitful
lusts,
23 and be renewed in the spirit of your
mind,

24 and that you put on the new man
which was created according to God, in
true righteousness and holiness.
25 Therefore, putting away lying, "Let
each one of you speak truth with his
neighbor," for we are members of one
another.
26 "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let
the sun go down on your wrath,
27 nor give place to the devil.
28 Let him who stole steal no longer,
but rather let him labor, working with his
hands what is good, that he may have
something to give him who has need.
29 Let no corrupt word proceed out
of your mouth, but what is good for
necessary edification, that it may impart
grace to the hearers.
30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of
God, by whom you were sealed for the
day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger,
clamor, and evil speaking be put away
from you, with all malice.
32 And be kind to one another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
just as God in Christ forgave you.
5 1 Therefore be imitators of God as
dear children.
2 And walk in love, as Christ also has
loved us and given Himself for us, an
offering and a sacrifice to God for a
sweet–smelling aroma.
3 But fornication and all uncleanness or
covetousness, let it not even be named
among you, as is fitting for saints;
4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking,
nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting,
but rather giving of thanks.
5 For this you know, that no fornicator,
unclean person, nor covetous man, who
is an idolater, has any inheritance in the
kingdom of Christ and God.

6 Let no one deceive you with empty
words, for because of these things the
wrath of God comes upon the sons of
disobedience.
7 Therefore do not be partakers with
them.
8 For you were once darkness, but now
you are light in the Lord. Walk as children
of light
9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all
goodness, righteousness, and truth),
10 finding out what is acceptable to the
Lord.
11 And have no fellowship with the
unfruitful works of darkness, but rather
expose them.
12 For it is shameful even to speak of
those things which are done by them in
secret.
13 But all things that are exposed are
made manifest by the light, for whatever
makes manifest is light.

14 Therefore He says: "Awake, you who
sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ
will give you light."
15 See then that you walk circumspectly,
not as fools but as wise,
16 redeeming the time, because the
days are evil.
17 Therefore do not be unwise, but
understand what the will of the Lord is.
18 And do not be drunk with wine, in
which is dissipation; but be filled with
the Spirit,
19 speaking to one another in psalms
and hymns and spiritual songs, singing
and making melody in your heart to the
Lord,
20 giving thanks always for all things to
God the Father in the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ,
21 submitting to one another in the fear
of God.

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands,
as to the Lord.
23 For the husband is head of the wife,
as also Christ is head of the church; and
He is the Savior of the body.
24 Therefore, just as the church is
subject to Christ, so let the wives be to
their own husbands in everything.
25 Husbands, love your wives, just as
Christ also loved the church and gave
Himself for her,
26 that He might sanctify and cleanse
her with the washing of water by the
word,
27 that He might present her to Himself
a glorious church, not having spot or
wrinkle or any such thing, but that she
should be holy and without blemish.
28 So husbands ought to love their own
wives as their own bodies; he who loves
his wife loves himself.

29 For no one ever hated his own flesh,
but nourishes and cherishes it, just as
the Lord does the church.
30 For we are members of His body, of
His flesh and of His bones.
31 "For this reason a man shall leave
his father and mother and be joined to
his wife, and the two shall become one
flesh."
32 This is a great mystery, but I speak
concerning Christ and the church.
33 Nevertheless let each one of you
in particular so love his own wife as
himself, and let the wife see that she
respects her husband.

6 1 Children, obey your parents in the
Lord, for this is right.
2 "Honor your father and mother,"
which is the first commandment with
promise:
3 "that it may be well with you and you
may live long on the earth."

4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your
children to wrath, but bring them up in
the training and admonition of the Lord.
5 Bondservants, be obedient to those
who are your masters according to
the flesh, with fear and trembling, in
sincerity of heart, as to Christ;
6 not with eyeservice, as men–pleasers,
but as bondservants of Christ, doing the
will of God from the heart,
7 with goodwill doing service, as to the
Lord, and not to men,
8 knowing that whatever good anyone
does, he will receive the same from the
Lord, whether he is a slave or free.
9 And you, masters, do the same things
to them, giving up threatening, knowing
that your own Master also is in heaven,
and there is no partiality with Him.
10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the
Lord and in the power of His might.

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that
you may be able to stand against the
wiles of the devil.
12 For we do not wrestle against flesh
and blood, but against principalities,
against powers, against the rulers of the
darkness of this age, against spiritual
hosts of wickedness in the heavenly
places.
13 Therefore take up the whole armor of
God, that you may be able to withstand
in the evil day, and having done all, to
stand.
14 Stand therefore, having girded your
waist with truth, having put on the
breastplate of righteousness,
15 and having shod your feet with the
preparation of the gospel of peace;
16 above all, taking the shield of faith
with which you will be able to quench all
the fiery darts of the wicked one.

17 And take the helmet of salvation,
and the sword of the Spirit, which is the
word of God;
18 praying always with all prayer and
supplication in the Spirit, being watchful
to this end with all perseverance and
supplication for all the saints—
19 and for me, that utterance may be
given to me, that I may open my mouth
boldly to make known the mystery of
the gospel,
20 for which I am an ambassador in
chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I
ought to speak.
21 But that you also may know my
affairs and how I am doing, Tychicus, a
beloved brother and faithful minister in
the Lord, will make all things known to
you;
22 whom I have sent to you for this very
purpose, that you may know our affairs,
and that he may comfort your hearts.

23 Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
24 Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

Philippians

1 [1] Paul and Timothy, bondservants
of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in
Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the
bishops and deacons:
[2] Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
[3] I thank my God upon every
remembrance of you,
[4] always in every prayer of mine making
request for you all with joy,
[5] for your fellowship in the gospel from
the first day until now,
[6] being confident of this very thing, that
He who has begun a good work in you
will complete it until the day of Jesus
Christ;
[7] just as it is right for me to think this of
you all, because I have you in my heart,

inasmuch as both in my chains and in the
defense and confirmation of the gospel,
you all are partakers with me of grace.
8 For God is my witness, how greatly
I long for you all with the affection of
Jesus Christ.
9 And this I pray, that your love
may abound still more and more in
knowledge and all discernment,
10 that you may approve the things that
are excellent, that you may be sincere
and without offense till the day of Christ,
11 being filled with the fruits of
righteousness which are by Jesus Christ,
to the glory and praise of God.
12 But I want you to know, brethren,
that the things which happened to
me have actually turned out for the
furtherance of the gospel,
13 so that it has become evident to the
whole palace guard, and to all the rest,
that my chains are in Christ;

14 and most of the brethren in the Lord,
having become confident by my chains,
are much more bold to speak the word
without fear.
15 Some indeed preach Christ even
from envy and strife, and some also from
good will:
16 The former preach Christ from selfish
ambition, not sincerely, supposing to
add affliction to my chains;
17 but the latter out of love, knowing
that I am appointed for the defense of
the gospel.
18 What then? Only that in every way,
whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is
preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and
will rejoice.
19 For I know that this will turn out for
my deliverance through your prayer and
the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
20 according to my earnest expectation
and hope that in nothing I shall be

ashamed, but with all boldness, as
always, so now also Christ will be
magnified in my body, whether by life or
by death.
21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die
is gain.
22 But if I live on in the flesh, this will
mean fruit from my labor; yet what I
shall choose I cannot tell.
23 For I am hard pressed between the
two, having a desire to depart and be
with Christ, which is far better.
24 Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is
more needful for you.
25 And being confident of this, I know
that I shall remain and continue with you
all for your progress and joy of faith,
26 that your rejoicing for me may be
more abundant in Jesus Christ by my
coming to you again.
27 Only let your conduct be worthy of
the gospel of Christ, so that whether I

come and see you or am absent, I may
hear of your affairs, that you stand fast
in one spirit, with one mind striving
together for the faith of the gospel,
28 and not in any way terrified by your
adversaries, which is to them a proof of
perdition, but to you of salvation, and
that from God.
29 For to you it has been granted on
behalf of Christ, not only to believe in
Him, but also to suffer for His sake,
30 having the same conflict which you
saw in me and now hear is in me.

2 1 Therefore if there is any consolation
in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any
fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection
and mercy,
2 fulfill my joy by being like–minded,
having the same love, being of one
accord, of one mind.
3 Let nothing be done through selfish
ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of

mind let each esteem others better than
himself.
4 Let each of you look out not only
for his own interests, but also for the
interests of others.
5 Let this mind be in you which was also
in Christ Jesus,
6 who, being in the form of God, did
not consider it robbery to be equal with
God,
7 but made Himself of no reputation,
taking the form of a bondservant, and
coming in the likeness of men.
8 And being found in appearance as a
man, He humbled Himself and became
obedient to the point of death, even the
death of the cross.
9 Therefore God also has highly exalted
Him and given Him the name which is
above every name,
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee
should bow, of those in heaven, and of

those on earth, and of those under the
earth,
11 and that every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of
God the Father.
12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have
always obeyed, not as in my presence
only, but now much more in my absence,
work out your own salvation with fear
and trembling;
13 for it is God who works in you both
to will and to do for His good pleasure.
14 Do all things without complaining
and disputing,
15 that you may become blameless and
harmless, children of God without fault
in the midst of a crooked and perverse
generation, among whom you shine as
lights in the world,
16 holding fast the word of life, so that
I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I
have not run in vain or labored in vain.

17 Yes, and if I am being poured out
as a drink offering on the sacrifice and
service of your faith, I am glad and
rejoice with you all.
18 For the same reason you also be glad
and rejoice with me.
19 But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send
Timothy to you shortly, that I also may
be encouraged when I know your state.
20 For I have no one like–minded, who
will sincerely care for your state.
21 For all seek their own, not the things
which are of Christ Jesus.
22 But you know his proven character,
that as a son with his father he served
with me in the gospel.
23 Therefore I hope to send him at once,
as soon as I see how it goes with me.
24 But I trust in the Lord that I myself
shall also come shortly.
25 Yet I considered it necessary to send
to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow

worker, and fellow soldier, but your
messenger and the one who ministered
to my need;
26 since he was longing for you all, and
was distressed because you had heard
that he was sick.
27 For indeed he was sick almost unto
death; but God had mercy on him, and
not only on him but on me also, lest I
should have sorrow upon sorrow.
28 Therefore I sent him the more
eagerly, that when you see him again
you may rejoice, and I may be less
sorrowful.
29 Receive him therefore in the Lord
with all gladness, and hold such men in
esteem;
30 because for the work of Christ he
came close to death, not regarding his
life, to supply what was lacking in your
service toward me.

3 [1] Finally, my brethren, rejoice in
the Lord. For me to write the same
things to you is not tedious, but for you
it is safe.
[2] Beware of dogs, beware of evil
workers, beware of the mutilation!
[3] For we are the circumcision, who
worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in
Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in
the flesh,
[4] though I also might have confidence
in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may
have confidence in the flesh, I more so:
[5] circumcised the eighth day, of the
stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin,
a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning
the law, a Pharisee;
[6] concerning zeal, persecuting the
church; concerning the righteousness
which is in the law, blameless.
[7] But what things were gain to me,
these I have counted loss for Christ.

8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss
for the excellence of the knowledge of
Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have
suffered the loss of all things, and count
them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ
9 and be found in Him, not having my
own righteousness, which is from the
law, but that which is through faith in
Christ, the righteousness which is from
God by faith;
10 that I may know Him and the power
of His resurrection, and the fellowship of
His sufferings, being conformed to His
death,
11 if, by any means, I may attain to the
resurrection from the dead.
12 Not that I have already attained, or
am already perfected; but I press on,
that I may lay hold of that for which
Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.
13 Brethren, I do not count myself to
have apprehended; but one thing I do,

forgetting those things which are behind
and reaching forward to those things
which are ahead,
14 I press toward the goal for the prize
of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
15 Therefore let us, as many as are
mature, have this mind; and if in
anything you think otherwise, God will
reveal even this to you.
16 Nevertheless, to the degree that we
have already attained, let us walk by the
same rule, let us be of the same mind.
17 Brethren, join in following my
example, and note those who so walk,
as you have us for a pattern.
18 For many walk, of whom I have
told you often, and now tell you even
weeping, that they are the enemies of
the cross of Christ:
19 whose end is destruction, whose god
is their belly, and whose glory is in their

shame—who set their mind on earthly
things.
20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from
which we also eagerly wait for the Savior,
the Lord Jesus Christ,
21 who will transform our lowly body
that it may be conformed to His glorious
body, according to the working by which
He is able even to subdue all things to
Himself.

4 1 Therefore, my beloved and longed–
for brethren, my joy and crown, so
stand fast in the Lord, beloved.
2 I implore Euodia and I implore
Syntyche to be of the same mind in the
Lord.
3 And I urge you also, true companion,
help these women who labored with me
in the gospel, with Clement also, and the
rest of my fellow workers, whose names
are in the Book of Life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will
say, rejoice!
5 Let your gentleness be known to all
men. The Lord is at hand.
6 Be anxious for nothing, but in
everything by prayer and supplication,
with thanksgiving, let your requests be
made known to God;
7 and the peace of God, which surpasses
all understanding, will guard your hearts
and minds through Christ Jesus.
8 Finally, brethren, whatever things
are true, whatever things are noble,
whatever things are just, whatever
things are pure, whatever things are
lovely, whatever things are of good
report, if there is any virtue and if there
is anything praiseworthy—meditate on
these things.
9 The things which you learned and
received and heard and saw in me, these

do, and the God of peace will be with
you.
10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly
that now at last your care for me has
flourished again; though you surely did
care, but you lacked opportunity.
11 Not that I speak in regard to need,
for I have learned in whatever state I am,
to be content:
12 I know how to be abased, and I know
how to abound. Everywhere and in all
things I have learned both to be full and
to be hungry, both to abound and to
suffer need.
13 I can do all things through Christ who
strengthens me.
14 Nevertheless you have done well
that you shared in my distress.
15 Now you Philippians know also that
in the beginning of the gospel, when I
departed from Macedonia, no church

shared with me concerning giving and
receiving but you only.
16 For even in Thessalonica you sent aid
once and again for my necessities.
17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the
fruit that abounds to your account.
18 Indeed I have all and abound. I am
full, having received from Epaphroditus
the things sent from you, a sweet–
smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice,
well pleasing to God.
19 And my God shall supply all your
need according to His riches in glory by
Christ Jesus.
20 Now to our God and Father be glory
forever and ever. Amen.
21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The
brethren who are with me greet you.
22 All the saints greet you, but especially
those who are of Caesar’s household.
23 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be
with you all. Amen.

Colossians

1 [1] Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by
the will of God, and Timothy our
brother,
[2] To the saints and faithful brethren in
Christ who are in Colosse: Grace to you
and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.
[3] We give thanks to the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always
for you,
[4] since we heard of your faith in Christ
Jesus and of your love for all the saints;
[5] because of the hope which is laid up
for you in heaven, of which you heard
before in the word of the truth of the
gospel,
[6] which has come to you, as it has also
in all the world, and is bringing forth

fruit, as it is also among you since the
day you heard and knew the grace of
God in truth;
7 as you also learned from Epaphras,
our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful
minister of Christ on your behalf,
8 who also declared to us your love in
the Spirit.
9 For this reason we also, since the day
we heard it, do not cease to pray for you,
and to ask that you may be filled with
the knowledge of His will in all wisdom
and spiritual understanding;
10 that you may walk worthy of the
Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in
every good work and increasing in the
knowledge of God;
11 strengthened with all might,
according to His glorious power, for all
patience and longsuffering with joy;

12 giving thanks to the Father who
has qualified us to be partakers of the
inheritance of the saints in the light.
13 He has delivered us from the power
of darkness and conveyed us into the
kingdom of the Son of His love,
14 in whom we have redemption
through His blood, the forgiveness of
sins.
15 He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.
16 For by Him all things were created
that are in heaven and that are on earth,
visible and invisible, whether thrones or
dominions or principalities or powers.
All things were created through Him and
for Him.
17 And He is before all things, and in
Him all things consist.
18 And He is the head of the body,
the church, who is the beginning, the

firstborn from the dead, that in all things
He may have the preeminence.
19 For it pleased the Father that in Him
all the fullness should dwell,
20 and by Him to reconcile all things
to Himself, by Him, whether things on
earth or things in heaven, having made
peace through the blood of His cross.
21 And you, who once were alienated
and enemies in your mind by wicked
works, yet now He has reconciled
22 in the body of His flesh through
death, to present you holy, and
blameless, and above reproach in His
sight—
23 if indeed you continue in the faith,
grounded and steadfast, and are not
moved away from the hope of the gospel
which you heard, which was preached to
every creature under heaven, of which I,
Paul, became a minister.

24 I now rejoice in my sufferings for you,
and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in
the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of
His body, which is the church,
25 of which I became a minister
according to the stewardship from God
which was given to me for you, to fulfill
the word of God,
26 the mystery which has been hidden
from ages and from generations, but
now has been revealed to His saints.
27 To them God willed to make known
what are the riches of the glory of this
mystery among the Gentiles: which is
Christ in you, the hope of glory.
28 Him we preach, warning every man
and teaching every man in all wisdom,
that we may present every man perfect
in Christ Jesus.
29 To this end I also labor, striving
according to His working which works in
me mightily.

2 [1] For I want you to know what a great
conflict I have for you and those in
Laodicea, and for as many as have not
seen my face in the flesh,
[2] that their hearts may be encouraged,
being knit together in love, and attaining
to all riches of the full assurance of
understanding, to the knowledge of the
mystery of God, both of the Father and
of Christ,
[3] in whom are hidden all the treasures
of wisdom and knowledge.
[4] Now this I say lest anyone should
deceive you with persuasive words.
[5] For though I am absent in the flesh,
yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see
your good order and the steadfastness
of your faith in Christ.
[6] As you have therefore received Christ
Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,
[7] rooted and built up in Him and
established in the faith, as you have

been taught, abounding in it with
thanksgiving.
8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through
philosophy and empty deceit, according
to the tradition of men, according to the
basic principles of the world, and not
according to Christ.
9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of
the Godhead bodily;
10 and you are complete in Him, who is
the head of all principality and power.
11 In Him you were also circumcised
with the circumcision made without
hands, by putting off the body of the
sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of
Christ,
12 buried with Him in baptism, in which
you also were raised with Him through
faith in the working of God, who raised
Him from the dead.
13 And you, being dead in your
trespasses and the uncircumcision of

your flesh, He has made alive together
with Him, having forgiven you all
trespasses,
14 having wiped out the handwriting of
requirements that was against us, which
was contrary to us. And He has taken it
out of the way, having nailed it to the
cross.
15 Having disarmed principalities and
powers, He made a public spectacle of
them, triumphing over them in it.
16 So let no one judge you in food or in
drink, or regarding a festival or a new
moon or sabbaths,
17 which are a shadow of things to
come, but the substance is of Christ.
18 Let no one cheat you of your reward,
taking delight in false humility and
worship of angels, intruding into those
things which he has not seen, vainly
puffed up by his fleshly mind,

19 and not holding fast to the Head,
from whom all the body, nourished and
knit together by joints and ligaments,
grows with the increase that is from
God.
20 Therefore, if you died with Christ
from the basic principles of the world,
why, as though living in the world, do
you subject yourselves to regulations—
21 "Do not touch, do not taste, do not
handle,"
22 which all concern things which
perish with the using—according to the
commandments and doctrines of men?
23 These things indeed have an
appearance of wisdom in self–imposed
religion, false humility, and neglect of
the body, but are of no value against the
indulgence of the flesh.
3 1 If then you were raised with Christ,
seek those things which are above,

where Christ is, sitting at the right hand
of God.
2 Set your mind on things above, not on
things on the earth.
3 For you died, and your life is hidden
with Christ in God.
4 When Christ who is our life appears,
then you also will appear with Him in
glory.
5 Therefore put to death your members
which are on the earth: fornication,
uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and
covetousness, which is idolatry.
6 Because of these things the wrath
of God is coming upon the sons of
disobedience,
7 in which you yourselves once walked
when you lived in them.
8 But now you yourselves are to put
off all these: anger, wrath, malice,
blasphemy, filthy language out of your
mouth.

9 Do not lie to one another, since you
have put off the old man with his deeds,
10 and have put on the new man who is
renewed in knowledge according to the
image of Him who created him,
11 where there is neither Greek nor
Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised,
barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but
Christ is all and in all.
12 Therefore, as the elect of God,
holy and beloved, put on tender
mercies, kindness, humility, meekness,
longsuffering;
13 bearing with one another, and
forgiving one another, if anyone has
a complaint against another; even as
Christ forgave you, so you also must do.
14 But above all these things put on
love, which is the bond of perfection.
15 And let the peace of God rule in your
hearts, to which also you were called in
one body; and be thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in
you richly in all wisdom, teaching and
admonishing one another in psalms and
hymns and spiritual songs, singing with
grace in your hearts to the Lord.
17 And whatever you do in word or
deed, do all in the name of the Lord
Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father
through Him.
18 Wives, submit to your own husbands,
as is fitting in the Lord.
19 Husbands, love your wives and do
not be bitter toward them.
20 Children, obey your parents in all
things, for this is well pleasing to the
Lord.
21 Fathers, do not provoke your
children, lest they become discouraged.
22 Bondservants, obey in all things your
masters according to the flesh, not with
eyeservice, as men–pleasers, but in
sincerity of heart, fearing God.

23 And whatever you do, do it heartily,
as to the Lord and not to men,
24 knowing that from the Lord you will
receive the reward of the inheritance;
for you serve the Lord Christ.
25 But he who does wrong will be repaid
for what he has done, and there is no
partiality.

4 1 Masters, give your bondservants
what is just and fair, knowing that
you also have a Master in heaven.
2 Continue earnestly in prayer, being
vigilant in it with thanksgiving;
3 meanwhile praying also for us, that
God would open to us a door for the
word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for
which I am also in chains,
4 that I may make it manifest, as I ought
to speak.
5 Walk in wisdom toward those who are
outside, redeeming the time.

6 Let your speech always be with grace,
seasoned with salt, that you may know
how you ought to answer each one.
7 Tychicus, a beloved brother, faithful
minister, and fellow servant in the Lord,
will tell you all the news about me.
8 I am sending him to you for this
very purpose, that he may know your
circumstances and comfort your hearts,
9 with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved
brother, who is one of you. They will
make known to you all things which are
happening here.
10 Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets
you, with Mark the cousin of Barnabas
(about whom you received instructions:
if he comes to you, welcome him),
11 and Jesus who is called Justus.
These are my only fellow workers for
the kingdom of God who are of the
circumcision; they have proved to be a
comfort to me.

12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a
bondservant of Christ, greets you,
always laboring fervently for you in
prayers, that you may stand perfect and
complete in all the will of God.
13 For I bear him witness that he has a
great zeal for you, and those who are in
Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis.
14 Luke the beloved physician and
Demas greet you.
15 Greet the brethren who are in
Laodicea, and Nymphas and the church
that is in his house.
16 Now when this epistle is read among
you, see that it is read also in the church
of the Laodiceans, and that you likewise
read the epistle from Laodicea.
17 And say to Archippus, "Take heed to
the ministry which you have received in
the Lord, that you may fulfill it."

18 This salutation by my own hand—
Paul. Remember my chains. Grace be
with you. Amen.

1 Thessalonians

1 [1] Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the
church of the Thessalonians in God
the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
[2] We give thanks to God always for
you all, making mention of you in our
prayers,
[3] remembering without ceasing your
work of faith, labor of love, and patience
of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the
sight of our God and Father,
[4] knowing, beloved brethren, your
election by God.
[5] For our gospel did not come to you
in word only, but also in power, and in
the Holy Spirit and in much assurance,

as you know what kind of men we were
among you for your sake.
6 And you became followers of us and
of the Lord, having received the word
in much affliction, with joy of the Holy
Spirit,
7 so that you became examples to all in
Macedonia and Achaia who believe.
8 For from you the word of the Lord has
sounded forth, not only in Macedonia
and Achaia, but also in every place. Your
faith toward God has gone out, so that
we do not need to say anything.
9 For they themselves declare
concerning us what manner of entry we
had to you, and how you turned to God
from idols to serve the living and true
God,
10 and to wait for His Son from heaven,
whom He raised from the dead, even
Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to
come.

2 [1] For you yourselves know, brethren,
that our coming to you was not in
vain.
[2] But even after we had suffered before
and were spitefully treated at Philippi,
as you know, we were bold in our God to
speak to you the gospel of God in much
conflict.
[3] For our exhortation did not come
from error or uncleanness, nor was it in
deceit.
[4] But as we have been approved by God
to be entrusted with the gospel, even so
we speak, not as pleasing men, but God
who tests our hearts.
[5] For neither at any time did we use
flattering words, as you know, nor a
cloak for covetousness—God is witness.
[6] Nor did we seek glory from men,
either from you or from others, when we
might have made demands as apostles
of Christ.

7 But we were gentle among you, just
as a nursing mother cherishes her own
children.
8 So, affectionately longing for you, we
were well pleased to impart to you not
only the gospel of God, but also our own
lives, because you had become dear to
us.
9 For you remember, brethren, our
labor and toil; for laboring night and day,
that we might not be a burden to any of
you, we preached to you the gospel of
God.
10 You are witnesses, and God also,
how devoutly and justly and blamelessly
we behaved ourselves among you who
believe;
11 as you know how we exhorted, and
comforted, and charged every one of
you, as a father does his own children,

12 that you would walk worthy of God
who calls you into His own kingdom and
glory.
13 For this reason we also thank God
without ceasing, because when you
received the word of God which you
heard from us, you welcomed it not as
the word of men, but as it is in truth,
the word of God, which also effectively
works in you who believe.
14 For you, brethren, became imitators
of the churches of God which are in
Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also
suffered the same things from your own
countrymen, just as they did from the
Judeans,
15 who killed both the Lord Jesus
and their own prophets, and have
persecuted us; and they do not please
God and are contrary to all men,
16 forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles
that they may be saved, so as always

to fill up the measure of their sins;
but wrath has come upon them to the
uttermost.
17 But we, brethren, having been
taken away from you for a short time
in presence, not in heart, endeavored
more eagerly to see your face with great
desire.
18 Therefore we wanted to come to
you—even I, Paul, time and again—but
Satan hindered us.
19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown
of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the
presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His
coming?
20 For you are our glory and joy.

3 1 Therefore, when we could no
longer endure it, we thought it good
to be left in Athens alone,
2 and sent Timothy, our brother and
minister of God, and our fellow laborer
in the gospel of Christ, to establish you

and encourage you concerning your
faith,
3 that no one should be shaken by these
afflictions; for you yourselves know that
we are appointed to this.
4 For, in fact, we told you before when
we were with you that we would suffer
tribulation, just as it happened, and you
know.
5 For this reason, when I could no
longer endure it, I sent to know your
faith, lest by some means the tempter
had tempted you, and our labor might
be in vain.
6 But now that Timothy has come to us
from you, and brought us good news of
your faith and love, and that you always
have good remembrance of us, greatly
desiring to see us, as we also to see
you—

7 therefore, brethren, in all our
affliction and distress we were
comforted concerning you by your faith.
8 For now we live, if you stand fast in
the Lord.
9 For what thanks can we render to God
for you, for all the joy with which we
rejoice for your sake before our God,
10 night and day praying exceedingly
that we may see your face and perfect
what is lacking in your faith?
11 Now may our God and Father
Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct
our way to you.
12 And may the Lord make you increase
and abound in love to one another and
to all, just as we do to you,
13 so that He may establish your hearts
blameless in holiness before our God
and Father at the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ with all His saints.

4 [1] Finally then, brethren, we urge and
exhort in the Lord Jesus that you
should abound more and more, just as
you received from us how you ought to
walk and to please God;
[2] for you know what commandments
we gave you through the Lord Jesus.
[3] For this is the will of God, your
sanctification: that you should abstain
from sexual immorality;
[4] that each of you should know how to
possess his own vessel in sanctification
and honor,
[5] not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles
who do not know God;
[6] that no one should take advantage of
and defraud his brother in this matter,
because the Lord is the avenger of all
such, as we also forewarned you and
testified.
[7] For God did not call us to uncleanness,
but in holiness.

8 Therefore he who rejects this does
not reject man, but God, who has also
given us His Holy Spirit.
9 But concerning brotherly love you
have no need that I should write to you,
for you yourselves are taught by God to
love one another;
10 and indeed you do so toward all the
brethren who are in all Macedonia. But
we urge you, brethren, that you increase
more and more;
11 that you also aspire to lead a quiet
life, to mind your own business, and
to work with your own hands, as we
commanded you,
12 that you may walk properly toward
those who are outside, and that you may
lack nothing.
13 But I do not want you to be ignorant,
brethren, concerning those who have
fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others
who have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and
rose again, even so God will bring with
Him those who sleep in Jesus.
15 For this we say to you by the word
of the Lord, that we who are alive and
remain until the coming of the Lord will
by no means precede those who are
asleep.
16 For the Lord Himself will descend
from heaven with a shout, with the voice
of an archangel, and with the trumpet of
God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.
17 Then we who are alive and remain
shall be caught up together with them in
the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.
And thus we shall always be with the
Lord.
18 Therefore comfort one another with
these words.

5 1 But concerning the times and the
seasons, brethren, you have no need
that I should write to you.

2 For you yourselves know perfectly
that the day of the Lord so comes as a
thief in the night.
3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!"
then sudden destruction comes upon
them, as labor pains upon a pregnant
woman. And they shall not escape.
4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness,
so that this Day should overtake you as a
thief.
5 You are all sons of light and sons of
the day. We are not of the night nor of
darkness.
6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others
do, but let us watch and be sober.
7 For those who sleep, sleep at night,
and those who get drunk are drunk at
night.
8 But let us who are of the day be
sober, putting on the breastplate of faith
and love, and as a helmet the hope of
salvation.

9 For God did not appoint us to wrath,
but to obtain salvation through our Lord
Jesus Christ,
10 who died for us, that whether we
wake or sleep, we should live together
with Him.
11 Therefore comfort each other and
edify one another, just as you also are
doing.
12 And we urge you, brethren, to
recognize those who labor among
you, and are over you in the Lord and
admonish you,
13 and to esteem them very highly in
love for their work's sake. Be at peace
among yourselves.
14 Now we exhort you, brethren,
warn those who are unruly, comfort
the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be
patient with all.

15 See that no one renders evil for evil
to anyone, but always pursue what is
good both for yourselves and for all.
16 Rejoice always,
17 pray without ceasing,
18 in everything give thanks; for this is
the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
19 Do not quench the Spirit.
20 Do not despise prophecies.
21 Test all things; hold fast what is good.
22 Abstain from every form of evil.
23 Now may the God of peace Himself
sanctify you completely; and may your
whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved
blameless at the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ.
24 He who calls you is faithful, who also
will do it.
25 Brethren, pray for us.
26 Greet all the brethren with a holy
kiss.

27 I charge you by the Lord that this
epistle be read to all the holy brethren.
28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be
with you. Amen.

2 Thessalonians

1 [1] Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the
church of the Thessalonians in God
our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
[2] Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
[3] We are bound to thank God always
for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because
your faith grows exceedingly, and the
love of every one of you all abounds
toward each other,
[4] so that we ourselves boast of
you among the churches of God for
your patience and faith in all your
persecutions and tribulations that you
endure,
[5] which is manifest evidence of the
righteous judgment of God, that you

may be counted worthy of the kingdom
of God, for which you also suffer;
6 since it is a righteous thing with God
to repay with tribulation those who
trouble you,
7 and to give you who are troubled rest
with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed
from heaven with His mighty angels,
8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on
those who do not know God, and on
those who do not obey the gospel of our
Lord Jesus Christ.
9 These shall be punished with
everlasting destruction from the
presence of the Lord and from the glory
of His power,
10 when He comes, in that Day, to be
glorified in His saints and to be admired
among all those who believe, because
our testimony among you was believed.
11 Therefore we also pray always for you
that our God would count you worthy

of this calling, and fulfill all the good
pleasure of His goodness and the work
of faith with power,
12 that the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ may be glorified in you, and you in
Him, according to the grace of our God
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 1 Now, brethren, concerning the
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and
our gathering together to Him, we ask
you,
2 not to be soon shaken in mind or
troubled, either by spirit or by word or
by letter, as if from us, as though the day
of Christ had come.
3 Let no one deceive you by any means;
for that Day will not come unless the
falling away comes first, and the man of
sin is revealed, the son of perdition,
4 who opposes and exalts himself above
all that is called God or that is worshiped,

so that he sits as God in the temple of
God, showing himself that he is God.
5 Do you not remember that when I was
still with you I told you these things?
6 And now you know what is restraining,
that he may be revealed in his own time.
7 For the mystery of lawlessness is
already at work; only He who now
restrains will do so until He is taken out
of the way.
8 And then the lawless one will be
revealed, whom the Lord will consume
with the breath of His mouth and destroy
with the brightness of His coming.
9 The coming of the lawless one is
according to the working of Satan, with
all power, signs, and lying wonders,
10 and with all unrighteous deception
among those who perish, because they
did not receive the love of the truth, that
they might be saved.

11 And for this reason God will send
them strong delusion, that they should
believe the lie,
12 that they all may be condemned
who did not believe the truth but had
pleasure in unrighteousness.
13 But we are bound to give thanks to
God always for you, brethren beloved
by the Lord, because God from the
beginning chose you for salvation
through sanctification by the Spirit and
belief in the truth,
14 to which He called you by our gospel,
for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord
Jesus Christ.
15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast and
hold the traditions which you were
taught, whether by word or our epistle.
16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ
Himself, and our God and Father, who
has loved us and given us everlasting
consolation and good hope by grace,

17 comfort your hearts and establish
you in every good word and work.
3 1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that
the word of the Lord may run swiftly
and be glorified, just as it is with you,
2 and that we may be delivered from
unreasonable and wicked men; for not
all have faith.
3 But the Lord is faithful, who will
establish you and guard you from the
evil one.
4 And we have confidence in the Lord
concerning you, both that you do and
will do the things we command you.
5 Now may the Lord direct your hearts
into the love of God and into the
patience of Christ.
6 But we command you, brethren, in
the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that
you withdraw from every brother who
walks disorderly and not according to
the tradition which he received from us.

7 For you yourselves know how you
ought to follow us, for we were not
disorderly among you;
8 nor did we eat anyone’s bread free of
charge, but worked with labor and toil
night and day, that we might not be a
burden to any of you,
9 not because we do not have authority,
but to make ourselves an example of
how you should follow us.
10 For even when we were with you, we
commanded you this: If anyone will not
work, neither shall he eat.
11 For we hear that there are some who
walk among you in a disorderly manner,
not working at all, but are busybodies.
12 Now those who are such we
command and exhort through our Lord
Jesus Christ that they work in quietness
and eat their own bread.
13 But as for you, brethren, do not grow
weary in doing good.

14 And if anyone does not obey our
word in this epistle, note that person
and do not keep company with him, that
he may be ashamed.
15 Yet do not count him as an enemy,
but admonish him as a brother.
16 Now may the Lord of peace Himself
give you peace always in every way. The
Lord be with you all.
17 The salutation of Paul with my own
hand, which is a sign in every epistle; so
I write.
18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be
with you all. Amen.

1 Timothy

1 [1] Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by
the commandment of God our Savior
and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope,
[2] To Timothy, a true son in the faith:
Grace, mercy, and peace from God our
Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.
[3] As I urged you when I went into
Macedonia—remain in Ephesus that
you may charge some that they teach no
other doctrine,
[4] nor give heed to fables and endless
genealogies, which cause disputes rather
than godly edification which is in faith.
[5] Now the purpose of the
commandment is love from a pure
heart, from a good conscience, and from
sincere faith,

6 from which some, having strayed,
have turned aside to idle talk,
7 desiring to be teachers of the law,
understanding neither what they say nor
the things which they affirm.
8 But we know that the law is good if
one uses it lawfully,
9 knowing this: that the law is not
made for a righteous person, but for
the lawless and insubordinate, for
the ungodly and for sinners, for the
unholy and profane, for murderers of
fathers and murderers of mothers, for
manslayers,
10 for fornicators, for sodomites, for
kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if
there is any other thing that is contrary
to sound doctrine,
11 according to the glorious gospel of
the blessed God which was committed
to my trust.

12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who
has enabled me, because He counted
me faithful, putting me into the ministry,
13 although I was formerly a
blasphemer, a persecutor, and an
insolent man; but I obtained mercy
because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.
14 And the grace of our Lord was
exceedingly abundant, with faith and
love which are in Christ Jesus.
15 This is a faithful saying and worthy
of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came
into the world to save sinners, of whom I
am chief.
16 However, for this reason I obtained
mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might
show all longsuffering, as a pattern to
those who are going to believe on Him
for everlasting life.
17 Now to the King eternal, immortal,
invisible, to God who alone is wise, be
honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

18 This charge I commit to you, son
Timothy, according to the prophecies
previously made concerning you, that by
them you may wage the good warfare,
19 having faith and a good conscience,
which some having rejected, concerning
the faith have suffered shipwreck,
20 of whom are Hymenaeus and
Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan
that they may learn not to blaspheme.

2 1 Therefore I exhort first of all that
supplications, prayers, intercessions,
and giving of thanks be made for all
men,
2 for kings and all who are in authority,
that we may lead a quiet and peaceable
life in all godliness and reverence.
3 For this is good and acceptable in the
sight of God our Savior,
4 who desires all men to be saved and
to come to the knowledge of the truth.

5 For there is one God and one Mediator
between God and men, the Man Christ
Jesus,
6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to
be testified in due time,
7 for which I was appointed a preacher
and an apostle—I am speaking the truth
in Christ and not lying—a teacher of the
Gentiles in faith and truth.
8 I desire therefore that the men pray
everywhere, lifting up holy hands,
without wrath and doubting;
9 in like manner also, that the women
adorn themselves in modest apparel,
with propriety and moderation, not with
braided hair or gold or pearls or costly
clothing,
10 but, which is proper for women
professing godliness, with good works.
11 Let a woman learn in silence with all
submission.

12 And I do not permit a woman to
teach or to have authority over a man,
but to be in silence.
13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve.
14 And Adam was not deceived, but
the woman being deceived, fell into
transgression.
15 Nevertheless she will be saved in
childbearing if they continue in faith,
love, and holiness, with self–control.

3 1 This is a faithful saying: If a man
desires the position of a bishop, he
desires a good work.
2 A bishop then must be blameless,
the husband of one wife, temperate,
sober–minded, of good behavior,
hospitable, able to teach;
3 not given to wine, not violent, not
greedy for money, but gentle, not
quarrelsome, not covetous;

4 one who rules his own house well,
having his children in submission with all
reverence
5 (for if a man does not know how to
rule his own house, how will he take care
of the church of God?);
6 not a novice, lest being puffed up with
pride he fall into the same condemnation
as the devil.
7 Moreover he must have a good
testimony among those who are outside,
lest he fall into reproach and the snare
of the devil.
8 Likewise deacons must be reverent,
not double–tongued, not given to much
wine, not greedy for money,
9 holding the mystery of the faith with a
pure conscience.
10 But let these also first be tested; then
let them serve as deacons, being found
blameless.

11 Likewise their wives must be
reverent, not slanderers, temperate,
faithful in all things.
12 Let deacons be the husbands of one
wife, ruling their children and their own
houses well.
13 For those who have served well as
deacons obtain for themselves a good
standing and great boldness in the faith
which is in Christ Jesus.
14 These things I write to you, though I
hope to come to you shortly;
15 but if I am delayed, I write so that you
may know how you ought to conduct
yourself in the house of God, which is
the church of the living God, the pillar
and ground of the truth.
16 And without controversy great is
the mystery of godliness: God was
manifested in the flesh, Justified in the
Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among

the Gentiles, Believed on in the world,
Received up in glory.

4 [1] Now the Spirit expressly says that
in latter times some will depart from
the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits
and doctrines of demons,
[2] speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their
own conscience seared with a hot iron,
[3] forbidding to marry, and commanding
to abstain from foods which God created
to be received with thanksgiving by
those who believe and know the truth.
[4] For every creature of God is good, and
nothing is to be refused if it is received
with thanksgiving;
[5] for it is sanctified by the word of God
and prayer.
[6] If you instruct the brethren in these
things, you will be a good minister of
Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of
faith and of the good doctrine which you
have carefully followed.

7 But reject profane and old wives'
fables, and exercise yourself toward
godliness.
8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but
godliness is profitable for all things,
having promise of the life that now is
and of that which is to come.
9 This is a faithful saying and worthy of
all acceptance.
10 For to this end we both labor and
suffer reproach, because we trust in the
living God, who is the Savior of all men,
especially of those who believe.
11 These things command and teach.
12 Let no one despise your youth, but
be an example to the believers in word,
in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in
purity.
13 Till I come, give attention to reading,
to exhortation, to doctrine.
14 Do not neglect the gift that is in you,
which was given to you by prophecy

with the laying on of the hands of the
eldership.
15 Meditate on these things; give
yourself entirely to them, that your
progress may be evident to all.
16 Take heed to yourself and to the
doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing
this you will save both yourself and
those who hear you.

5 1 Do not rebuke an older man, but
exhort him as a father, younger men
as brothers,
2 older women as mothers, younger as
sisters, with all purity.
3 Honor widows who are really widows.
4 But if any widow has children or
grandchildren, let them first learn to
show piety at home and to repay their
parents; for this is good and acceptable
before God.

5 Now she who is really a widow, and
left alone, trusts in God and continues in
supplications and prayers night and day.
6 But she who lives in pleasure is dead
while she lives.
7 And these things command, that they
may be blameless.
8 But if anyone does not provide for
his own, and especially for those of his
household, he has denied the faith and
is worse than an unbeliever.
9 Do not let a widow under sixty years
old be taken into the number, and not
unless she has been the wife of one
man,
10 well reported for good works: if
she has brought up children, if she has
lodged strangers, if she has washed
the saints' feet, if she has relieved the
afflicted, if she has diligently followed
every good work.

11 But refuse the younger widows; for
when they have begun to grow wanton
against Christ, they desire to marry,
12 having condemnation because they
have cast off their first faith.
13 And besides they learn to be idle,
wandering about from house to house,
and not only idle but also gossips and
busybodies, saying things which they
ought not.
14 Therefore I desire that the younger
widows marry, bear children, manage
the house, give no opportunity to the
adversary to speak reproachfully.
15 For some have already turned aside
after Satan.
16 If any believing man or woman has
widows, let them relieve them, and
do not let the church be burdened,
that it may relieve those who are really
widows.

17 Let the elders who rule well be
counted worthy of double honor,
especially those who labor in the word
and doctrine.
18 For the Scripture says, "You shall not
muzzle an ox while it treads out the
grain," and, "The laborer is worthy of his
wages."
19 Do not receive an accusation against
an elder except from two or three
witnesses.
20 Those who are sinning rebuke in the
presence of all, that the rest also may
fear.
21 I charge you before God and the Lord
Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you
observe these things without prejudice,
doing nothing with partiality.
22 Do not lay hands on anyone hastily,
nor share in other people’s sins; keep
yourself pure.

23 No longer drink only water, but use a
little wine for your stomach's sake and
your frequent infirmities.
24 Some men's sins are clearly evident,
preceding them to judgment, but those
of some men follow later.
25 Likewise, the good works of some
are clearly evident, and those that are
otherwise cannot be hidden.

6 1 Let as many bondservants as are
under the yoke count their own
masters worthy of all honor, so that the
name of God and His doctrine may not
be blasphemed.
2 And those who have believing
masters, let them not despise them
because they are brethren, but rather
serve them because those who are
benefited are believers and beloved.
Teach and exhort these things.
3 If anyone teaches otherwise and
does not consent to wholesome words,

even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and to the doctrine which accords with
godliness,
4 he is proud, knowing nothing, but is
obsessed with disputes and arguments
over words, from which come envy,
strife, reviling, evil suspicions,
5 useless wranglings of men of corrupt
minds and destitute of the truth, who
suppose that godliness is a means of
gain. From such withdraw yourself.
6 Now godliness with contentment is
great gain.
7 For we brought nothing into this
world, and it is certain we can carry
nothing out.
8 And having food and clothing, with
these we shall be content.
9 But those who desire to be rich fall
into temptation and a snare, and into
many foolish and harmful lusts which
drown men in destruction and perdition.

10 For the love of money is a root
of all kinds of evil, for which some
have strayed from the faith in their
greediness, and pierced themselves
through with many sorrows.
11 But you, O man of God, flee these
things and pursue righteousness,
godliness, faith, love, patience,
gentleness.
12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold
on eternal life, to which you were also
called and have confessed the good
confession in the presence of many
witnesses.
13 I urge you in the sight of God who
gives life to all things, and before
Christ Jesus who witnessed the good
confession before Pontius Pilate,
14 that you keep this commandment
without spot, blameless until our Lord
Jesus Christ's appearing,

15 which He will manifest in His own
time, He who is the blessed and only
Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of
lords,
16 who alone has immortality, dwelling
in unapproachable light, whom no man
has seen or can see, to whom be honor
and everlasting power. Amen.
17 Command those who are rich in this
present age not to be haughty, nor to
trust in uncertain riches but in the living
God, who gives us richly all things to
enjoy.
18 Let them do good, that they be rich
in good works, ready to give, willing to
share,
19 storing up for themselves a good
foundation for the time to come, that
they may lay hold on eternal life.
20 O Timothy! Guard what was
committed to your trust, avoiding
the profane and idle babblings and

contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge—
21 by professing it some have strayed
concerning the faith. Grace be with you.
Amen.

2 Timothy

1 [1] Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by
the will of God, according to the
promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,
[2] To Timothy, a beloved son: Grace,
mercy, and peace from God the Father
and Christ Jesus our Lord.
[3] I thank God, whom I serve with a pure
conscience, as my forefathers did, as
without ceasing I remember you in my
prayers night and day,
[4] greatly desiring to see you, being
mindful of your tears, that I may be filled
with joy,
[5] when I call to remembrance the
genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt
first in your grandmother Lois and your
mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in
you also.

6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the
gift of God which is in you through the
laying on of my hands.
7 For God has not given us a spirit of
fear, but of power and of love and of a
sound mind.
8 Therefore do not be ashamed of
the testimony of our Lord, nor of me
His prisoner, but share with me in the
sufferings for the gospel according to the
power of God,
9 who has saved us and called us with a
holy calling, not according to our works,
but according to His own purpose and
grace which was given to us in Christ
Jesus before time began,
10 but has now been revealed by the
appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who
has abolished death and brought life and
immortality to light through the gospel,
11 to which I was appointed a preacher,
an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

12 For this reason I also suffer these
things; nevertheless I am not ashamed,
for I know whom I have believed and am
persuaded that He is able to keep what I
have committed to Him until that Day.
13 Hold fast the pattern of sound words
which you have heard from me, in faith
and love which are in Christ Jesus.
14 That good thing which was
committed to you, keep by the Holy
Spirit who dwells in us.
15 This you know, that all those in Asia
have turned away from me, among
whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.
16 The Lord grant mercy to the
household of Onesiphorus, for he often
refreshed me, and was not ashamed of
my chain;
17 but when he arrived in Rome, he
sought me out very zealously and found
me.

18 The Lord grant to him that he
may find mercy from the Lord in that
Day—and you know very well how many
ways he ministered to me at Ephesus.

2 1 You therefore, my son, be strong in
the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
2 And the things that you have heard
from me among many witnesses,
commit these to faithful men who will
be able to teach others also.
3 You therefore must endure hardship
as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
4 No one engaged in warfare entangles
himself with the affairs of this life, that
he may please him who enlisted him as
a soldier.
5 And also if anyone competes in
athletics, he is not crowned unless he
competes according to the rules.
6 The hard–working farmer must be
first to partake of the crops.

7 Consider what I say, and may the Lord
give you understanding in all things.
8 Remember that Jesus Christ, of the
seed of David, was raised from the dead
according to my gospel,
9 for which I suffer trouble as an
evildoer, even to the point of chains; but
the word of God is not chained.
10 Therefore I endure all things for the
sake of the elect, that they also may
obtain the salvation which is in Christ
Jesus with eternal glory.
11 This is a faithful saying: For if we died
with Him, We shall also live with Him.
12 If we endure, We shall also reign with
Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny
us.
13 If we are faithless, He remains
faithful; He cannot deny Himself.
14 Remind them of these things,
charging them before the Lord not to

strive about words to no profit, to the
ruin of the hearers.
15 Be diligent to present yourself
approved to God, a worker who does
not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing
the word of truth.
16 But shun profane and idle babblings,
for they will increase to more
ungodliness.
17 And their message will spread like
cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of
this sort,
18 who have strayed concerning the
truth, saying that the resurrection is
already past; and they overthrow the
faith of some.
19 Nevertheless the solid foundation of
God stands, having this seal: "The Lord
knows those who are His," and, "Let
everyone who names the name of Christ
depart from iniquity."

20 But in a great house there are not
only vessels of gold and silver, but also
of wood and clay, some for honor and
some for dishonor.
21 Therefore if anyone cleanses himself
from the latter, he will be a vessel for
honor, sanctified and useful for the
Master, prepared for every good work.
22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue
righteousness, faith, love, peace with
those who call on the Lord out of a pure
heart.
23 But avoid foolish and ignorant
disputes, knowing that they generate
strife.
24 And a servant of the Lord must not
quarrel but be gentle to all, able to
teach, patient,
25 in humility correcting those who are
in opposition, if God perhaps will grant
them repentance, so that they may
know the truth,

26 and that they may come to their
senses and escape the snare of the devil,
having been taken captive by him to do
his will.
3 1 But know this, that in the last days
perilous times will come:
2 For men will be lovers of themselves,
lovers of money, boasters, proud,
blasphemers, disobedient to parents,
unthankful, unholy,
3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers,
without self–control, brutal, despisers of
good,
4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers
of pleasure rather than lovers of God,
5 having a form of godliness but denying
its power. And from such people turn
away!
6 For of this sort are those who creep
into households and make captives of
gullible women loaded down with sins,
led away by various lusts,

7 always learning and never able to
come to the knowledge of the truth.
8 Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted
Moses, so do these also resist the truth:
men of corrupt minds, disapproved
concerning the faith;
9 but they will progress no further, for
their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs
also was.
10 But you have carefully followed my
doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith,
longsuffering, love, perseverance,
11 persecutions, afflictions, which
happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium,
at Lystra—what persecutions I endured.
And out of them all the Lord delivered
me.
12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly
in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.
13 But evil men and impostors will grow
worse and worse, deceiving and being
deceived.

14 But you must continue in the things
which you have learned and been
assured of, knowing from whom you
have learned them,
15 and that from childhood you have
known the Holy Scriptures, which are
able to make you wise for salvation
through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of
God, and is profitable for doctrine, for
reproof, for correction, for instruction in
righteousness,
17 that the man of God may be
complete, thoroughly equipped for
every good work.

4 1 I charge you therefore before God
and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will
judge the living and the dead at His
appearing and His kingdom:
2 Preach the word! Be ready in season
and out of season. Convince, rebuke,

exhort, with all longsuffering and
teaching.
3 For the time will come when they
will not endure sound doctrine, but
according to their own desires, because
they have itching ears, they will heap up
for themselves teachers;
4 and they will turn their ears away
from the truth, and be turned aside to
fables.
5 But you be watchful in all things,
endure afflictions, do the work of an
evangelist, fulfill your ministry.
6 For I am already being poured out
as a drink offering, and the time of my
departure is at hand.
7 I have fought the good fight, I have
finished the race, I have kept the faith.
8 Finally, there is laid up for me the
crown of righteousness, which the Lord,
the righteous Judge, will give to me on

that Day, and not to me only but also to
all who have loved His appearing.
9 Be diligent to come to me quickly;
10 for Demas has forsaken me, having
loved this present world, and has
departed for Thessalonica—Crescens for
Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia.
11 Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and
bring him with you, for he is useful to me
for ministry.
12 And Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.
13 Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus
at Troas when you come—and the
books, especially the parchments.
14 Alexander the coppersmith did me
much harm. May the Lord repay him
according to his works.
15 You also must beware of him, for he
has greatly resisted our words.
16 At my first defense no one stood with
me, but all forsook me. May it not be
charged against them.

17 But the Lord stood with me and
strengthened me, so that the message
might be preached fully through me,
and that all the Gentiles might hear. And
I was delivered out of the mouth of the
lion.
18 And the Lord will deliver me from
every evil work and preserve me for
His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory
forever and ever. Amen!
19 Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the
household of Onesiphorus.
20 Erastus stayed in Corinth, but
Trophimus I have left in Miletus sick.
21 Do your utmost to come before
winter. Eubulus greets you, as well
as Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the
brethren.
22 The Lord Jesus Christ be with your
spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

Titus

1 1 Paul, a bondservant of God and
an apostle of Jesus Christ, according
to the faith of God’s elect and the
acknowledgment of the truth which
accords with godliness,
2 in hope of eternal life which God, who
cannot lie, promised before time began,
3 but has in due time manifested His
word through preaching, which was
committed to me according to the
commandment of God our Savior;
4 To Titus, a true son in our common
faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God
the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our
Savior.
5 For this reason I left you in Crete, that
you should set in order the things that

are lacking, and appoint elders in every
city as I commanded you—
6 if a man is blameless, the husband of
one wife, having faithful children
not accused of dissipation or
insubordination.
7 For a bishop must be blameless, as
a steward of God, not self–willed, not
quick–tempered, not given to wine, not
violent, not greedy for money,
8 but hospitable, a lover of what
is good, sober–minded, just, holy,
self–controlled,
9 holding fast the faithful word as he
has been taught, that he may be able,
by sound doctrine, both to exhort and
convict those who contradict.
10 For there are many insubordinate,
both idle talkers and deceivers, especially
those of the circumcision,
11 whose mouths must be stopped, who
subvert whole households, teaching

things which they ought not, for the sake
of dishonest gain.
12 One of them, a prophet of their
own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil
beasts, lazy gluttons."
13 This testimony is true. Therefore
rebuke them sharply, that they may be
sound in the faith,
14 not giving heed to Jewish fables and
commandments of men who turn from
the truth.
15 To the pure all things are pure, but to
those who are defiled and unbelieving
nothing is pure; but even their mind and
conscience are defiled.
16 They profess to know God, but in
works they deny Him, being abominable,
disobedient, and disqualified for every
good work.

2 1 But as for you, speak the things
which are proper for sound doctrine:

2 that the older men be sober, reverent,
temperate, sound in faith, in love, in
patience;
3 the older women likewise, that they
be reverent in behavior, not slanderers,
not given to much wine, teachers of
good things—
4 that they admonish the young women
to love their husbands, to love their
children,
5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers,
good, obedient to their own husbands,
that the word of God may not be
blasphemed.
6 Likewise exhort the young men to be
sober–minded,
7 in all things showing yourself
to be a pattern of good works; in
doctrine showing integrity, reverence,
incorruptibility,
8 sound speech that cannot be
condemned, that one who is an

opponent may be ashamed, having
nothing evil to say of you.
9 Exhort bondservants to be obedient
to their own masters, to be well pleasing
in all things, not answering back,
10 not pilfering, but showing all good
fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine
of God our Savior in all things.
11 For the grace of God that brings
salvation has appeared to all men,
12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness
and worldly lusts, we should live soberly,
righteously, and godly in the present
age,
13 looking for the blessed hope and
glorious appearing of our great God and
Savior Jesus Christ,
14 who gave Himself for us, that He
might redeem us from every lawless
deed and purify for Himself His own
special people, zealous for good works.

15 Speak these things, exhort, and
rebuke with all authority. Let no one
despise you.

3 1 Remind them to be subject to rulers
and authorities, to obey, to be ready
for every good work,
2 to speak evil of no one, to be
peaceable, gentle, showing all humility
to all men.
3 For we ourselves were also once
foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving
various lusts and pleasures, living in
malice and envy, hateful and hating one
another.
4 But when the kindness and the love of
God our Savior toward man appeared,
5 not by works of righteousness which
we have done, but according to His
mercy He saved us, through the washing
of regeneration and renewing of the
Holy Spirit,

6 whom He poured out on us
abundantly through Jesus Christ our
Savior,
7 that having been justified by His grace
we should become heirs according to
the hope of eternal life.
8 This is a faithful saying, and these
things I want you to affirm constantly,
that those who have believed in God
should be careful to maintain good
works. These things are good and
profitable to men.
9 But avoid foolish disputes,
genealogies, contentions, and strivings
about the law; for they are unprofitable
and useless.
10 Reject a divisive man after the first
and second admonition,
11 knowing that such a person is warped
and sinning, being self–condemned.
12 When I send Artemas to you, or
Tychicus, be diligent to come to me at

Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend
the winter there.
13 Send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos
on their journey with haste, that they
may lack nothing.
14 And let our people also learn to
maintain good works, to meet urgent
needs, that they may not be unfruitful.
15 All who are with me greet you. Greet
those who love us in the faith. Grace be
with you all. Amen.

Philemon

1 1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and
Timothy our brother, To Philemon
our beloved friend and fellow laborer,
2 to the beloved Apphia, Archippus our
fellow soldier, and to the church in your
house:
3 Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
4 I thank my God, making mention of
you always in my prayers,
5 hearing of your love and faith which
you have toward the Lord Jesus and
toward all the saints,
6 that the sharing of your faith
may become effective by the
acknowledgment of every good
thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

7 For we have great joy and consolation
in your love, because the hearts of
the saints have been refreshed by you,
brother.
8 Therefore, though I might be very
bold in Christ to command you what is
fitting,
9 yet for love's sake I rather appeal to
you —being such a one as Paul, the
aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus
Christ—
10 I appeal to you for my son Onesimus,
whom I have begotten while in my
chains,
11 who once was unprofitable to you,
but now is profitable to you and to me.
12 I am sending him back. You therefore
receive him, that is, my own heart,
13 whom I wished to keep with me, that
on your behalf he might minister to me
in my chains for the gospel.

14 But without your consent I wanted to
do nothing, that your good deed might
not be by compulsion, as it were, but
voluntary.
15 For perhaps he departed for a while
for this purpose, that you might receive
him forever,
16 no longer as a slave but more than a
slave—a beloved brother, especially to
me but how much more to you, both in
the flesh and in the Lord.
17 If then you count me as a partner,
receive him as you would me.
18 But if he has wronged you or owes
anything, put that on my account.
19 I, Paul, am writing with my own hand.
I will repay—not to mention to you that
you owe me even your own self besides.
20 Yes, brother, let me have joy from
you in the Lord; refresh my heart in the
Lord.

21 Having confidence in your obedience,
I write to you, knowing that you will do
even more than I say.
22 But, meanwhile, also prepare a guest
room for me, for I trust that through
your prayers I shall be granted to you.
23 Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in
Christ Jesus, greets you,
24 as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas,
Luke, my fellow laborers.
25 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be
with your spirit. Amen.

Hebrews

1 1 God, who at various times and in
various ways spoke in time past to
the fathers by the prophets,
2 has in these last days spoken to us by
His Son, whom He has appointed heir of
all things, through whom also He made
the worlds;
3 who being the brightness of His glory
and the express image of His person, and
upholding all things by the word of His
power, when He had by Himself purged
our sins, sat down at the right hand of
the Majesty on high,
4 having become so much better than
the angels, as He has by inheritance
obtained a more excellent name than
they.

5 For to which of the angels did He
ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have
begotten You"? And again: "I will be to
Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a
Son"?
6 But when He again brings the firstborn
into the world, He says: "Let all the
angels of God worship Him."
7 And of the angels He says: "Who
makes His angels spirits And His ministers
a flame of fire."
8 But to the Son He says: "Your throne,
O God, is forever and ever; A scepter
of righteousness is the scepter of Your
Kingdom.
9 You have loved righteousness and
hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your
God, has anointed You With the oil of
gladness more than Your companions."
10 And: "You, LORD, in the beginning
laid the foundation of the earth, And the
heavens are the work of Your hands.

11 They will perish, but You remain; And
they will all grow old like a garment;
12 Like a cloak You will fold them up,
And they will be changed. But You are
the same, And Your years will not fail."
13 But to which of the angels has He
ever said: "Sit at My right hand, Till I
make Your enemies Your footstool"?
14 Are they not all ministering spirits
sent forth to minister for those who will
inherit salvation?
2 1 Therefore we must give the more
earnest heed to the things we have
heard, lest we drift away.
2 For if the word spoken through
angels proved steadfast, and every
transgression and disobedience received
a just reward,
3 how shall we escape if we neglect
so great a salvation, which at the first
began to be spoken by the Lord, and

was confirmed to us by those who heard
Him,
4 God also bearing witness both
with signs and wonders, with various
miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit,
according to His own will?
5 For He has not put the world to come,
of which we speak, in subjection to
angels.
6 But one testified in a certain place,
saying: "What is man that You are
mindful of him, Or the son of man that
You take care of him?
7 You have made him a little lower than
the angels; You have crowned him with
glory and honor, And set him over the
works of Your hands.
8 You have put all things in subjection
under his feet." For in that He put all in
subjection under him, He left nothing
that is not put under him. But now we
do not yet see all things put under him.

9 But we see Jesus, who was made
a little lower than the angels, for the
suffering of death crowned with glory
and honor, that He, by the grace of God,
might taste death for everyone.
10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom
are all things and by whom are all things,
in bringing many sons to glory, to make
the captain of their salvation perfect
through sufferings.
11 For both He who sanctifies and those
who are being sanctified are all of one,
for which reason He is not ashamed to
call them brethren,
12 saying: "I will declare Your name
to My brethren; In the midst of the
assembly I will sing praise to You."
13 And again: "I will put My trust in
Him." And again: "Here am I and the
children whom God has given Me."
14 Inasmuch then as the children have
partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself

likewise shared in the same, that through
death He might destroy him who had
the power of death, that is, the devil,
15 and release those who through fear
of death were all their lifetime subject to
bondage.
16 For indeed He does not give aid to
angels, but He does give aid to the seed
of Abraham.
17 Therefore, in all things He had to be
made like His brethren, that He might
be a merciful and faithful High Priest
in things pertaining to God, to make
propitiation for the sins of the people.
18 For in that He Himself has suffered,
being tempted, He is able to aid those
who are tempted.

3 1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers
of the heavenly calling, consider
the Apostle and High Priest of our
confession, Christ Jesus,

2 who was faithful to Him who
appointed Him, as Moses also was
faithful in all His house.
3 For this One has been counted worthy
of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as
He who built the house has more honor
than the house.
4 For every house is built by someone,
but He who built all things is God.
5 And Moses indeed was faithful in all
His house as a servant, for a testimony
of those things which would be spoken
afterward,
6 but Christ as a Son over His own
house, whose house we are if we hold
fast the confidence and the rejoicing of
the hope firm to the end.
7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says:
"Today, if you will hear His voice,
8 Do not harden your hearts as in
the rebellion, In the day of trial in the
wilderness,

9 Where your fathers tested Me, tried
Me, And saw My works forty years.
10 Therefore I was angry with that
generation, And said, ‘They always go
astray in their heart, And they have not
known My ways.’
11 So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall
not enter My rest.’"
12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in
any of you an evil heart of unbelief in
departing from the living God;
13 but exhort one another daily, while
it is called "Today," lest any of you be
hardened through the deceitfulness of
sin.
14 For we have become partakers of
Christ if we hold the beginning of our
confidence steadfast to the end,
15 while it is said: "Today, if you will hear
His voice, Do not harden your hearts as
in the rebellion."

16 For who, having heard, rebelled?
Indeed, was it not all who came out of
Egypt, led by Moses?
17 Now with whom was He angry forty
years? Was it not with those who sinned,
whose corpses fell in the wilderness?
18 And to whom did He swear that they
would not enter His rest, but to those
who did not obey?
19 So we see that they could not enter
in because of unbelief.

4 1 Therefore, since a promise remains
of entering His rest, let us fear lest
any of you seem to have come short of
it.
2 For indeed the gospel was preached
to us as well as to them; but the word
which they heard did not profit them,
not being mixed with faith in those who
heard it.
3 For we who have believed do enter
that rest, as He has said: "So I swore

in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My
rest,’" although the works were finished
from the foundation of the world.
4 For He has spoken in a certain place
of the seventh day in this way: "And God
rested on the seventh day from all His
works";
5 and again in this place: "They shall not
enter My rest."
6 Since therefore it remains that some
must enter it, and those to whom it was
first preached did not enter because of
disobedience,
7 again He designates a certain day,
saying in David, "Today," after such a
long time, as it has been said: "Today, if
you will hear His voice, Do not harden
your hearts."
8 For if Joshua had given them rest, then
He would not afterward have spoken of
another day.

9 There remains therefore a rest for the
people of God.
10 For he who has entered His rest has
himself also ceased from his works as
God did from His.
11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter
that rest, lest anyone fall according to
the same example of disobedience.
12 For the word of God is living
and powerful, and sharper than any
two–edged sword, piercing even to the
division of soul and spirit, and of joints
and marrow, and is a discerner of the
thoughts and intents of the heart.
13 And there is no creature hidden from
His sight, but all things are naked and
open to the eyes of Him to whom we
must give account.
14 Seeing then that we have a great
High Priest who has passed through the
heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us
hold fast our confession.

15 For we do not have a High Priest who
cannot sympathize with our weaknesses,
but was in all points tempted as we are,
yet without sin.
16 Let us therefore come boldly to the
throne of grace, that we may obtain
mercy and find grace to help in time of
need.

5 1 For every high priest taken from
among men is appointed for men in
things pertaining to God, that he may
offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.
2 He can have compassion on those
who are ignorant and going astray, since
he himself is also subject to weakness.
3 Because of this he is required as for
the people, so also for himself, to offer
sacrifices for sins.
4 And no man takes this honor to
himself, but he who is called by God, just
as Aaron was.

5 So also Christ did not glorify Himself
to become High Priest, but it was He
who said to Him: "You are My Son, Today
I have begotten You."
6 As He also says in another place: "You
are a priest forever According to the
order of Melchizedek";
7 who, in the days of His flesh, when He
had offered up prayers and supplications,
with vehement cries and tears to Him
who was able to save Him from death,
and was heard because of His godly fear,
8 though He was a Son, yet He learned
obedience by the things which He
suffered.
9 And having been perfected, He
became the author of eternal salvation
to all who obey Him,
10 called by God as High Priest
"according to the order of Melchizedek,"

11 of whom we have much to say, and
hard to explain, since you have become
dull of hearing.
12 For though by this time you ought
to be teachers, you need someone to
teach you again the first principles of the
oracles of God; and you have come to
need milk and not solid food.
13 For everyone who partakes only
of milk is unskilled in the word of
righteousness, for he is a babe.
14 But solid food belongs to those who
are of full age, that is, those who by
reason of use have their senses exercised
to discern both good and evil.

6 1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of
the elementary principles of Christ,
let us go on to perfection, not laying
again the foundation of repentance from
dead works and of faith toward God,

[2] of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying
on of hands, of resurrection of the dead,
and of eternal judgment.
[3] And this we will do if God permits.
[4] For it is impossible for those who
were once enlightened, and have tasted
the heavenly gift, and have become
partakers of the Holy Spirit,
[5] and have tasted the good word of God
and the powers of the age to come,
[6] if they fall away, to renew them again
to repentance, since they crucify again
for themselves the Son of God, and put
Him to an open shame.
[7] For the earth which drinks in the rain
that often comes upon it, and bears
herbs useful for those by whom it is
cultivated, receives blessing from God;
[8] but if it bears thorns and briars, it
is rejected and near to being cursed,
whose end is to be burned.

9 But, beloved, we are confident of
better things concerning you, yes, things
that accompany salvation, though we
speak in this manner.
10 For God is not unjust to forget your
work and labor of love which you have
shown toward His name, in that you
have ministered to the saints, and do
minister.
11 And we desire that each one of you
show the same diligence to the full
assurance of hope until the end,
12 that you do not become sluggish,
but imitate those who through faith and
patience inherit the promises.
13 For when God made a promise to
Abraham, because He could swear by no
one greater, He swore by Himself,
14 saying, "Surely blessing I will bless
you, and multiplying I will multiply you."
15 And so, after he had patiently
endured, he obtained the promise.

16 For men indeed swear by the greater,
and an oath for confirmation is for them
an end of all dispute.
17 Thus God, determining to show more
abundantly to the heirs of promise the
immutability of His counsel, confirmed it
by an oath,
18 that by two immutable things, in
which it is impossible for God to lie, we
might have strong consolation, who have
fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set
before us.
19 This hope we have as an anchor of
the soul, both sure and steadfast, and
which enters the Presence behind the
veil,
20 where the forerunner has entered
for us, even Jesus, having become High
Priest forever according to the order of
Melchizedek.

7 1 For this Melchizedek, king of
Salem, priest of the Most High God,

who met Abraham returning from the
slaughter of the kings and blessed him,
2 to whom also Abraham gave a tenth
part of all, first being translated "king
of righteousness," and then also king of
Salem, meaning "king of peace,"
3 without father, without mother,
without genealogy, having neither
beginning of days nor end of life, but
made like the Son of God, remains a
priest continually.
4 Now consider how great this man was,
to whom even the patriarch Abraham
gave a tenth of the spoils.
5 And indeed those who are of the sons
of Levi, who receive the priesthood,
have a commandment to receive tithes
from the people according to the law,
that is, from their brethren, though they
have come from the loins of Abraham;

6 but he whose genealogy is not derived
from them received tithes from Abraham
and blessed him who had the promises.
7 Now beyond all contradiction the
lesser is blessed by the better.
8 Here mortal men receive tithes, but
there he receives them, of whom it is
witnessed that he lives.
9 Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid
tithes through Abraham, so to speak,
10 for he was still in the loins of his
father when Melchizedek met him.
11 Therefore, if perfection were through
the Levitical priesthood (for under it
the people received the law), what
further need was there that another
priest should rise according to the
order of Melchizedek, and not be called
according to the order of Aaron?
12 For the priesthood being changed, of
necessity there is also a change of the
law.

13 For He of whom these things are
spoken belongs to another tribe, from
which no man has officiated at the altar.
14 For it is evident that our Lord arose
from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke
nothing concerning priesthood.
15 And it is yet far more evident if, in
the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises
another priest
16 who has come, not according to the
law of a fleshly commandment, but
according to the power of an endless
life.
17 For He testifies: "You are a priest
forever According to the order of
Melchizedek."
18 For on the one hand there
is an annulling of the former
commandment because of its weakness
and unprofitableness,
19 for the law made nothing perfect; on
the other hand, there is the bringing in

of a better hope, through which we draw
near to God.
20 And inasmuch as He was not made
priest without an oath
21 (for they have become priests
without an oath, but He with an oath
by Him who said to Him: "The LORD has
sworn And will not relent, ‘You are a
priest forever According to the order of
Melchizedek’ "),
22 by so much more Jesus has become a
surety of a better covenant.
23 Also there were many priests,
because they were prevented by death
from continuing.
24 But He, because He continues forever,
has an unchangeable priesthood.
25 Therefore He is also able to save to
the uttermost those who come to God
through Him, since He always lives to
make intercession for them.

26 For such a High Priest was fitting for
us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled,
separate from sinners, and has become
higher than the heavens;
27 who does not need daily, as those
high priests, to offer up sacrifices,
first for His own sins and then for the
people's, for this He did once for all
when He offered up Himself.
28 For the law appoints as high priests
men who have weakness, but the word
of the oath, which came after the
law, appoints the Son who has been
perfected forever.

8 1 Now this is the main point of the
things we are saying: We have such
a High Priest, who is seated at the right
hand of the throne of the Majesty in the
heavens,
2 a Minister of the sanctuary and of the
true tabernacle which the Lord erected,
and not man.

3 For every high priest is appointed to
offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore
it is necessary that this One also have
something to offer.
4 For if He were on earth, He would not
be a priest, since there are priests who
offer the gifts according to the law;
5 who serve the copy and shadow of the
heavenly things, as Moses was divinely
instructed when he was about to make
the tabernacle. For He said, "See that
you make all things according to the
pattern shown you on the mountain."
6 But now He has obtained a more
excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also
Mediator of a better covenant, which
was established on better promises.
7 For if that first covenant had been
faultless, then no place would have been
sought for a second.
8 Because finding fault with them, He
says: "Behold, the days are coming,

says the LORD, when I will make a new
covenant with the house of Israel and
with the house of Judah—
9 "not according to the covenant that I
made with their fathers in the day when
I took them by the hand to lead them
out of the land of Egypt; because they
did not continue in My covenant, and I
disregarded them, says the LORD.
10 "For this is the covenant that I will
make with the house of Israel after those
days, says the LORD: I will put My laws
in their mind and write them on their
hearts; and I will be their God, and they
shall be My people.
11 "None of them shall teach his
neighbor, and none his brother, saying,
'Know the LORD,' for all shall know Me,
from the least of them to the greatest of
them.

12 "For I will be merciful to their
unrighteousness, and their sins and their
lawless deeds I will remember no more."
13 In that He says, "A new covenant,"
He has made the first obsolete. Now
what is becoming obsolete and growing
old is ready to vanish away.

9 1 Then indeed, even the first
covenant had ordinances of divine
service and the earthly sanctuary.
2 For a tabernacle was prepared: the
first part, in which was the lampstand,
the table, and the showbread, which is
called the sanctuary;
3 and behind the second veil, the part
of the tabernacle which is called the
Holiest of All,
4 which had the golden censer and the
ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides
with gold, in which were the golden pot
that had the manna, Aaron's rod that
budded, and the tablets of the covenant;

5 and above it were the cherubim of
glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of
these things we cannot now speak in
detail.
6 Now when these things had been
thus prepared, the priests always went
into the first part of the tabernacle,
performing the services.
7 But into the second part the high
priest went alone once a year, not
without blood, which he offered for
himself and for the people's sins
committed in ignorance;
8 the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the
way into the Holiest of All was not yet
made manifest while the first tabernacle
was still standing.
9 It was symbolic for the present time
in which both gifts and sacrifices are
offered which cannot make him who
performed the service perfect in regard
to the conscience—

10 concerned only with foods and
drinks, various washings, and fleshly
ordinances imposed until the time of
reformation.
11 But Christ came as High Priest of the
good things to come, with the greater
and more perfect tabernacle not made
with hands, that is, not of this creation.
12 Not with the blood of goats and
calves, but with His own blood He
entered the Most Holy Place once for all,
having obtained eternal redemption.
13 For if the blood of bulls and goats
and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the
unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of
the flesh,
14 how much more shall the blood of
Christ, who through the eternal Spirit
offered Himself without spot to God,
cleanse your conscience from dead
works to serve the living God?

15 And for this reason He is the Mediator
of the new covenant, by means of death,
for the redemption of the transgressions
under the first covenant, that those who
are called may receive the promise of
the eternal inheritance.
16 For where there is a testament, there
must also of necessity be the death of
the testator.
17 For a testament is in force after men
are dead, since it has no power at all
while the testator lives.
18 Therefore not even the first covenant
was dedicated without blood.
19 For when Moses had spoken every
precept to all the people according to
the law, he took the blood of calves
and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and
hyssop, and sprinkled both the book
itself and all the people,

20 saying, "This is the blood of the
covenant which God has commanded
you."
21 Then likewise he sprinkled with blood
both the tabernacle and all the vessels
of the ministry.
22 And according to the law almost
all things are purified with blood, and
without shedding of blood there is no
remission.
23 Therefore it was necessary that the
copies of the things in the heavens
should be purified with these, but the
heavenly things themselves with better
sacrifices than these.
24 For Christ has not entered the holy
places made with hands, which are
copies of the true, but into heaven itself,
now to appear in the presence of God
for us;
25 not that He should offer Himself
often, as the high priest enters the Most

Holy Place every year with blood of
another—
26 He then would have had to suffer
often since the foundation of the world;
but now, once at the end of the ages,
He has appeared to put away sin by the
sacrifice of Himself.
27 And as it is appointed for men to die
once, but after this the judgment,
28 so Christ was offered once to bear
the sins of many. To those who eagerly
wait for Him He will appear a second
time, apart from sin, for salvation.

10 1 For the law, having a shadow
of the good things to come, and
not the very image of the things, can
never with these same sacrifices, which
they offer continually year by year, make
those who approach perfect.
2 For then would they not have ceased
to be offered? For the worshipers,

once purified, would have had no more
consciousness of sins.
3 But in those sacrifices there is a
reminder of sins every year.
4 For it is not possible that the blood of
bulls and goats could take away sins.
5 Therefore, when He came into the
world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering
You did not desire, But a body You have
prepared for Me.
6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin
You had no pleasure.
7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come—In
the volume of the book it is written of
Me—To do Your will, O God.'"
8 Previously saying, "Sacrifice and
offering, burnt offerings, and offerings
for sin You did not desire, nor had
pleasure in them" (which are offered
according to the law),

9 then He said, "Behold, I have come to
do Your will, O God." He takes away the
first that He may establish the second.
10 By that will we have been sanctified
through the offering of the body of Jesus
Christ once for all.
11 And every priest stands ministering
daily and offering repeatedly the same
sacrifices, which can never take away
sins.
12 But this Man, after He had offered
one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at
the right hand of God,
13 from that time waiting till His
enemies are made His footstool.
14 For by one offering He has perfected
forever those who are being sanctified.
15 But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to
us; for after He had said before,
16 "This is the covenant that I will
make with them after those days, says
the LORD: I will put My laws into their

hearts, and in their minds I will write
them,"
17 then He adds, "Their sins and their
lawless deeds I will remember no more."
18 Now where there is remission of
these, there is no longer an offering for
sin.
19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness
to enter the Holiest by the blood of
Jesus,
20 by a new and living way which He
consecrated for us, through the veil, that
is, His flesh,
21 and having a High Priest over the
house of God,
22 let us draw near with a true heart in
full assurance of faith, having our hearts
sprinkled from an evil conscience and
our bodies washed with pure water.
23 Let us hold fast the confession of
our hope without wavering, for He who
promised is faithful.

24 And let us consider one another in
order to stir up love and good works,
25 not forsaking the assembling of
ourselves together, as is the manner of
some, but exhorting one another, and
so much the more as you see the Day
approaching.
26 For if we sin willfully after we have
received the knowledge of the truth,
there no longer remains a sacrifice for
sins,
27 but a certain fearful expectation of
judgment, and fiery indignation which
will devour the adversaries.
28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law
dies without mercy on the testimony of
two or three witnesses.
29 Of how much worse punishment,
do you suppose, will he be thought
worthy who has trampled the Son of
God underfoot, counted the blood of
the covenant by which he was sanctified

a common thing, and insulted the Spirit
of grace?
30 For we know Him who said,
"Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says
the Lord. And again, "The LORD will
judge His people."
31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the
hands of the living God.
32 But recall the former days in which,
after you were illuminated, you endured
a great struggle with sufferings:
33 partly while you were made a
spectacle both by reproaches and
tribulations, and partly while you
became companions of those who were
so treated;
34 for you had compassion on me in
my chains, and joyfully accepted the
plundering of your goods, knowing
that you have a better and an enduring
possession for yourselves in heaven.

35 Therefore do not cast away your
confidence, which has great reward.
36 For you have need of endurance, so
that after you have done the will of God,
you may receive the promise:
37 "For yet a little while, And He who is
coming will come and will not tarry.
38 Now the just shall live by faith; But
if anyone draws back, My soul has no
pleasure in him."
39 But we are not of those who draw
back to perdition, but of those who
believe to the saving of the soul.

11 1 Now faith is the substance of
things hoped for, the evidence of
things not seen.
2 For by it the elders obtained a good
testimony.
3 By faith we understand that the
worlds were framed by the word of God,
so that the things which are seen were
not made of things which are visible.

4 By faith Abel offered to God a more
excellent sacrifice than Cain, through
which he obtained witness that he was
righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and
through it he being dead still speaks.
5 By faith Enoch was taken away so
that he did not see death, "and was not
found, because God had taken him";
for before he was taken he had this
testimony, that he pleased God.
6 But without faith it is impossible to
please Him, for he who comes to God
must believe that He is, and that He is
a rewarder of those who diligently seek
Him.
7 By faith Noah, being divinely warned
of things not yet seen, moved with
godly fear, prepared an ark for the
saving of his household, by which he
condemned the world and became heir
of the righteousness which is according
to faith.

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he
was called to go out to the place which
he would receive as an inheritance. And
he went out, not knowing where he was
going.
9 By faith he dwelt in the land of
promise as in a foreign country, dwelling
in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs
with him of the same promise;
10 for he waited for the city which has
foundations, whose builder and maker is
God.
11 By faith Sarah herself also received
strength to conceive seed, and she bore
a child when she was past the age,
because she judged Him faithful who
had promised.
12 Therefore from one man, and him
as good as dead, were born as many
as the stars of the sky in multitude—
innumerable as the sand which is by the
seashore.

13 These all died in faith, not having
received the promises, but having seen
them afar off were assured of them,
embraced them and confessed that
they were strangers and pilgrims on the
earth.
14 For those who say such things declare
plainly that they seek a homeland.
15 And truly if they had called to mind
that country from which they had come
out, they would have had opportunity to
return.
16 But now they desire a better, that is,
a heavenly country. Therefore God is not
ashamed to be called their God, for He
has prepared a city for them.
17 By faith Abraham, when he was
tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had
received the promises offered up his
only begotten son,
18 of whom it was said, "In Isaac your
seed shall be called,"

19 concluding that God was able to raise
him up, even from the dead, from which
he also received him in a figurative
sense.
20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau
concerning things to come.
21 By faith Jacob, when he was dying,
blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and
worshiped, leaning on the top of his
staff.
22 By faith Joseph, when he was dying,
made mention of the departure of the
children of Israel, and gave instructions
concerning his bones.
23 By faith Moses, when he was born,
was hidden three months by his parents,
because they saw he was a beautiful
child; and they were not afraid of the
king's command.
24 By faith Moses, when he became
of age, refused to be called the son of
Pharaoh's daughter,

25 choosing rather to suffer affliction
with the people of God than to enjoy the
passing pleasures of sin,
26 esteeming the reproach of Christ
greater riches than the treasures in
Egypt; for he looked to the reward.
27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing
the wrath of the king; for he endured as
seeing Him who is invisible.
28 By faith he kept the Passover and
the sprinkling of blood, lest he who
destroyed the firstborn should touch
them.
29 By faith they passed through the
Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the
Egyptians, attempting to do so, were
drowned.
30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down
after they were encircled for seven days.
31 By faith the harlot Rahab did not
perish with those who did not believe,

when she had received the spies with
peace.
32 And what more shall I say? For the
time would fail me to tell of Gideon and
Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of
David and Samuel and the prophets:
33 who through faith subdued
kingdoms, worked righteousness,
obtained promises, stopped the mouths
of lions,
34 quenched the violence of fire,
escaped the edge of the sword, out of
weakness were made strong, became
valiant in battle, turned to flight the
armies of the aliens.
35 Women received their dead raised to
life again. And others were tortured, not
accepting deliverance, that they might
obtain a better resurrection.
36 Still others had trial of mockings
and scourgings, yes, and of chains and
imprisonment.

37 They were stoned, they were sawn
in two, were tempted, were slain
with the sword. They wandered about
in sheepskins and goatskins, being
destitute, afflicted, tormented—
38 of whom the world was not
worthy. They wandered in deserts and
mountains, in dens and caves of the
earth.
39 And all these, having obtained a good
testimony through faith, did not receive
the promise,
40 God having provided something
better for us, that they should not be
made perfect apart from us.

12 1 Therefore we also, since we are
surrounded by so great a cloud of
witnesses, let us lay aside every weight,
and the sin which so easily ensnares us,
and let us run with endurance the race
that is set before us,

2 looking unto Jesus, the author and
finisher of our faith, who for the joy that
was set before Him endured the cross,
despising the shame, and has sat down
at the right hand of the throne of God.
3 For consider Him who endured such
hostility from sinners against Himself,
lest you become weary and discouraged
in your souls.
4 You have not yet resisted to
bloodshed, striving against sin.
5 And you have forgotten the
exhortation which speaks to you as
to sons: "My son, do not despise
the chastening of the LORD, Nor be
discouraged when you are rebuked by
Him;
6 For whom the LORD loves He
chastens, And scourges every son whom
He receives."

7 If you endure chastening, God deals
with you as with sons; for what son is
there whom a father does not chasten?
8 But if you are without chastening, of
which all have become partakers, then
you are illegitimate and not sons.
9 Furthermore, we have had human
fathers who corrected us, and we paid
them respect. Shall we not much more
readily be in subjection to the Father of
spirits and live?
10 For they indeed for a few days
chastened us as seemed best to them,
but He for our profit, that we may be
partakers of His holiness.
11 Now no chastening seems to be
joyful for the present, but painful;
nevertheless, afterward it yields the
peaceable fruit of righteousness to those
who have been trained by it.
12 Therefore strengthen the hands
which hang down, and the feeble knees,

13 and make straight paths for your
feet, so that what is lame may not be
dislocated, but rather be healed.
14 Pursue peace with all people, and
holiness, without which no one will see
the Lord:
15 looking carefully lest anyone fall
short of the grace of God; lest any root
of bitterness springing up cause trouble,
and by this many become defiled;
16 lest there be any fornicator or
profane person like Esau, who for one
morsel of food sold his birthright.
17 For you know that afterward, when
he wanted to inherit the blessing, he
was rejected, for he found no place
for repentance, though he sought it
diligently with tears.
18 For you have not come to the
mountain that may be touched and that
burned with fire, and to blackness and
darkness and tempest,

19 and the sound of a trumpet and the
voice of words, so that those who heard
it begged that the word should not be
spoken to them anymore.
20 (For they could not endure what was
commanded: "And if so much as a beast
touches the mountain, it shall be stoned
or shot with an arrow."
21 And so terrifying was the sight that
Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid and
trembling.")
22 But you have come to Mount Zion
and to the city of the living God, the
heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable
company of angels,
23 to the general assembly and church
of the firstborn who are registered in
heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the
spirits of just men made perfect,
24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new
covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling

that speaks better things than that of
Abel.
25 See that you do not refuse Him who
speaks. For if they did not escape who
refused Him who spoke on earth, much
more shall we not escape if we turn away
from Him who speaks from heaven,
26 whose voice then shook the earth;
but now He has promised, saying, "Yet
once more I shake not only the earth,
but also heaven."
27 Now this, "Yet once more," indicates
the removal of those things that are
being shaken, as of things that are made,
that the things which cannot be shaken
may remain.
28 Therefore, since we are receiving a
kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us
have grace, by which we may serve God
acceptably with reverence and godly
fear.
29 For our God is a consuming fire.

13 1 Let brotherly love continue.
2 Do not forget to entertain
strangers, for by so doing some have
unwittingly entertained angels.
3 Remember the prisoners as if chained
with them—those who are mistreated–
–since you yourselves are in the body
also.
4 Marriage is honorable among all, and
the bed undefiled; but fornicators and
adulterers God will judge.
5 Let your conduct be without
covetousness; be content with such
things as you have. For He Himself has
said, "I will never leave you nor forsake
you."
6 So we may boldly say: "The LORD is
my helper; I will not fear. What can man
do to me?"
7 Remember those who rule over you,
who have spoken the word of God to

you, whose faith follow, considering the
outcome of their conduct.
8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,
today, and forever.
9 Do not be carried about with various
and strange doctrines. For it is good that
the heart be established by grace, not
with foods which have not profited those
who have been occupied with them.
10 We have an altar from which those
who serve the tabernacle have no right
to eat.
11 For the bodies of those animals,
whose blood is brought into the
sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are
burned outside the camp.
12 Therefore Jesus also, that He might
sanctify the people with His own blood,
suffered outside the gate.
13 Therefore let us go forth to Him,
outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

14 For here we have no continuing city,
but we seek the one to come.
15 Therefore by Him let us continually
offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that
is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to
His name.
16 But do not forget to do good and to
share, for with such sacrifices God is well
pleased.
17 Obey those who rule over you, and
be submissive, for they watch out for
your souls, as those who must give
account. Let them do so with joy and not
with grief, for that would be unprofitable
for you.
18 Pray for us; for we are confident that
we have a good conscience, in all things
desiring to live honorably.
19 But I especially urge you to do this,
that I may be restored to you the sooner.
20 Now may the God of peace who
brought up our Lord Jesus from the

dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the everlasting
covenant,
21 make you complete in every good
work to do His will, working in you what
is well pleasing in His sight, through
Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever
and ever. Amen.
22 And I appeal to you, brethren, bear
with the word of exhortation, for I have
written to you in few words.
23 Know that our brother Timothy has
been set free, with whom I shall see you
if he comes shortly.
24 Greet all those who rule over you,
and all the saints. Those from Italy greet
you.
25 Grace be with you all. Amen.

James

1 [1] James, a bondservant of God and of
the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve
tribes which are scattered abroad:
Greetings.
[2] My brethren, count it all joy when you
fall into various trials,
[3] knowing that the testing of your faith
produces patience.
[4] But let patience have its perfect work,
that you may be perfect and complete,
lacking nothing.
[5] If any of you lacks wisdom, let him
ask of God, who gives to all liberally and
without reproach, and it will be given to
him.
[6] But let him ask in faith, with no
doubting, for he who doubts is like a

wave of the sea driven and tossed by the
wind.
7 For let not that man suppose that he
will receive anything from the Lord;
8 he is a double–minded man, unstable
in all his ways.
9 Let the lowly brother glory in his
exaltation,
10 but the rich in his humiliation,
because as a flower of the field he will
pass away.
11 For no sooner has the sun risen
with a burning heat than it withers the
grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful
appearance perishes. So the rich man
also will fade away in his pursuits.
12 Blessed is the man who endures
temptation; for when he has been
approved, he will receive the crown
of life which the Lord has promised to
those who love Him.

13 Let no one say when he is tempted,
"I am tempted by God"; for God cannot
be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself
tempt anyone.
14 But each one is tempted when he
is drawn away by his own desires and
enticed.
15 Then, when desire has conceived,
it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is
full–grown, brings forth death.
16 Do not be deceived, my beloved
brethren.
17 Every good gift and every perfect gift
is from above, and comes down from
the Father of lights, with whom there is
no variation or shadow of turning.
18 Of His own will He brought us forth
by the word of truth, that we might be a
kind of firstfruits of His creatures.
19 So then, my beloved brethren, let
every man be swift to hear, slow to
speak, slow to wrath;

[20] for the wrath of man does not
produce the righteousness of God.
[21] Therefore lay aside all filthiness and
overflow of wickedness, and receive
with meekness the implanted word,
which is able to save your souls.
[22] But be doers of the word, and not
hearers only, deceiving yourselves.
[23] For if anyone is a hearer of the word
and not a doer, he is like a man observing
his natural face in a mirror;
[24] for he observes himself, goes away,
and immediately forgets what kind of
man he was.
[25] But he who looks into the perfect law
of liberty and continues in it, and is not a
forgetful hearer but a doer of the work,
this one will be blessed in what he does.
[26] If anyone among you thinks he is
religious, and does not bridle his tongue
but deceives his own heart, this one's
religion is useless.

27 Pure and undefiled religion before
God and the Father is this: to visit
orphans and widows in their trouble,
and to keep oneself unspotted from the
world.

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1 My brethren, do not hold the faith
of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of
glory, with partiality.
2 For if there should come into your
assembly a man with gold rings, in fine
apparel, and there should also come in a
poor man in filthy clothes,
3 and you pay attention to the one
wearing the fine clothes and say to him,
"You sit here in a good place," and say to
the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit
here at my footstool,"
4 have you not shown partiality among
yourselves, and become judges with evil
thoughts?
5 Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God
not chosen the poor of this world to be

rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom
which He promised to those who love
Him?
6 But you have dishonored the poor
man. Do not the rich oppress you and
drag you into the courts?
7 Do they not blaspheme that noble
name by which you are called?
8 If you really fulfill the royal law
according to the Scripture, "You shall
love your neighbor as yourself," you do
well;
9 but if you show partiality, you commit
sin, and are convicted by the law as
transgressors.
10 For whoever shall keep the whole
law, and yet stumble in one point, he is
guilty of all.
11 For He who said, "Do not commit
adultery," also said, "Do not murder."
Now if you do not commit adultery,

but you do murder, you have become a
transgressor of the law.
12 So speak and so do as those who will
be judged by the law of liberty.
13 For judgment is without mercy to the
one who has shown no mercy. Mercy
triumphs over judgment.
14 What does it profit, my brethren, if
someone says he has faith but does not
have works? Can faith save him?
15 If a brother or sister is naked and
destitute of daily food,
16 and one of you says to them, "Depart
in peace, be warmed and filled," but you
do not give them the things which are
needed for the body, what does it profit?
17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not
have works, is dead.
18 But someone will say, "You have
faith, and I have works." Show me your
faith without your works, and I will show
you my faith by my works.

19 You believe that there is one God. You
do well. Even the demons believe—and
tremble!
20 But do you want to know, O foolish
man, that faith without works is dead?
21 Was not Abraham our father justified
by works when he offered Isaac his son
on the altar?
22 Do you see that faith was working
together with his works, and by works
faith was made perfect?
23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which
says, "Abraham believed God, and it was
accounted to him for righteousness."
And he was called the friend of God.
24 You see then that a man is justified
by works, and not by faith only.
25 Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot
also justified by works when she
received the messengers and sent them
out another way?

26 For as the body without the spirit
is dead, so faith without works is dead
also.

3 1 My brethren, let not many of you
become teachers, knowing that we
shall receive a stricter judgment.
2 For we all stumble in many things. If
anyone does not stumble in word, he
is a perfect man, able also to bridle the
whole body.
3 Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths
that they may obey us, and we turn their
whole body.
4 Look also at ships: although they are
so large and are driven by fierce winds,
they are turned by a very small rudder
wherever the pilot desires.
5 Even so the tongue is a little member
and boasts great things. See how great a
forest a little fire kindles!
6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of
iniquity. The tongue is so set among our

members that it defiles the whole body,
and sets on fire the course of nature;
and it is set on fire by hell.
7 For every kind of beast and bird, of
reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed
and has been tamed by mankind.
8 But no man can tame the tongue. It is
an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.
9 With it we bless our God and Father,
and with it we curse men, who have
been made in the similitude of God.
10 Out of the same mouth proceed
blessing and cursing. My brethren, these
things ought not to be so.
11 Does a spring send forth fresh water
and bitter from the same opening?
12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear
olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no
spring yields both salt water and fresh.
13 Who is wise and understanding
among you? Let him show by good

conduct that his works are done in the
meekness of wisdom.
14 But if you have bitter envy and
self–seeking in your hearts, do not boast
and lie against the truth.
15 This wisdom does not descend from
above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.
16 For where envy and self–seeking
exist, confusion and every evil thing are
there.
17 But the wisdom that is from above is
first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing
to yield, full of mercy and good fruits,
without partiality and without hypocrisy.
18 Now the fruit of righteousness is
sown in peace by those who make
peace.

4 1 Where do wars and fights come
from among you? Do they not come
from your desires for pleasure that war
in your members?

2 You lust and do not have. You murder
and covet and cannot obtain. You fight
and war. Yet you do not have because
you do not ask.
3 You ask and do not receive, because
you ask amiss, that you may spend it on
your pleasures.
4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you
not know that friendship with the world
is enmity with God? Whoever therefore
wants to be a friend of the world makes
himself an enemy of God.
5 Or do you think that the Scripture
says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us
yearns jealously"?
6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He
says: "God resists the proud, But gives
grace to the humble."
7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the
devil and he will flee from you.
8 Draw near to God and He will draw
near to you. Cleanse your hands, you

sinners; and purify your hearts, you
double–minded.
9 Lament and mourn and weep! Let
your laughter be turned to mourning
and your joy to gloom.
10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the
Lord, and He will lift you up.
11 Do not speak evil of one another,
brethren. He who speaks evil of a
brother and judges his brother, speaks
evil of the law and judges the law. But if
you judge the law, you are not a doer of
the law but a judge.
12 There is one Lawgiver, who is able
to save and to destroy. Who are you to
judge another?
13 Come now, you who say, "Today or
tomorrow we will go to such and such
a city, spend a year there, buy and sell,
and make a profit";
14 whereas you do not know what will
happen tomorrow. For what is your life?

It is even a vapor that appears for a little
time and then vanishes away.
15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord
wills, we shall live and do this or that."
16 But now you boast in your arrogance.
All such boasting is evil.
17 Therefore, to him who knows to do
good and does not do it, to him it is sin.
5 1 Come now, you rich, weep and
howl for your miseries that are
coming upon you!
2 Your riches are corrupted, and your
garments are moth–eaten.
3 Your gold and silver are corroded, and
their corrosion will be a witness against
you and will eat your flesh like fire. You
have heaped up treasure in the last days.
4 Indeed the wages of the laborers who
mowed your fields, which you kept back
by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the
reapers have reached the ears of the
Lord of Sabaoth.

5 You have lived on the earth in pleasure
and luxury; you have fattened your
hearts as in a day of slaughter.
6 You have condemned, you have
murdered the just; he does not resist
you.
7 Therefore be patient, brethren, until
the coming of the Lord. See how the
farmer waits for the precious fruit of
the earth, waiting patiently for it until it
receives the early and latter rain.
8 You also be patient. Establish your
hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at
hand.
9 Do not grumble against one another,
brethren, lest you be condemned.
Behold, the Judge is standing at the
door!
10 My brethren, take the prophets, who
spoke in the name of the Lord, as an
example of suffering and patience.

11 Indeed we count them blessed
who endure. You have heard of the
perseverance of Job and seen the end
intended by the Lord—that the Lord is
very compassionate and merciful.
12 But above all, my brethren, do not
swear, either by heaven or by earth or
with any other oath. But let your "Yes,"
be "Yes," and your "No," "No," lest you
fall into judgment.
13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let
him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him
sing psalms.
14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him
call for the elders of the church, and let
them pray over him, anointing him with
oil in the name of the Lord.
15 And the prayer of faith will save the
sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And
if he has committed sins, he will be
forgiven.

16 Confess your trespasses to one
another, and pray for one another,
that you may be healed. The effective,
fervent prayer of a righteous man avails
much.
17 Elijah was a man with a nature like
ours, and he prayed earnestly that it
would not rain; and it did not rain on the
land for three years and six months.
18 And he prayed again, and the heaven
gave rain, and the earth produced its
fruit.
19 Brethren, if anyone among you
wanders from the truth, and someone
turns him back,
20 let him know that he who turns a
sinner from the error of his way will save
a soul from death and cover a multitude
of sins.

1 Peter

1 [1] Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,
To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in
Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and
Bithynia,
[2] elect according to the foreknowledge
of God the Father, in sanctification of the
Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of
the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you
and peace be multiplied.
[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His
abundant mercy has begotten us again
to a living hope through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ from the dead,
[4] to an inheritance incorruptible and
undefiled and that does not fade away,
reserved in heaven for you,

5 who are kept by the power of God
through faith for salvation ready to be
revealed in the last time.
6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now
for a little while, if need be, you have
been grieved by various trials,
7 that the genuineness of your faith,
being much more precious than gold
that perishes, though it is tested by fire,
may be found to praise, honor, and glory
at the revelation of Jesus Christ,
8 whom having not seen you love.
Though now you do not see Him,
yet believing, you rejoice with joy
inexpressible and full of glory,
9 receiving the end of your faith—the
salvation of your souls.
10 Of this salvation the prophets have
inquired and searched carefully, who
prophesied of the grace that would
come to you,

11 searching what, or what manner of
time, the Spirit of Christ who was in
them was indicating when He testified
beforehand the sufferings of Christ and
the glories that would follow.
12 To them it was revealed that, not
to themselves, but to us they were
ministering the things which now have
been reported to you through those who
have preached the gospel to you by the
Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things
which angels desire to look into.
13 Therefore gird up the loins of your
mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully
upon the grace that is to be brought to
you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;
14 as obedient children, not conforming
yourselves to the former lusts, as in your
ignorance;
15 but as He who called you is holy, you
also be holy in all your conduct,

16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I
am holy."
17 And if you call on the Father, who
without partiality judges according to
each one’s work, conduct yourselves
throughout the time of your stay here in
fear;
18 knowing that you were not redeemed
with corruptible things, like silver or
gold, from your aimless conduct received
by tradition from your fathers,
19 but with the precious blood of
Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and
without spot.
20 He indeed was foreordained before
the foundation of the world, but was
manifest in these last times for you
21 who through Him believe in God,
who raised Him from the dead and gave
Him glory, so that your faith and hope
are in God.

22 Since you have purified your souls in
obeying the truth through the Spirit in
sincere love of the brethren, love one
another fervently with a pure heart,
23 having been born again, not of
corruptible seed but incorruptible,
through the word of God which lives and
abides forever,
24 because "All flesh is as grass, And all
the glory of man as the flower of the
grass. The grass withers, And its flower
falls away,
25 But the word of the LORD endures
forever." Now this is the word which by
the gospel was preached to you.

2 1 Therefore, laying aside all malice,
all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil
speaking,
2 as newborn babes, desire the pure
milk of the word, that you may grow
thereby,

3 if indeed you have tasted that the
Lord is gracious.
4 Coming to Him as to a living stone,
rejected indeed by men, but chosen by
God and precious,
5 you also, as living stones, are being
built up a spiritual house, a holy
priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices
acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
6 Therefore it is also contained in the
Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief
cornerstone, elect, precious, And he
who believes on Him will by no means
be put to shame."
7 Therefore, to you who believe, He
is precious; but to those who are
disobedient, "The stone which the
builders rejected Has become the chief
cornerstone,"
8 and "A stone of stumbling And a
rock of offense." They stumble, being

disobedient to the word, to which they
also were appointed.
9 But you are a chosen generation, a
royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own
special people, that you may proclaim
the praises of Him who called you out of
darkness into His marvelous light;
10 who once were not a people but are
now the people of God, who had not
obtained mercy but now have obtained
mercy.
11 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and
pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which
war against the soul,
12 having your conduct honorable
among the Gentiles, that when they
speak against you as evildoers, they may,
by your good works which they observe,
glorify God in the day of visitation.
13 Therefore submit yourselves to every
ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake,
whether to the king as supreme,

14 or to governors, as to those who
are sent by him for the punishment of
evildoers and for the praise of those who
do good.
15 For this is the will of God, that by
doing good you may put to silence the
ignorance of foolish men—
16 as free, yet not using liberty as a
cloak for vice, but as bondservants of
God.
17 Honor all people. Love the
brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.
18 Servants, be submissive to your
masters with all fear, not only to the
good and gentle, but also to the harsh.
19 For this is commendable, if because
of conscience toward God one endures
grief, suffering wrongfully.
20 For what credit is it if, when you
are beaten for your faults, you take it
patiently? But when you do good and

suffer, if you take it patiently, this is
commendable before God.
21 For to this you were called, because
Christ also suffered for us, leaving us
an example, that you should follow His
steps:
22 "Who committed no sin, Nor was
deceit found in His mouth";
23 who, when He was reviled, did not
revile in return; when He suffered, He
did not threaten, but committed Himself
to Him who judges righteously;
24 who Himself bore our sins in His own
body on the tree, that we, having died
to sins, might live for righteousness—by
whose stripes you were healed.
25 For you were like sheep going astray,
but have now returned to the Shepherd
and Overseer of your souls.

3 1 Wives, likewise, be submissive
to your own husbands, that even
if some do not obey the word, they,

without a word, may be won by the
conduct of their wives,
2 when they observe your chaste
conduct accompanied by fear.
3 Do not let your adornment be merely
outward—arranging the hair, wearing
gold, or putting on fine apparel—
4 rather let it be the hidden person of
the heart, with the incorruptible beauty
of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very
precious in the sight of God.
5 For in this manner, in former times,
the holy women who trusted in God also
adorned themselves, being submissive
to their own husbands,
6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him
lord, whose daughters you are if you do
good and are not afraid with any terror.
7 Husbands, likewise, dwell with them
with understanding, giving honor to the
wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as

being heirs together of the grace of life,
that your prayers may not be hindered.
8 Finally, all of you be of one mind,
having compassion for one another;
love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be
courteous;
9 not returning evil for evil or reviling
for reviling, but on the contrary blessing,
knowing that you were called to this,
that you may inherit a blessing.
10 For "He who would love life And see
good days, Let him refrain his tongue
from evil, And his lips from speaking
deceit.
11 Let him turn away from evil and do
good; Let him seek peace and pursue it.
12 For the eyes of the LORD are on the
righteous, And His ears are open to their
prayers; But the face of the LORD is
against those who do evil."
13 And who is he who will harm you if
you become followers of what is good?

14 But even if you should suffer for
righteousness' sake, you are blessed.
"And do not be afraid of their threats,
nor be troubled."
15 But sanctify the Lord God in your
hearts, and always be ready to give a
defense to everyone who asks you a
reason for the hope that is in you, with
meekness and fear;
16 having a good conscience, that when
they defame you as evildoers, those who
revile your good conduct in Christ may
be ashamed.
17 For it is better, if it is the will of God,
to suffer for doing good than for doing
evil.
18 For Christ also suffered once for sins,
the just for the unjust, that He might
bring us to God, being put to death in
the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,
19 by whom also He went and preached
to the spirits in prison,

20 who formerly were disobedient,
when once the Divine longsuffering
waited in the days of Noah, while the
ark was being prepared, in which a few,
that is, eight souls, were saved through
water.
21 There is also an antitype which now
saves us—baptism (not the removal of
the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a
good conscience toward God), through
the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
22 who has gone into heaven and is
at the right hand of God, angels and
authorities and powers having been
made subject to Him.

4 1 Therefore, since Christ suffered for
us in the flesh, arm yourselves also
with the same mind, for he who has
suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,
2 that he no longer should live the rest
of his time in the flesh for the lusts of
men, but for the will of God.

3 For we have spent enough of our
past lifetime in doing the will of the
Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness,
lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking
parties, and abominable idolatries.
4 In regard to these, they think it
strange that you do not run with them in
the same flood of dissipation, speaking
evil of you.
5 They will give an account to Him who
is ready to judge the living and the dead.
6 For this reason the gospel was
preached also to those who are dead,
that they might be judged according to
men in the flesh, but live according to
God in the spirit.
7 But the end of all things is at hand;
therefore be serious and watchful in
your prayers.
8 And above all things have fervent love
for one another, for "love will cover a
multitude of sins."

9 Be hospitable to one another without
grumbling.
10 As each one has received a gift,
minister it to one another, as good
stewards of the manifold grace of God.
11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as the
oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let
him do it as with the ability which God
supplies, that in all things God may be
glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom
belong the glory and the dominion
forever and ever. Amen.
12 Beloved, do not think it strange
concerning the fiery trial which is to
try you, as though some strange thing
happened to you;
13 but rejoice to the extent that you
partake of Christ's sufferings, that when
His glory is revealed, you may also be
glad with exceeding joy.
14 If you are reproached for the name
of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit

of glory and of God rests upon you. On
their part He is blasphemed, but on your
part He is glorified.
15 But let none of you suffer as a
murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a
busybody in other people's matters.
16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let
him not be ashamed, but let him glorify
God in this matter.
17 For the time has come for judgment
to begin at the house of God; and if it
begins with us first, what will be the end
of those who do not obey the gospel of
God?
18 Now "If the righteous one is scarcely
saved, Where will the ungodly and the
sinner appear?"
19 Therefore let those who suffer
according to the will of God commit
their souls to Him in doing good, as to a
faithful Creator.

5 [1] The elders who are among you I
exhort, I who am a fellow elder and
a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and
also a partaker of the glory that will be
revealed:
[2] Shepherd the flock of God which is
among you, serving as overseers, not
by compulsion but willingly, not for
dishonest gain but eagerly;
[3] nor as being lords over those
entrusted to you, but being examples to
the flock;
[4] and when the Chief Shepherd appears,
you will receive the crown of glory that
does not fade away.
[5] Likewise you younger people, submit
yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of
you be submissive to one another,
and be clothed with humility, for "God
resists the proud, But gives grace to the
humble."

6 Therefore humble yourselves under
the mighty hand of God, that He may
exalt you in due time,
7 casting all your care upon Him, for He
cares for you.
8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your
adversary the devil walks about like
a roaring lion, seeking whom he may
devour.
9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith,
knowing that the same sufferings are
experienced by your brotherhood in the
world.
10 But may the God of all grace, who
called us to His eternal glory by Christ
Jesus, after you have suffered a while,
perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle
you.
11 To Him be the glory and the dominion
forever and ever. Amen.
12 By Silvanus, our faithful brother as
I consider him, I have written to you

briefly, exhorting and testifying that this
is the true grace of God in which you
stand.
13 She who is in Babylon, elect together
with you, greets you; and so does Mark
my son.
14 Greet one another with a kiss of love.
Peace to you all who are in Christ Jesus.
Amen.

2 Peter

1 [1] Simon Peter, a bondservant and
apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who
have obtained like precious faith with
us by the righteousness of our God and
Savior Jesus Christ:
[2] Grace and peace be multiplied to you
in the knowledge of God and of Jesus
our Lord,
[3] as His divine power has given to us all
things that pertain to life and godliness,
through the knowledge of Him who
called us by glory and virtue,
[4] by which have been given to
us exceedingly great and precious
promises, that through these you may
be partakers of the divine nature, having
escaped the corruption that is in the
world through lust.

5 But also for this very reason, giving
all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to
virtue knowledge,
6 to knowledge self–control, to self–
control perseverance, to perseverance
godliness,
7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and
to brotherly kindness love.
8 For if these things are yours and
abound, you will be neither barren nor
unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord
Jesus Christ.
9 For he who lacks these things is
shortsighted, even to blindness, and has
forgotten that he was cleansed from his
old sins.
10 Therefore, brethren, be even more
diligent to make your call and election
sure, for if you do these things you will
never stumble;
11 for so an entrance will be supplied
to you abundantly into the everlasting

kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ.
12 For this reason I will not be negligent
to remind you always of these things,
though you know and are established in
the present truth.
13 Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am
in this tent, to stir you up by reminding
you,
14 knowing that shortly I must put off
my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ
showed me.
15 Moreover I will be careful to ensure
that you always have a reminder of these
things after my decease.
16 For we did not follow cunningly
devised fables when we made known to
you the power and coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of
His majesty.
17 For He received from God the Father
honor and glory when such a voice came

to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This
is My beloved Son, in whom I am well
pleased."
18 And we heard this voice which came
from heaven when we were with Him on
the holy mountain.
19 And so we have the prophetic word
confirmed, which you do well to heed as
a light that shines in a dark place, until
the day dawns and the morning star
rises in your hearts;
20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of
Scripture is of any private interpretation,
21 for prophecy never came by the will
of man, but holy men of God spoke as
they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

2 1 But there were also false prophets
among the people, even as there will
be false teachers among you, who will
secretly bring in destructive heresies,
even denying the Lord who bought

them, and bring on themselves swift
destruction.
2 And many will follow their destructive
ways, because of whom the way of truth
will be blasphemed.
3 By covetousness they will exploit you
with deceptive words; for a long time
their judgment has not been idle, and
their destruction does not slumber.
4 For if God did not spare the angels
who sinned, but cast them down to
hell and delivered them into chains of
darkness, to be reserved for judgment;
5 and did not spare the ancient world,
but saved Noah, one of eight people, a
preacher of righteousness, bringing in
the flood on the world of the ungodly;
6 and turning the cities of Sodom and
Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them
to destruction, making them an example
to those who afterward would live
ungodly;

7 and delivered righteous Lot, who was
oppressed by the filthy conduct of the
wicked
8 (for that righteous man, dwelling
among them, tormented his righteous
soul from day to day by seeing and
hearing their lawless deeds) ––
9 then the Lord knows how to deliver
the godly out of temptations and to
reserve the unjust under punishment for
the day of judgment,
10 and especially those who walk
according to the flesh in the lust of
uncleanness and despise authority. They
are presumptuous, self–willed. They are
not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries,
11 whereas angels, who are greater in
power and might, do not bring a reviling
accusation against them before the Lord.
12 But these, like natural brute beasts
made to be caught and destroyed,
speak evil of the things they do not

understand, and will utterly perish in
their own corruption,
13 and will receive the wages of
unrighteousness, as those who count it
pleasure to carouse in the daytime. They
are spots and blemishes, carousing in
their own deceptions while they feast
with you,
14 having eyes full of adultery and that
cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable
souls. They have a heart trained in
covetous practices, and are accursed
children.
15 They have forsaken the right way and
gone astray, following the way of Balaam
the son of Beor, who loved the wages of
unrighteousness;
16 but he was rebuked for his iniquity:
a dumb donkey speaking with a man's
voice restrained the madness of the
prophet.

17 These are wells without water,
clouds carried by a tempest, for whom
is reserved the blackness of darkness
forever.
18 For when they speak great swelling
words of emptiness, they allure through
the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness,
the ones who have actually escaped
from those who live in error.
19 While they promise them liberty,
they themselves are slaves of corruption;
for by whom a person is overcome, by
him also he is brought into bondage.
20 For if, after they have escaped the
pollutions of the world through the
knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ, they are again entangled in them
and overcome, the latter end is worse
for them than the beginning.
21 For it would have been better for
them not to have known the way of
righteousness, than having known it,

to turn from the holy commandment
delivered to them.
22 But it has happened to them
according to the true proverb: "A dog
returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow,
having washed, to her wallowing in the
mire."

3 1 Beloved, I now write to you this
second epistle (in both of which I stir
up your pure minds by way of reminder),
2 that you may be mindful of the words
which were spoken before by the holy
prophets, and of the commandment of
us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior,
3 knowing this first: that scoffers will
come in the last days, walking according
to their own lusts,
4 and saying, "Where is the promise of
His coming? For since the fathers fell
asleep, all things continue as they were
from the beginning of creation."

5 For this they willfully forget: that by
the word of God the heavens were of
old, and the earth standing out of water
and in the water,
6 by which the world that then existed
perished, being flooded with water.
7 But the heavens and the earth which
are now preserved by the same word,
are reserved for fire until the day of
judgment and perdition of ungodly men.
8 But, beloved, do not forget this one
thing, that with the Lord one day is as a
thousand years, and a thousand years as
one day.
9 The Lord is not slack concerning His
promise, as some count slackness, but is
longsuffering toward us, not willing that
any should perish but that all should
come to repentance.
10 But the day of the Lord will come as
a thief in the night, in which the heavens
will pass away with a great noise, and

the elements will melt with fervent heat;
both the earth and the works that are in
it will be burned up.
11 Therefore, since all these things will
be dissolved, what manner of persons
ought you to be in holy conduct and
godliness,
12 looking for and hastening the coming
of the day of God, because of which the
heavens will be dissolved, being on fire,
and the elements will melt with fervent
heat?
13 Nevertheless we, according to His
promise, look for new heavens and
a new earth in which righteousness
dwells.
14 Therefore, beloved, looking forward
to these things, be diligent to be found
by Him in peace, without spot and
blameless;
15 and consider that the longsuffering
of our Lord is salvation—as also our

beloved brother Paul, according to the
wisdom given to him, has written to you,
16 as also in all his epistles, speaking
in them of these things, in which are
some things hard to understand, which
untaught and unstable people twist to
their own destruction, as they do also
the rest of the Scriptures.
17 You therefore, beloved, since you
know this beforehand, beware lest you
also fall from your own steadfastness,
being led away with the error of the
wicked;
18 but grow in the grace and knowledge
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To
Him be the glory both now and forever.
Amen.

1 John

1 1 That which was from the beginning,
which we have heard, which we
have seen with our eyes, which we
have looked upon, and our hands have
handled, concerning the Word of life—
2 the life was manifested, and we have
seen, and bear witness, and declare to
you that eternal life which was with the
Father and was manifested to us—
3 that which we have seen and heard
we declare to you, that you also may
have fellowship with us; and truly our
fellowship is with the Father and with
His Son Jesus Christ.
4 And these things we write to you that
your joy may be full.
5 This is the message which we have
heard from Him and declare to you, that

God is light and in Him is no darkness at
all.
[6] If we say that we have fellowship with
Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do
not practice the truth.
[7] But if we walk in the light as He is in
the light, we have fellowship with one
another, and the blood of Jesus Christ
His Son cleanses us from all sin.
[8] If we say that we have no sin, we
deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in
us.
[9] If we confess our sins, He is faithful
and just to forgive us our sins and to
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
[10] If we say that we have not sinned, we
make Him a liar, and His word is not in
us.
2 [1] My little children, these things I
write to you, so that you may not
sin. And if anyone sins, we have an

Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ
the righteous.
2 And He Himself is the propitiation for
our sins, and not for ours only but also
for the whole world.
3 Now by this we know that we know
Him, if we keep His commandments.
4 He who says, "I know Him," and does
not keep His commandments, is a liar,
and the truth is not in him.
5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the
love of God is perfected in him. By this
we know that we are in Him.
6 He who says he abides in Him ought
himself also to walk just as He walked.
7 Brethren, I write no new
commandment to you, but an old
commandment which you have
had from the beginning. The old
commandment is the word which you
heard from the beginning.

8 Again, a new commandment I write
to you, which thing is true in Him and
in you, because the darkness is passing
away, and the true light is already
shining.
9 He who says he is in the light, and
hates his brother, is in darkness until
now.
10 He who loves his brother abides
in the light, and there is no cause for
stumbling in him.
11 But he who hates his brother is
in darkness and walks in darkness,
and does not know where he is going,
because the darkness has blinded his
eyes.
12 I write to you, little children, Because
your sins are forgiven you for His name's
sake.
13 I write to you, fathers, Because
you have known Him who is from the
beginning. I write to you, young men,

Because you have overcome the wicked
one. I write to you, little children,
Because you have known the Father.
14 I have written to you, fathers,
Because you have known Him who is
from the beginning. I have written to
you, young men, Because you are strong,
and the word of God abides in you, And
you have overcome the wicked one.
15 Do not love the world or the things in
the world. If anyone loves the world, the
love of the Father is not in him.
16 For all that is in the world—the lust
of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the
pride of life—is not of the Father but is
of the world.
17 And the world is passing away, and
the lust of it; but he who does the will of
God abides forever.
18 Little children, it is the last hour; and
as you have heard that the Antichrist is
coming, even now many antichrists have

come, by which we know that it is the
last hour.
19 They went out from us, but they
were not of us; for if they had been of
us, they would have continued with us;
but they went out that they might be
made manifest, that none of them were
of us.
20 But you have an anointing from the
Holy One, and you know all things.
21 I have not written to you because you
do not know the truth, but because you
know it, and that no lie is of the truth.
22 Who is a liar but he who denies that
Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who
denies the Father and the Son.
23 Whoever denies the Son does
not have the Father either; he who
acknowledges the Son has the Father
also.
24 Therefore let that abide in you which
you heard from the beginning. If what

you heard from the beginning abides in
you, you also will abide in the Son and in
the Father.
25 And this is the promise that He has
promised us—eternal life.
26 These things I have written to you
concerning those who try to deceive
you.
27 But the anointing which you have
received from Him abides in you, and
you do not need that anyone teach you;
but as the same anointing teaches you
concerning all things, and is true, and is
not a lie, and just as it has taught you,
you will abide in Him.
28 And now, little children, abide in Him,
that when He appears, we may have
confidence and not be ashamed before
Him at His coming.
29 If you know that He is righteous,
you know that everyone who practices
righteousness is born of Him.

3 1 Behold what manner of love the
Father has bestowed on us, that
we should be called children of God!
Therefore the world does not know us,
because it did not know Him.
2 Beloved, now we are children of God;
and it has not yet been revealed what
we shall be, but we know that when He
is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we
shall see Him as He is.
3 And everyone who has this hope in
Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.
4 Whoever commits sin also commits
lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.
5 And you know that He was manifested
to take away our sins, and in Him there
is no sin.
6 Whoever abides in Him does not sin.
Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor
known Him.

7 Little children, let no one deceive
you. He who practices righteousness is
righteous, just as He is righteous.
8 He who sins is of the devil, for the
devil has sinned from the beginning.
For this purpose the Son of God was
manifested, that He might destroy the
works of the devil.
9 Whoever has been born of God does
not sin, for His seed remains in him; and
he cannot sin, because he has been born
of God.
10 In this the children of God
and the children of the devil are
manifest: Whoever does not practice
righteousness is not of God, nor is he
who does not love his brother.
11 For this is the message that you
heard from the beginning, that we
should love one another,
12 not as Cain who was of the wicked
one and murdered his brother. And why

did he murder him? Because his works
were evil and his brother's righteous.
13 Do not marvel, my brethren, if the
world hates you.
14 We know that we have passed from
death to life, because we love the
brethren. He who does not love his
brother abides in death.
15 Whoever hates his brother is a
murderer, and you know that no
murderer has eternal life abiding in him.
16 By this we know love, because He laid
down His life for us. And we also ought
to lay down our lives for the brethren.
17 But whoever has this world's goods,
and sees his brother in need, and shuts
up his heart from him, how does the
love of God abide in him?
18 My little children, let us not love in
word or in tongue, but in deed and in
truth.

19 And by this we know that we are of
the truth, and shall assure our hearts
before Him.
20 For if our heart condemns us, God is
greater than our heart, and knows all
things.
21 Beloved, if our heart does not
condemn us, we have confidence toward
God.
22 And whatever we ask we receive
from Him, because we keep His
commandments and do those things
that are pleasing in His sight.
23 And this is His commandment: that
we should believe on the name of His
Son Jesus Christ and love one another,
as He gave us commandment.
24 Now he who keeps His
commandments abides in Him,
and He in him. And by this we know that
He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He
has given us.

4 [1] Beloved, do not believe every spirit,
but test the spirits, whether they are
of God; because many false prophets
have gone out into the world.
[2] By this you know the Spirit of God:
Every spirit that confesses that Jesus
Christ has come in the flesh is of God,
[3] and every spirit that does not confess
that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is
not of God. And this is the spirit of the
Antichrist, which you have heard was
coming, and is now already in the world.
[4] You are of God, little children, and
have overcome them, because He who
is in you is greater than he who is in the
world.
[5] They are of the world. Therefore they
speak as of the world, and the world
hears them.
[6] We are of God. He who knows God
hears us; he who is not of God does not

hear us. By this we know the spirit of
truth and the spirit of error.
7 Beloved, let us love one another, for
love is of God; and everyone who loves
is born of God and knows God.
8 He who does not love does not know
God, for God is love.
9 In this the love of God was manifested
toward us, that God has sent His only
begotten Son into the world, that we
might live through Him.
10 In this is love, not that we loved God,
but that He loved us and sent His Son to
be the propitiation for our sins.
11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also
ought to love one another.
12 No one has seen God at any time. If
we love one another, God abides in us,
and His love has been perfected in us.
13 By this we know that we abide in
Him, and He in us, because He has given
us of His Spirit.

14 And we have seen and testify that
the Father has sent the Son as Savior of
the world.
15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the
Son of God, God abides in him, and he in
God.
16 And we have known and believed the
love that God has for us. God is love, and
he who abides in love abides in God, and
God in him.
17 Love has been perfected among us in
this: that we may have boldness in the
day of judgment; because as He is, so
are we in this world.
18 There is no fear in love; but perfect
love casts out fear, because fear involves
torment. But he who fears has not been
made perfect in love.
19 We love Him because He first loved
us.
20 If someone says, "I love God," and
hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who

does not love his brother whom he has
seen, how can he love God whom he has
not seen?
21 And this commandment we have
from Him: that he who loves God must
love his brother also.

5 1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the
Christ is born of God, and everyone
who loves Him who begot also loves him
who is begotten of Him.
2 By this we know that we love the
children of God, when we love God and
keep His commandments.
3 For this is the love of God, that we
keep His commandments. And His
commandments are not burdensome.
4 For whatever is born of God
overcomes the world. And this is
the victory that has overcome the
world—our faith.

5 Who is he who overcomes the world,
but he who believes that Jesus is the Son
of God?
6 This is He who came by water and
blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water,
but by water and blood. And it is the
Spirit who bears witness, because the
Spirit is truth.
7 For there are three that bear witness
in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the
Holy Spirit; and these three are one.
8 And there are three that bear witness
on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the
blood; and these three agree as one.
9 If we receive the witness of men, the
witness of God is greater; for this is the
witness of God which He has testified of
His Son.
10 He who believes in the Son of God
has the witness in himself; he who
does not believe God has made Him a

liar, because he has not believed the
testimony that God has given of His Son.
11 And this is the testimony: that God
has given us eternal life, and this life is in
His Son.
12 He who has the Son has life; he who
does not have the Son of God does not
have life.
13 These things I have written to you
who believe in the name of the Son of
God, that you may know that you have
eternal life, and that you may continue
to believe in the name of the Son of God.
14 Now this is the confidence that we
have in Him, that if we ask anything
according to His will, He hears us.
15 And if we know that He hears us,
whatever we ask, we know that we have
the petitions that we have asked of Him.
16 If anyone sees his brother sinning a
sin which does not lead to death, he will
ask, and He will give him life for those

who commit sin not leading to death.
There is sin leading to death. I do not say
that he should pray about that.
17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there
is sin not leading to death.
18 We know that whoever is born of
God does not sin; but he who has been
born of God keeps himself, and the
wicked one does not touch him.
19 We know that we are of God, and the
whole world lies under the sway of the
wicked one.
20 And we know that the Son of God has
come and has given us an understanding,
that we may know Him who is true; and
we are in Him who is true, in His Son
Jesus Christ. This is the true God and
eternal life.
21 Little children, keep yourselves from
idols. Amen.

2 John

1 [1] THE ELDER, To the elect lady and
her children, whom I love in truth,
and not only I, but also all those who
have known the truth,
[2] because of the truth which abides in
us and will be with us forever:
[3] Grace, mercy, and peace will be with
you from God the Father and from the
Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father,
in truth and love.
[4] I rejoiced greatly that I have found
some of your children walking in truth,
as we received commandment from the
Father.
[5] And now I plead with you, lady, not as
though I wrote a new commandment to
you, but that which we have had from
the beginning: that we love one another.

6 This is love, that we walk according
to His commandments. This is the
commandment, that as you have heard
from the beginning, you should walk in
it.
7 For many deceivers have gone out
into the world who do not confess Jesus
Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a
deceiver and an antichrist.
8 Look to yourselves, that we do not
lose those things we worked for, but that
we may receive a full reward.
9 Whoever transgresses and does not
abide in the doctrine of Christ does not
have God. He who abides in the doctrine
of Christ has both the Father and the
Son.
10 If anyone comes to you and does not
bring this doctrine, do not receive him
into your house nor greet him;
11 for he who greets him shares in his
evil deeds.

12 Having many things to write to you,
I did not wish to do so with paper and
ink; but I hope to come to you and speak
face to face, that our joy may be full.
13 The children of your elect sister greet
you. Amen.

3 John

1 1 THE ELDER, To the beloved Gaius,
whom I love in truth:
2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper
in all things and be in health, just as your
soul prospers.
3 For I rejoiced greatly when brethren
came and testified of the truth that is in
you, just as you walk in the truth.
4 I have no greater joy than to hear that
my children walk in truth.
5 Beloved, you do faithfully whatever
you do for the brethren and for
strangers,
6 who have borne witness of your love
before the church. If you send them
forward on their journey in a manner
worthy of God, you will do well,

7 because they went forth for His
name's sake, taking nothing from the
Gentiles.
8 We therefore ought to receive such,
that we may become fellow workers for
the truth.
9 I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes,
who loves to have the preeminence
among them, does not receive us.
10 Therefore, if I come, I will call to
mind his deeds which he does, prating
against us with malicious words. And not
content with that, he himself does not
receive the brethren, and forbids those
who wish to, putting them out of the
church.
11 Beloved, do not imitate what is evil,
but what is good. He who does good is
of God, but he who does evil has not
seen God.
12 Demetrius has a good testimony
from all, and from the truth itself. And

we also bear witness, and you know that
our testimony is true.
13 I had many things to write, but I do
not wish to write to you with pen and
ink;
14 but I hope to see you shortly, and we
shall speak face to face. Peace to you.
Our friends greet you. Greet the friends
by name.

Jude

1 [1] Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ,
and brother of James, To those who
are called, sanctified by God the Father,
and preserved in Jesus Christ:
[2] Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied
to you.
[3] Beloved, while I was very diligent to
write to you concerning our common
salvation, I found it necessary to write to
you exhorting you to contend earnestly
for the faith which was once for all
delivered to the saints.
[4] For certain men have crept in
unnoticed, who long ago were marked
out for this condemnation, ungodly
men, who turn the grace of our God into
lewdness and deny the only Lord God
and our Lord Jesus Christ.

5 But I want to remind you, though you
once knew this, that the Lord, having
saved the people out of the land of
Egypt, afterward destroyed those who
did not believe.
6 And the angels who did not keep
their proper domain, but left their own
abode, He has reserved in everlasting
chains under darkness for the judgment
of the great day;
7 as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the
cities around them in a similar manner to
these, having given themselves over to
sexual immorality and gone after strange
flesh, are set forth as an example,
suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.
8 Likewise also these dreamers defile
the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil
of dignitaries.
9 Yet Michael the archangel, in
contending with the devil, when he
disputed about the body of Moses,

dared not bring against him a reviling
accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke
you!"
10 But these speak evil of whatever they
do not know; and whatever they know
naturally, like brute beasts, in these
things they corrupt themselves.
11 Woe to them! For they have gone in
the way of Cain, have run greedily in the
error of Balaam for profit, and perished
in the rebellion of Korah.
12 These are spots in your love feasts,
while they feast with you without fear,
serving only themselves. They are clouds
without water, carried about by the
winds; late autumn trees without fruit,
twice dead, pulled up by the roots;
13 raging waves of the sea, foaming
up their own shame; wandering stars
for whom is reserved the blackness of
darkness forever.

14 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam,
prophesied about these men also,
saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten
thousands of His saints,
15 "to execute judgment on all, to
convict all who are ungodly among them
of all their ungodly deeds which they
have committed in an ungodly way, and
of all the harsh things which ungodly
sinners have spoken against Him."
16 These are grumblers, complainers,
walking according to their own lusts;
and they mouth great swelling words,
flattering people to gain advantage.
17 But you, beloved, remember the
words which were spoken before by the
apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ:
18 how they told you that there would
be mockers in the last time who would
walk according to their own ungodly
lusts.

[19] These are sensual persons, who
cause divisions, not having the Spirit.
[20] But you, beloved, building yourselves
up on your most holy faith, praying in
the Holy Spirit,
[21] keep yourselves in the love of God,
looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus
Christ unto eternal life.
[22] And on some have compassion,
making a distinction;
[23] but others save with fear, pulling
them out of the fire, hating even the
garment defiled by the flesh.
[24] Now to Him who is able to keep you
from stumbling, And to present you
faultless Before the presence of His glory
with exceeding joy,
[25] To God our Savior, Who alone is wise,
Be glory and majesty, Dominion and
power, Both now and forever. Amen.

Revelation

1 [1] The Revelation of Jesus Christ,
which God gave Him to show His
servants—things which must shortly
take place. And He sent and signified it
by His angel to His servant John,
[2] who bore witness to the word of God,
and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to
all things that he saw.
[3] Blessed is he who reads and those
who hear the words of this prophecy,
and keep those things which are written
in it; for the time is near.
[4] John, to the seven churches which are
in Asia: Grace to you and peace from
Him who is and who was and who is to
come, and from the seven Spirits who
are before His throne,

5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful
witness, the firstborn from the dead,
and the ruler over the kings of the earth.
To Him who loved us and washed us
from our sins in His own blood,
6 and has made us kings and priests to
His God and Father, to Him be glory and
dominion forever and ever. Amen.
7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and
every eye will see Him, even they who
pierced Him. And all the tribes of the
earth will mourn because of Him. Even
so, Amen.
8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the
Beginning and the End," says the Lord,
"who is and who was and who is to
come, the Almighty."
9 I, John, both your brother and
companion in the tribulation and
kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ,
was on the island that is called Patmos

for the word of God and for the
testimony of Jesus Christ.
10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day,
and I heard behind me a loud voice, as
of a trumpet,
11 saying, "I am the Alpha and the
Omega, the First and the Last," and,
"What you see, write in a book and
send it to the seven churches which
are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to
Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to
Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."
12 Then I turned to see the voice that
spoke with me. And having turned I saw
seven golden lampstands,
13 and in the midst of the seven
lampstands One like the Son of Man,
clothed with a garment down to the feet
and girded about the chest with a golden
band.

14 His head and hair were white like
wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like
a flame of fire;
15 His feet were like fine brass, as if
refined in a furnace, and His voice as the
sound of many waters;
16 He had in His right hand seven
stars, out of His mouth went a sharp
two–edged sword, and His countenance
was like the sun shining in its strength.
17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet
as dead. But He laid His right hand on
me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am
the First and the Last.
18 "I am He who lives, and was dead,
and behold, I am alive forevermore.
Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and
of Death.
19 "Write the things which you have
seen, and the things which are, and the
things which will take place after this.

[20] "The mystery of the seven stars which
you saw in My right hand, and the seven
golden lampstands: The seven stars are
the angels of the seven churches, and
the seven lampstands which you saw are
the seven churches.

2 [1] "To the angel of the church of
Ephesus write, ‘These things says He
who holds the seven stars in His right
hand, who walks in the midst of the
seven golden lampstands:

[2] "I know your works, your labor, your
patience, and that you cannot bear
those who are evil. And you have tested
those who say they are apostles and are
not, and have found them liars;

[3] "and you have persevered and have
patience, and have labored for My
name’s sake and have not become
weary.

[4] "Nevertheless I have this against you,
that you have left your first love.

5 "Remember therefore from where
you have fallen; repent and do the first
works, or else I will come to you quickly
and remove your lampstand from its
place—unless you repent.
6 "But this you have, that you hate the
deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also
hate.
7 "He who has an ear, let him hear what
the Spirit says to the churches. To him
who overcomes I will give to eat from
the tree of life, which is in the midst of
the Paradise of God."'
8 "And to the angel of the church in
Smyrna write, 'These things says the
First and the Last, who was dead, and
came to life:
9 "I know your works, tribulation, and
poverty (but you are rich); and I know
the blasphemy of those who say they are
Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of
Satan.

10 "Do not fear any of those things
which you are about to suffer. Indeed,
the devil is about to throw some of you
into prison, that you may be tested, and
you will have tribulation ten days. Be
faithful until death, and I will give you
the crown of life.
11 "He who has an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit says to the churches. He
who overcomes shall not be hurt by the
second death."’
12 "And to the angel of the church in
Pergamos write, ‘These things says He
who has the sharp two–edged sword:
13 "I know your works, and where you
dwell, where Satan’s throne is. And
you hold fast to My name, and did not
deny My faith even in the days in which
Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was
killed among you, where Satan dwells.
14 "But I have a few things against you,
because you have there those who hold

the doctrine of Balaam, who taught
Balak to put a stumbling block before
the children of Israel, to eat things
sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual
immorality.
15 "Thus you also have those who hold
the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which
thing I hate.
16 'Repent, or else I will come to you
quickly and will fight against them with
the sword of My mouth.
17 "He who has an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit says to the churches. To
him who overcomes I will give some of
the hidden manna to eat. And I will give
him a white stone, and on the stone a
new name written which no one knows
except him who receives it."'
18 "And to the angel of the church in
Thyatira write, 'These things says the
Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of
fire, and His feet like fine brass:

19 "I know your works, love, service,
faith, and your patience; and as for your
works, the last are more than the first.
20 "Nevertheless I have a few things
against you, because you allow that
woman Jezebel, who calls herself a
prophetess, to teach and seduce My
servants to commit sexual immorality
and eat things sacrificed to idols.
21 "And I gave her time to repent of
her sexual immorality, and she did not
repent.
22 "Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed,
and those who commit adultery with her
into great tribulation, unless they repent
of their deeds.
23 "I will kill her children with death,
and all the churches shall know that
I am He who searches the minds and
hearts. And I will give to each one of you
according to your works.

24 "Now to you I say, and to the rest
in Thyatira, as many as do not have
this doctrine, who have not known the
depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on
you no other burden.
25 "But hold fast what you have till I
come.
26 "And he who overcomes, and keeps
My works until the end, to him I will give
power over the nations—
27 'He shall rule them with a rod of
iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like
the potter's vessels' — as I also have
received from My Father;
28 "and I will give him the morning star.
29 "He who has an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit says to the churches."'
3 1 "And to the angel of the church in
Sardis write, 'These things says He
who has the seven Spirits of God and
the seven stars: "I know your works, that

you have a name that you are alive, but
you are dead.
2 "Be watchful, and strengthen the
things which remain, that are ready to
die, for I have not found your works
perfect before God.
3 "Remember therefore how you have
received and heard; hold fast and repent.
Therefore if you will not watch, I will
come upon you as a thief, and you will
not know what hour I will come upon
you.
4 "You have a few names even in Sardis
who have not defiled their garments;
and they shall walk with Me in white, for
they are worthy.
5 "He who overcomes shall be clothed
in white garments, and I will not blot out
his name from the Book of Life; but I will
confess his name before My Father and
before His angels.

6 "He who has an ear, let him hear what
the Spirit says to the churches."'
7 "And to the angel of the church in
Philadelphia write, 'These things says He
who is holy, He who is true, "He who has
the key of David, He who opens and no
one shuts, and shuts and no one opens":
8 "I know your works. See, I have set
before you an open door, and no one
can shut it; for you have a little strength,
have kept My word, and have not denied
My name.
9 "Indeed I will make those of the
synagogue of Satan, who say they are
Jews and are not, but lie—indeed I will
make them come and worship before
your feet, and to know that I have loved
you.
10 "Because you have kept My
command to persevere, I also will keep
you from the hour of trial which shall

come upon the whole world, to test
those who dwell on the earth.
11 "Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold
fast what you have, that no one may
take your crown.
12 "He who overcomes, I will make him
a pillar in the temple of My God, and he
shall go out no more. And I will write
on him the name of My God and the
name of the city of My God, the New
Jerusalem, which comes down out of
heaven from My God. And I will write on
him My new name.
13 "He who has an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit says to the churches."'
14 "And to the angel of the church of
the Laodiceans write, 'These things says
the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness,
the Beginning of the creation of God:
15 "I know your works, that you are
neither cold nor hot. I could wish you
were cold or hot.

16 "So then, because you are lukewarm,
and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you
out of My mouth.
17 "Because you say, ‘I am rich, have
become wealthy, and have need of
nothing’ —and do not know that you
are wretched, miserable, poor, blind,
and naked—
18 "I counsel you to buy from Me gold
refined in the fire, that you may be
rich; and white garments, that you may
be clothed, that the shame of your
nakedness may not be revealed; and
anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you
may see.
19 "As many as I love, I rebuke and
chasten. Therefore be zealous and
repent.
20 "Behold, I stand at the door and
knock. If anyone hears My voice and
opens the door, I will come in to him and
dine with him, and he with Me.

21 "To him who overcomes I will grant
to sit with Me on My throne, as I also
overcame and sat down with My Father
on His throne.
22 "He who has an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit says to the churches."'"
4 1 After these things I looked, and
behold, a door standing open in
heaven. And the first voice which I heard
was like a trumpet speaking with me,
saying, "Come up here, and I will show
you things which must take place after
this."
2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and
behold, a throne set in heaven, and One
sat on the throne.
3 And He who sat there was like a jasper
and a sardius stone in appearance; and
there was a rainbow around the throne,
in appearance like an emerald.
4 Around the throne were twenty–four
thrones, and on the thrones I saw

twenty–four elders sitting, clothed in
white robes; and they had crowns of
gold on their heads.
5 And from the throne proceeded
lightnings, thunderings, and voices.
Seven lamps of fire were burning before
the throne, which are the seven Spirits
of God.
6 Before the throne there was a sea of
glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the
throne, and around the throne, were
four living creatures full of eyes in front
and in back.
7 The first living creature was like a lion,
the second living creature like a calf, the
third living creature had a face like a
man, and the fourth living creature was
like a flying eagle.
8 The four living creatures, each having
six wings, were full of eyes around and
within. And they do not rest day or
night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord

God Almighty, Who was and is and is to
come!"
9 Whenever the living creatures give
glory and honor and thanks to Him who
sits on the throne, who lives forever and
ever,
10 the twenty–four elders fall down
before Him who sits on the throne and
worship Him who lives forever and ever,
and cast their crowns before the throne,
saying:
11 "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive
glory and honor and power; For You
created all things, And by Your will they
exist and were created."
5 1 And I saw in the right hand of
Him who sat on the throne a scroll
written inside and on the back, sealed
with seven seals.
2 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming
with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to
open the scroll and to loose its seals?"

3 And no one in heaven or on the earth
or under the earth was able to open the
scroll, or to look at it.
4 So I wept much, because no one was
found worthy to open and read the
scroll, or to look at it.
5 But one of the elders said to me,
"Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the
tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has
prevailed to open the scroll and to loose
its seven seals."
6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst
of the throne and of the four living
creatures, and in the midst of the elders,
stood a Lamb as though it had been
slain, having seven horns and seven
eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God
sent out into all the earth.
7 Then He came and took the scroll out
of the right hand of Him who sat on the
throne.

[8] Now when He had taken the scroll, the
four living creatures and the twenty–four
elders fell down before the Lamb, each
having a harp, and golden bowls full of
incense, which are the prayers of the
saints.
[9] And they sang a new song, saying:
"You are worthy to take the scroll, And
to open its seals; For You were slain,
And have redeemed us to God by Your
blood Out of every tribe and tongue and
people and nation,
[10] And have made us kings and priests
to our God; And we shall reign on the
earth."
[11] Then I looked, and I heard the voice
of many angels around the throne, the
living creatures, and the elders; and
the number of them was ten thousand
times ten thousand, and thousands of
thousands,

12 saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is
the Lamb who was slain To receive power
and riches and wisdom, And strength
and honor and glory and blessing!"
13 And every creature which is in heaven
and on the earth and under the earth
and such as are in the sea, and all that
are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing
and honor and glory and power Be to
Him who sits on the throne, And to the
Lamb, forever and ever!"
14 Then the four living creatures said,
"Amen!" And the twenty–four elders
fell down and worshiped Him who lives
forever and ever.

6 1 Now I saw when the Lamb opened
one of the seals; and I heard one of
the four living creatures saying with a
voice like thunder, "Come and see."
2 And I looked, and behold, a white
horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and

a crown was given to him, and he went
out conquering and to conquer.
3 When He opened the second seal, I
heard the second living creature saying,
"Come and see."
4 Another horse, fiery red, went out.
And it was granted to the one who sat
on it to take peace from the earth, and
that people should kill one another; and
there was given to him a great sword.
5 When He opened the third seal,
I heard the third living creature say,
"Come and see." So I looked, and behold,
a black horse, and he who sat on it had a
pair of scales in his hand.
6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the
four living creatures saying, "A quart of
wheat for a denarius, and three quarts
of barley for a denarius; and do not harm
the oil and the wine."

7 When He opened the fourth seal,
I heard the voice of the fourth living
creature saying, "Come and see."
8 So I looked, and behold, a pale horse.
And the name of him who sat on it was
Death, and Hades followed with him.
And power was given to them over a
fourth of the earth, to kill with sword,
with hunger, with death, and by the
beasts of the earth.
9 When He opened the fifth seal, I saw
under the altar the souls of those who
had been slain for the word of God and
for the testimony which they held.
10 And they cried with a loud voice,
saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true,
until You judge and avenge our blood on
those who dwell on the earth?"
11 Then a white robe was given to each
of them; and it was said to them that
they should rest a little while longer,
until both the number of their fellow

servants and their brethren, who would
be killed as they were, was completed.
12 I looked when He opened the sixth
seal, and behold, there was a great
earthquake; and the sun became black
as sackcloth of hair, and the moon
became like blood.
13 And the stars of heaven fell to the
earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs
when it is shaken by a mighty wind.
14 Then the sky receded as a scroll when
it is rolled up, and every mountain and
island was moved out of its place.
15 And the kings of the earth, the great
men, the rich men, the commanders,
the mighty men, every slave and every
free man, hid themselves in the caves
and in the rocks of the mountains,
16 and said to the mountains and rocks,
"Fall on us and hide us from the face of
Him who sits on the throne and from the
wrath of the Lamb!

17 "For the great day of His wrath has
come, and who is able to stand?"

7 1 After these things I saw four angels
standing at the four corners of the
earth, holding the four winds of the
earth, that the wind should not blow on
the earth, on the sea, or on any tree.
2 Then I saw another angel ascending
from the east, having the seal of the
living God. And he cried with a loud
voice to the four angels to whom it was
granted to harm the earth and the sea,
3 saying, "Do not harm the earth, the
sea, or the trees till we have sealed the
servants of our God on their foreheads."
4 And I heard the number of those
who were sealed. One hundred and
forty–four thousand of all the tribes of
the children of Israel were sealed:
5 of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand
were sealed; of the tribe of Reuben
twelve thousand were sealed; of the

tribe of Gad twelve thousand were
sealed;
6 of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand
were sealed; of the tribe of Naphtali
twelve thousand were sealed; of the
tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand were
sealed;
7 of the tribe of Simeon twelve
thousand were sealed; of the tribe of
Levi twelve thousand were sealed; of the
tribe of Issachar twelve thousand were
sealed;
8 of the tribe of Zebulun twelve
thousand were sealed; of the tribe of
Joseph twelve thousand were sealed; of
the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand
were sealed.
9 After these things I looked, and
behold, a great multitude which no one
could number, of all nations, tribes,
peoples, and tongues, standing before
the throne and before the Lamb, clothed

with white robes, with palm branches in
their hands,
10 and crying out with a loud voice,
saying, "Salvation belongs to our God
who sits on the throne, and to the
Lamb!"
11 All the angels stood around the
throne and the elders and the four living
creatures, and fell on their faces before
the throne and worshiped God,
12 saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory
and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor
and power and might, Be to our God
forever and ever. Amen."
13 Then one of the elders answered,
saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in
white robes, and where did they come
from?"
14 And I said to him, "Sir, you know."
So he said to me, "These are the ones
who come out of the great tribulation,

and washed their robes and made them
white in the blood of the Lamb.
15 "Therefore they are before the
throne of God, and serve Him day and
night in His temple. And He who sits on
the throne will dwell among them.
16 "They shall neither hunger anymore
nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not
strike them, nor any heat;
17 "for the Lamb who is in the midst of
the throne will shepherd them and lead
them to living fountains of waters. And
God will wipe away every tear from their
eyes."
8 1 When He opened the seventh
seal, there was silence in heaven for
about half an hour.
2 And I saw the seven angels who stand
before God, and to them were given
seven trumpets.
3 Then another angel, having a golden
censer, came and stood at the altar. He

was given much incense, that he should
offer it with the prayers of all the saints
upon the golden altar which was before
the throne.
4 And the smoke of the incense, with
the prayers of the saints, ascended
before God from the angel's hand.
5 Then the angel took the censer,
filled it with fire from the altar, and
threw it to the earth. And there were
noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an
earthquake.
6 So the seven angels who had the
seven trumpets prepared themselves to
sound.
7 The first angel sounded: And hail and
fire followed, mingled with blood, and
they were thrown to the earth. And a
third of the trees were burned up, and
all green grass was burned up.
8 Then the second angel sounded: And
something like a great mountain burning

with fire was thrown into the sea, and a
third of the sea became blood.
9 And a third of the living creatures in
the sea died, and a third of the ships
were destroyed.
10 Then the third angel sounded: And a
great star fell from heaven, burning like
a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers
and on the springs of water.
11 The name of the star is Wormwood. A
third of the waters became wormwood,
and many men died from the water,
because it was made bitter.
12 Then the fourth angel sounded: And
a third of the sun was struck, a third
of the moon, and a third of the stars,
so that a third of them were darkened.
A third of the day did not shine, and
likewise the night.
13 And I looked, and I heard an angel
flying through the midst of heaven,
saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe,

woe to the inhabitants of the earth,
because of the remaining blasts of the
trumpet of the three angels who are
about to sound!"

9

1 Then the fifth angel sounded: And
I saw a star fallen from heaven to the
earth. To him was given the key to the
bottomless pit.
2 And he opened the bottomless pit,
and smoke arose out of the pit like the
smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and
the air were darkened because of the
smoke of the pit.
3 Then out of the smoke locusts came
upon the earth. And to them was given
power, as the scorpions of the earth
have power.
4 They were commanded not to harm
the grass of the earth, or any green
thing, or any tree, but only those men
who do not have the seal of God on their
foreheads.

5 And they were not given authority
to kill them, but to torment them for
five months. Their torment was like the
torment of a scorpion when it strikes a
man.
6 In those days men will seek death and
will not find it; they will desire to die,
and death will flee from them.
7 The shape of the locusts was like
horses prepared for battle. On their
heads were crowns of something like
gold, and their faces were like the faces
of men.
8 They had hair like women's hair, and
their teeth were like lions' teeth.
9 And they had breastplates like
breastplates of iron, and the sound of
their wings was like the sound of chariots
with many horses running into battle.
10 They had tails like scorpions, and
there were stings in their tails. Their
power was to hurt men five months.

11 And they had as king over them the
angel of the bottomless pit, whose name
in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he
has the name Apollyon.
12 One woe is past. Behold, still two
more woes are coming after these
things.
13 Then the sixth angel sounded: And I
heard a voice from the four horns of the
golden altar which is before God,
14 saying to the sixth angel who had the
trumpet, "Release the four angels who
are bound at the great river Euphrates."
15 So the four angels, who had been
prepared for the hour and day and
month and year, were released to kill a
third of mankind.
16 Now the number of the army of the
horsemen was two hundred million; I
heard the number of them.
17 And thus I saw the horses in the
vision: those who sat on them had

breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue,
and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the
horses were like the heads of lions; and
out of their mouths came fire, smoke,
and brimstone.
18 By these three plagues a third of
mankind was killed—by the fire and the
smoke and the brimstone which came
out of their mouths.
19 For their power is in their mouth
and in their tails; for their tails are like
serpents, having heads; and with them
they do harm.
20 But the rest of mankind, who were
not killed by these plagues, did not
repent of the works of their hands, that
they should not worship demons, and
idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and
wood, which can neither see nor hear
nor walk.

[21] And they did not repent of their
murders or their sorceries or their sexual
immorality or their thefts.

10

[1] I saw still another mighty angel
coming down from heaven,
clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was
on his head, his face was like the sun,
and his feet like pillars of fire.
[2] He had a little book open in his hand.
And he set his right foot on the sea and
his left foot on the land,
[3] and cried with a loud voice, as when
a lion roars. When he cried out, seven
thunders uttered their voices.
[4] Now when the seven thunders uttered
their voices, I was about to write; but
I heard a voice from heaven saying to
me, "Seal up the things which the seven
thunders uttered, and do not write
them."

5 The angel whom I saw standing on the
sea and on the land raised up his hand
to heaven
6 and swore by Him who lives forever
and ever, who created heaven and the
things that are in it, the earth and the
things that are in it, and the sea and the
things that are in it, that there should be
delay no longer,
7 but in the days of the sounding of
the seventh angel, when he is about to
sound, the mystery of God would be
finished, as He declared to His servants
the prophets.
8 Then the voice which I heard from
heaven spoke to me again and said, "Go,
take the little book which is open in the
hand of the angel who stands on the sea
and on the earth."
9 So I went to the angel and said to
him, "Give me the little book." And he
said to me, "Take and eat it; and it will

make your stomach bitter, but it will be
as sweet as honey in your mouth."
10 Then I took the little book out of the
angel’s hand and ate it, and it was as
sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I
had eaten it, my stomach became bitter.
11 And he said to me, "You must
prophesy again about many peoples,
nations, tongues, and kings."

11 1 Then I was given a reed like a
measuring rod. And the angel
stood, saying, "Rise and measure the
temple of God, the altar, and those who
worship there.
2 "But leave out the court which
is outside the temple, and do not
measure it, for it has been given to the
Gentiles. And they will tread the holy
city underfoot for forty–two months.
3 "And I will give power to my two
witnesses, and they will prophesy one

thousand two hundred and sixty days,
clothed in sackcloth."
4 These are the two olive trees and the
two lampstands standing before the God
of the earth.
5 And if anyone wants to harm them,
fire proceeds from their mouth and
devours their enemies. And if anyone
wants to harm them, he must be killed
in this manner.
6 These have power to shut heaven,
so that no rain falls in the days of their
prophecy; and they have power over
waters to turn them to blood, and to
strike the earth with all plagues, as often
as they desire.
7 When they finish their testimony,
the beast that ascends out of the
bottomless pit will make war against
them, overcome them, and kill them.
8 And their dead bodies will lie in the
street of the great city which spiritually

is called Sodom and Egypt, where also
our Lord was crucified.
9 Then those from the peoples, tribes,
tongues, and nations will see their dead
bodies three–and–a–half days, and not
allow their dead bodies to be put into
graves.
10 And those who dwell on the earth
will rejoice over them, make merry, and
send gifts to one another, because these
two prophets tormented those who
dwell on the earth.
11 Now after the three–and–a–half days
the breath of life from God entered
them, and they stood on their feet, and
great fear fell on those who saw them.
12 And they heard a loud voice from
heaven saying to them, "Come up here."
And they ascended to heaven in a cloud,
and their enemies saw them.
13 In the same hour there was a great
earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In

the earthquake seven thousand people
were killed, and the rest were afraid and
gave glory to the God of heaven.
14 The second woe is past. Behold, the
third woe is coming quickly.
15 Then the seventh angel sounded:
And there were loud voices in heaven,
saying, "The kingdoms of this world have
become the kingdoms of our Lord and of
His Christ, and He shall reign forever and
ever!"
16 And the twenty–four elders who sat
before God on their thrones fell on their
faces and worshiped God,
17 saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord
God Almighty, The One who is and
who was and who is to come, Because
You have taken Your great power and
reigned.
18 The nations were angry, and Your
wrath has come, And the time of the
dead, that they should be judged, And

that You should reward Your servants
the prophets and the saints, And those
who fear Your name, small and great,
And should destroy those who destroy
the earth."
19 Then the temple of God was opened
in heaven, and the ark of His covenant
was seen in His temple. And there
were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an
earthquake, and great hail.

12

1 Now a great sign appeared in
heaven: a woman clothed with
the sun, with the moon under her feet,
and on her head a garland of twelve
stars.
2 Then being with child, she cried out in
labor and in pain to give birth.
3 And another sign appeared in heaven:
behold, a great, fiery red dragon having
seven heads and ten horns, and seven
diadems on his heads.

4 His tail drew a third of the stars of
heaven and threw them to the earth.
And the dragon stood before the woman
who was ready to give birth, to devour
her Child as soon as it was born.
5 She bore a male Child who was to
rule all nations with a rod of iron. And
her Child was caught up to God and His
throne.
6 Then the woman fled into the
wilderness, where she has a place
prepared by God, that they should feed
her there one thousand two hundred
and sixty days.
7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael
and his angels fought with the dragon;
and the dragon and his angels fought,
8 but they did not prevail, nor was a
place found for them in heaven any
longer.
9 So the great dragon was cast out,
that serpent of old, called the Devil and

Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.
11 "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.
12 "Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."
13 Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he

persecuted the woman who gave birth
to the male Child.
14 But the woman was given two wings
of a great eagle, that she might fly into
the wilderness to her place, where she
is nourished for a time and times and
half a time, from the presence of the
serpent.
15 So the serpent spewed water out of
his mouth like a flood after the woman,
that he might cause her to be carried
away by the flood.
16 But the earth helped the woman,
and the earth opened its mouth and
swallowed up the flood which the
dragon had spewed out of his mouth.
17 And the dragon was enraged with
the woman, and he went to make war
with the rest of her offspring, who keep
the commandments of God and have
the testimony of Jesus Christ.

13 [1] Then I stood on the sand of the
sea. And I saw a beast rising up
out of the sea, having seven heads and
ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns,
and on his heads a blasphemous name.
[2] Now the beast which I saw was like a
leopard, his feet were like the feet of a
bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a
lion. The dragon gave him his power, his
throne, and great authority.
[3] And I saw one of his heads as if it had
been mortally wounded, and his deadly
wound was healed. And all the world
marveled and followed the beast.
[4] So they worshiped the dragon who
gave authority to the beast; and they
worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like
the beast? Who is able to make war with
him?"
[5] And he was given a mouth speaking
great things and blasphemies, and he

was given authority to continue for
forty–two months.
6 Then he opened his mouth in
blasphemy against God, to blaspheme
His name, His tabernacle, and those who
dwell in heaven.
7 It was granted to him to make war
with the saints and to overcome them.
And authority was given him over every
tribe, tongue, and nation.
8 All who dwell on the earth will
worship him, whose names have not
been written in the Book of Life of the
Lamb slain from the foundation of the
world.
9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear.
10 He who leads into captivity shall
go into captivity; he who kills with the
sword must be killed with the sword.
Here is the patience and the faith of the
saints.

11 Then I saw another beast coming up
out of the earth, and he had two horns
like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.
12 And he exercises all the authority
of the first beast in his presence, and
causes the earth and those who dwell
in it to worship the first beast, whose
deadly wound was healed.
13 He performs great signs, so that
he even makes fire come down from
heaven on the earth in the sight of men.
14 And he deceives those who dwell on
the earth by those signs which he was
granted to do in the sight of the beast,
telling those who dwell on the earth to
make an image to the beast who was
wounded by the sword and lived.
15 He was granted power to give breath
to the image of the beast, that the image
of the beast should both speak and
cause as many as would not worship the
image of the beast to be killed.

16 He causes all, both small and great,
rich and poor, free and slave, to receive
a mark on their right hand or on their
foreheads,
17 and that no one may buy or sell
except one who has the mark or the
name of the beast, or the number of his
name.
18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has
understanding calculate the number of
the beast, for it is the number of a man:
His number is 666.

14 1 Then I looked, and behold,
a Lamb standing on Mount
Zion, and with Him one hundred and
forty–four thousand, having His Father's
name written on their foreheads.
2 And I heard a voice from heaven, like
the voice of many waters, and like the
voice of loud thunder. And I heard the
sound of harpists playing their harps.

3 They sang as it were a new song
before the throne, before the four
living creatures, and the elders; and no
one could learn that song except the
hundred and forty–four thousand who
were redeemed from the earth.
4 These are the ones who were not
defiled with women, for they are virgins.
These are the ones who follow the
Lamb wherever He goes. These were
redeemed from among men, being
firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.
5 And in their mouth was found no
deceit, for they are without fault before
the throne of God.
6 Then I saw another angel flying in the
midst of heaven, having the everlasting
gospel to preach to those who dwell
on the earth—to every nation, tribe,
tongue, and people—
7 saying with a loud voice, "Fear God
and give glory to Him, for the hour of His

judgment has come; and worship Him
who made heaven and earth, the sea
and springs of water."
8 And another angel followed, saying,
"Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great
city, because she has made all nations
drink of the wine of the wrath of her
fornication."
9 Then a third angel followed them,
saying with a loud voice, "If anyone
worships the beast and his image, and
receives his mark on his forehead or on
his hand,
10 "he himself shall also drink of the
wine of the wrath of God, which is
poured out full strength into the cup of
His indignation. He shall be tormented
with fire and brimstone in the presence
of the holy angels and in the presence of
the Lamb.
11 "And the smoke of their torment
ascends forever and ever; and they

have no rest day or night, who worship
the beast and his image, and whoever
receives the mark of his name."
12 Here is the patience of the
saints; here are those who keep the
commandments of God and the faith of
Jesus.
13 Then I heard a voice from heaven
saying to me, "Write: ‘Blessed are the
dead who die in the Lord from now on.’"
"Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest
from their labors, and their works follow
them."
14 Then I looked, and behold, a white
cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the
Son of Man, having on His head a golden
crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.
15 And another angel came out of the
temple, crying with a loud voice to Him
who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in Your
sickle and reap, for the time has come

for You to reap, for the harvest of the
earth is ripe."
16 So He who sat on the cloud thrust
in His sickle on the earth, and the earth
was reaped.
17 Then another angel came out of
the temple which is in heaven, he also
having a sharp sickle.
18 And another angel came out from
the altar, who had power over fire, and
he cried with a loud cry to him who had
the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your
sharp sickle and gather the clusters of
the vine of the earth, for her grapes are
fully ripe."
19 So the angel thrust his sickle into the
earth and gathered the vine of the earth,
and threw it into the great winepress of
the wrath of God.
20 And the winepress was trampled
outside the city, and blood came out of

the winepress, up to the horses' bridles,
for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

15 1 Then I saw another sign in
heaven, great and marvelous:
seven angels having the seven last
plagues, for in them the wrath of God is
complete.
2 And I saw something like a sea of
glass mingled with fire, and those who
have the victory over the beast, over his
image and over his mark and over the
number of his name, standing on the sea
of glass, having harps of God.
3 They sing the song of Moses, the
servant of God, and the song of the
Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are
Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and
true are Your ways, O King of the saints!
4 Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and
glorify Your name? For You alone are
holy. For all nations shall come and

worship before You, For Your judgments
have been manifested."
5 After these things I looked, and
behold, the temple of the tabernacle of
the testimony in heaven was opened.
6 And out of the temple came the seven
angels having the seven plagues, clothed
in pure bright linen, and having their
chests girded with golden bands.
7 Then one of the four living creatures
gave to the seven angels seven golden
bowls full of the wrath of God who lives
forever and ever.
8 The temple was filled with smoke
from the glory of God and from His
power, and no one was able to enter
the temple till the seven plagues of the
seven angels were completed.

16 1 Then I heard a loud voice from
the temple saying to the seven
angels, "Go and pour out the bowls of
the wrath of God on the earth."

2 So the first went and poured out his
bowl upon the earth, and a foul and
loathsome sore came upon the men who
had the mark of the beast and those
who worshiped his image.
3 Then the second angel poured out his
bowl on the sea, and it became blood as
of a dead man; and every living creature
in the sea died.
4 Then the third angel poured out his
bowl on the rivers and springs of water,
and they became blood.
5 And I heard the angel of the waters
saying: "You are righteous, O Lord, The
One who is and who was and who is
to be, Because You have judged these
things.
6 For they have shed the blood of saints
and prophets, And You have given them
blood to drink. For it is their just due."

7 And I heard another from the altar
saying, "Even so, Lord God Almighty, true
and righteous are Your judgments."
8 Then the fourth angel poured out his
bowl on the sun, and power was given
to him to scorch men with fire.
9 And men were scorched with great
heat, and they blasphemed the name of
God who has power over these plagues;
and they did not repent and give Him
glory.
10 Then the fifth angel poured out his
bowl on the throne of the beast, and his
kingdom became full of darkness; and
they gnawed their tongues because of
the pain.
11 They blasphemed the God of heaven
because of their pains and their sores,
and did not repent of their deeds.
12 Then the sixth angel poured out his
bowl on the great river Euphrates, and
its water was dried up, so that the way

of the kings from the east might be
prepared.
13 And I saw three unclean spirits
like frogs coming out of the mouth of
the dragon, out of the mouth of the
beast, and out of the mouth of the false
prophet.
14 For they are spirits of demons,
performing signs, which go out to the
kings of the earth and of the whole
world, to gather them to the battle of
that great day of God Almighty.
15 "Behold, I am coming as a thief.
Blessed is he who watches, and keeps
his garments, lest he walk naked and
they see his shame."
16 And they gathered them together to
the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.
17 Then the seventh angel poured out
his bowl into the air, and a loud voice
came out of the temple of heaven, from
the throne, saying, "It is done!"

18 And there were noises and
thunderings and lightnings; and there
was a great earthquake, such a mighty
and great earthquake as had not
occurred since men were on the earth.
19 Now the great city was divided into
three parts, and the cities of the nations
fell. And great Babylon was remembered
before God, to give her the cup of the
wine of the fierceness of His wrath.
20 Then every island fled away, and the
mountains were not found.
21 And great hail from heaven fell upon
men, each hailstone about the weight of
a talent. Men blasphemed God because
of the plague of the hail, since that
plague was exceedingly great.

17 1 Then one of the seven angels
who had the seven bowls came
and talked with me, saying to me,
"Come, I will show you the judgment

of the great harlot who sits on many
waters,
2 "with whom the kings of the
earth committed fornication, and the
inhabitants of the earth were made
drunk with the wine of her fornication."
3 So he carried me away in the Spirit
into the wilderness. And I saw a woman
sitting on a scarlet beast which was full
of names of blasphemy, having seven
heads and ten horns.
4 The woman was arrayed in purple
and scarlet, and adorned with gold and
precious stones and pearls, having in her
hand a golden cup full of abominations
and the filthiness of her fornication.
5 And on her forehead a name was
written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT,
THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE
ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.
6 I saw the woman, drunk with the
blood of the saints and with the blood

of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw
her, I marveled with great amazement.
7 But the angel said to me, "Why did
you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of
the woman and of the beast that carries
her, which has the seven heads and the
ten horns.
8 "The beast that you saw was, and
is not, and will ascend out of the
bottomless pit and go to perdition.
And those who dwell on the earth will
marvel, whose names are not written in
the Book of Life from the foundation of
the world, when they see the beast that
was, and is not, and yet is.
9 "Here is the mind which has wisdom:
The seven heads are seven mountains
on which the woman sits.
10 "There are also seven kings. Five
have fallen, one is, and the other has not
yet come. And when he comes, he must
continue a short time.

11 "And the beast that was, and is not,
is himself also the eighth, and is of the
seven, and is going to perdition.
12 "The ten horns which you saw are
ten kings who have received no kingdom
as yet, but they receive authority for one
hour as kings with the beast.
13 "These are of one mind, and they will
give their power and authority to the
beast.
14 "These will make war with the Lamb,
and the Lamb will overcome them, for
He is Lord of lords and King of kings;
and those who are with Him are called,
chosen, and faithful."
15 Then he said to me, "The waters
which you saw, where the harlot sits,
are peoples, multitudes, nations, and
tongues.
16 "And the ten horns which you saw
on the beast, these will hate the harlot,

make her desolate and naked, eat her
flesh and burn her with fire.
17 "For God has put it into their hearts
to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind,
and to give their kingdom to the beast,
until the words of God are fulfilled.
18 "And the woman whom you saw is
that great city which reigns over the
kings of the earth."

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1 After these things I saw another
angel coming down from heaven,
having great authority, and the earth
was illuminated with his glory.
2 And he cried mightily with a loud
voice, saying, "Babylon the great is
fallen, is fallen, and has become a
dwelling place of demons, a prison for
every foul spirit, and a cage for every
unclean and hated bird!
3 "For all the nations have drunk of the
wine of the wrath of her fornication,
the kings of the earth have committed

fornication with her, and the merchants
of the earth have become rich through
the abundance of her luxury."
4 And I heard another voice from
heaven saying, "Come out of her, my
people, lest you share in her sins, and
lest you receive of her plagues.
5 "For her sins have reached to heaven,
and God has remembered her iniquities.
6 "Render to her just as she rendered
to you, and repay her double according
to her works; in the cup which she has
mixed, mix double for her.
7 "In the measure that she glorified
herself and lived luxuriously, in the same
measure give her torment and sorrow;
for she says in her heart, ‘I sit as queen,
and am no widow, and will not see
sorrow.’
8 "Therefore her plagues will come
in one day—death and mourning and
famine. And she will be utterly burned

with fire, for strong is the Lord God who
judges her.
9 "The kings of the earth who committed
fornication and lived luxuriously with her
will weep and lament for her, when they
see the smoke of her burning,
10 "standing at a distance for fear of her
torment, saying, 'Alas, alas, that great
city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one
hour your judgment has come.'
11 "And the merchants of the earth will
weep and mourn over her, for no one
buys their merchandise anymore:
12 "merchandise of gold and silver,
precious stones and pearls, fine linen
and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind
of citron wood, every kind of object
of ivory, every kind of object of most
precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble;
13 "and cinnamon and incense, fragrant
oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine
flour and wheat, cattle and sheep,

horses and chariots, and bodies and
souls of men.
14 "The fruit that your soul longed for
has gone from you, and all the things
which are rich and splendid have gone
from you, and you shall find them no
more at all.
15 "The merchants of these things,
who became rich by her, will stand
at a distance for fear of her torment,
weeping and wailing,
16 "and saying, ‘Alas, alas, that great city
that was clothed in fine linen, purple,
and scarlet, and adorned with gold and
precious stones and pearls!
17 ‘For in one hour such great riches
came to nothing.’ Every shipmaster, all
who travel by ship, sailors, and as many
as trade on the sea, stood at a distance
18 "and cried out when they saw the
smoke of her burning, saying, ‘What is
like this great city?’

19 "They threw dust on their heads
and cried out, weeping and wailing,
and saying, ‘Alas, alas, that great city,
in which all who had ships on the sea
became rich by her wealth! For in one
hour she is made desolate.’
20 "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you
holy apostles and prophets, for God has
avenged you on her!"
21 Then a mighty angel took up a stone
like a great millstone and threw it into
the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the
great city Babylon shall be thrown down,
and shall not be found anymore.
22 "The sound of harpists, musicians,
flutists, and trumpeters shall not be
heard in you anymore. No craftsman of
any craft shall be found in you anymore,
and the sound of a millstone shall not be
heard in you anymore.
23 "The light of a lamp shall not shine
in you anymore, and the voice of

bridegroom and bride shall not be heard
in you anymore. For your merchants
were the great men of the earth, for
by your sorcery all the nations were
deceived.
24 "And in her was found the blood of
prophets and saints, and of all who were
slain on the earth."

19 1 After these things I heard a
loud voice of a great multitude in
heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and
glory and honor and power belong to
the Lord our God!
2 "For true and righteous are His
judgments, because He has judged the
great harlot who corrupted the earth
with her fornication; and He has avenged
on her the blood of His servants shed by
her."
3 Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke
rises up forever and ever!"

4 And the twenty–four elders and
the four living creatures fell down and
worshiped God who sat on the throne,
saying, "Amen! Alleluia!"
5 Then a voice came from the throne,
saying, "Praise our God, all you His
servants and those who fear Him, both
small and great!"
6 And I heard, as it were, the voice
of a great multitude, as the sound of
many waters and as the sound of mighty
thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the
Lord God Omnipotent reigns!
7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give
Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb
has come, and His wife has made herself
ready."
8 And to her it was granted to be
arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright,
for the fine linen is the righteous acts of
the saints.

9 Then he said to me, "Write: ‘Blessed
are those who are called to the marriage
supper of the Lamb!’" And he said to
me, "These are the true sayings of God."
10 And I fell at his feet to worship him.
But he said to me, "See that you do not
do that! I am your fellow servant, and of
your brethren who have the testimony
of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony
of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."
11 Now I saw heaven opened, and
behold, a white horse. And He who sat
on him was called Faithful and True, and
in righteousness He judges and makes
war.
12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and
on His head were many crowns. He had
a name written that no one knew except
Himself.
13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in
blood, and His name is called The Word
of God.

14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in
fine linen, white and clean, followed Him
on white horses.
15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp
sword, that with it He should strike the
nations. And He Himself will rule them
with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the
winepress of the fierceness and wrath of
Almighty God.
16 And He has on His robe and on His
thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS
AND LORD OF LORDS.
17 Then I saw an angel standing in the
sun; and he cried with a loud voice,
saying to all the birds that fly in the midst
of heaven, "Come and gather together
for the supper of the great God,
18 "that you may eat the flesh of kings,
the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty
men, the flesh of horses and of those
who sit on them, and the flesh of all

people, free and slave, both small and
great."
19 And I saw the beast, the kings of
the earth, and their armies, gathered
together to make war against Him who
sat on the horse and against His army.
20 Then the beast was captured, and
with him the false prophet who worked
signs in his presence, by which he
deceived those who received the mark
of the beast and those who worshiped
his image. These two were cast alive into
the lake of fire burning with brimstone.
21 And the rest were killed with the
sword which proceeded from the mouth
of Him who sat on the horse. And all the
birds were filled with their flesh.
20 1 Then I saw an angel coming
down from heaven, having the
key to the bottomless pit and a great
chain in his hand.

2 He laid hold of the dragon, that
serpent of old, who is the Devil and
Satan, and bound him for a thousand
years;
3 and he cast him into the bottomless
pit, and shut him up, and set a seal
on him, so that he should deceive the
nations no more till the thousand years
were finished. But after these things he
must be released for a little while.
4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on
them, and judgment was committed to
them. Then I saw the souls of those who
had been beheaded for their witness
to Jesus and for the word of God, who
had not worshiped the beast or his
image, and had not received his mark on
their foreheads or on their hands. And
they lived and reigned with Christ for a
thousand years.

5 But the rest of the dead did not live
again until the thousand years were
finished. This is the first resurrection.
6 Blessed and holy is he who has part
in the first resurrection. Over such the
second death has no power, but they
shall be priests of God and of Christ, and
shall reign with Him a thousand years.
7 Now when the thousand years have
expired, Satan will be released from his
prison
8 and will go out to deceive the nations
which are in the four corners of the
earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them
together to battle, whose number is as
the sand of the sea.
9 They went up on the breadth of the
earth and surrounded the camp of the
saints and the beloved city. And fire
came down from God out of heaven and
devoured them.

10 The devil, who deceived them, was
cast into the lake of fire and brimstone
where the beast and the false prophet
are. And they will be tormented day and
night forever and ever.
11 Then I saw a great white throne and
Him who sat on it, from whose face the
earth and the heaven fled away. And
there was found no place for them.
12 And I saw the dead, small and great,
standing before God, and books were
opened. And another book was opened,
which is the Book of Life. And the dead
were judged according to their works,
by the things which were written in the
books.
13 The sea gave up the dead who were
in it, and Death and Hades delivered up
the dead who were in them. And they
were judged, each one according to his
works.

14 Then Death and Hades were cast into
the lake of fire. This is the second death.
15 And anyone not found written in the
Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

21 1 Now I saw a new heaven and
a new earth, for the first heaven
and the first earth had passed away. Also
there was no more sea.
2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New
Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven
from God, prepared as a bride adorned
for her husband.
3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven
saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God
is with men, and He will dwell with
them, and they shall be His people. God
Himself will be with them and be their
God.
4 "And God will wipe away every tear
from their eyes; there shall be no more
death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There

shall be no more pain, for the former
things have passed away."
5 Then He who sat on the throne said,
"Behold, I make all things new." And He
said to me, "Write, for these words are
true and faithful."
6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am
the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning
and the End. I will give of the fountain
of the water of life freely to him who
thirsts.
7 "He who overcomes shall inherit all
things, and I will be his God and he shall
be My son.
8 "But the cowardly, unbelieving,
abominable, murderers, sexually
immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all
liars shall have their part in the lake
which burns with fire and brimstone,
which is the second death."
9 Then one of the seven angels who had
the seven bowls filled with the seven last

plagues came to me and talked with me,
saying, "Come, I will show you the bride,
the Lamb’s wife."
10 And he carried me away in the
Spirit to a great and high mountain,
and showed me the great city, the holy
Jerusalem, descending out of heaven
from God,
11 having the glory of God. Her light was
like a most precious stone, like a jasper
stone, clear as crystal.
12 Also she had a great and high wall
with twelve gates, and twelve angels at
the gates, and names written on them,
which are the names of the twelve tribes
of the children of Israel:
13 three gates on the east, three gates
on the north, three gates on the south,
and three gates on the west.
14 Now the wall of the city had twelve
foundations, and on them were the

names of the twelve apostles of the
Lamb.
15 And he who talked with me had a
gold reed to measure the city, its gates,
and its wall.
16 The city is laid out as a square; its
length is as great as its breadth. And he
measured the city with the reed: twelve
thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth,
and height are equal.
17 Then he measured its wall: one
hundred and forty–four cubits,
according to the measure of a man, that
is, of an angel.
18 The construction of its wall was of
jasper; and the city was pure gold, like
clear glass.
19 The foundations of the wall of the
city were adorned with all kinds of
precious stones: the first foundation was
jasper, the second sapphire, the third
chalcedony, the fourth emerald,

20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius,
the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl,
the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase,
the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth
amethyst.
21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls:
each individual gate was of one pearl.
And the street of the city was pure gold,
like transparent glass.
22 But I saw no temple in it, for the
Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its
temple.
23 The city had no need of the sun or of
the moon to shine in it, for the glory of
God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.
24 And the nations of those who are
saved shall walk in its light, and the kings
of the earth bring their glory and honor
into it.
25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by
day (there shall be no night there).

26 And they shall bring the glory and the
honor of the nations into it.
27 But there shall by no means enter
it anything that defiles, or causes an
abomination or a lie, but only those who
are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.

22 1 And he showed me a pure river
of water of life, clear as crystal,
proceeding from the throne of God and
of the Lamb.
2 In the middle of its street, and on
either side of the river, was the tree of
life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree
yielding its fruit every month. The leaves
of the tree were for the healing of the
nations.
3 And there shall be no more curse, but
the throne of God and of the Lamb shall
be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.
4 They shall see His face, and His name
shall be on their foreheads.

5 There shall be no night there: They
need no lamp nor light of the sun, for
the Lord God gives them light. And they
shall reign forever and ever.
6 Then he said to me, "These words
are faithful and true." And the Lord God
of the holy prophets sent His angel to
show His servants the things which must
shortly take place.
7 "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed
is he who keeps the words of the
prophecy of this book."
8 Now I, John, saw and heard these
things. And when I heard and saw, I fell
down to worship before the feet of the
angel who showed me these things.
9 Then he said to me, "See that you do
not do that. For I am your fellow servant,
and of your brethren the prophets, and
of those who keep the words of this
book. Worship God."

10 And he said to me, "Do not seal the
words of the prophecy of this book, for
the time is at hand.
11 "He who is unjust, let him be unjust
still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still;
he who is righteous, let him be righteous
still; he who is holy, let him be holy still."
12 "And behold, I am coming quickly,
and My reward is with Me, to give to
every one according to his work.
13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the
Beginning and the End, the First and the
Last."
14 Blessed are those who do His
commandments, that they may have the
right to the tree of life, and may enter
through the gates into the city.
15 But outside are dogs and sorcerers
and sexually immoral and murderers
and idolaters, and whoever loves and
practices a lie.

16 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify
to you these things in the churches. I am
the Root and the Offspring of David, the
Bright and Morning Star."
17 And the Spirit and the bride say,
"Come!" And let him who hears say,
"Come!" And let him who thirsts come.
Whoever desires, let him take the water
of life freely.
18 For I testify to everyone who hears
the words of the prophecy of this book:
If anyone adds to these things, God will
add to him the plagues that are written
in this book;
19 and if anyone takes away from the
words of the book of this prophecy, God
shall take away his part from the Book
of Life, from the holy city, and from the
things which are written in this book.
20 He who testifies to these things says,
"Surely I am coming quickly." Amen.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be
with you all. Amen.

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